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## Introductory words

Welcome to the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Department of Musicology (1970-2020). Although the roots of musicological scholarly endeavour and teaching at the Academy of Music of the University of Zagreb and its institutional forbears go back to the end of the 19th century, a crucial step was taken with the foundation of the Department of Music History and Theory in 1948, which grew into the Department of Musicology in 1970. From the outset, the discipline was inspired by the fact that it advanced in an environment dominated by the arts, as a scholarly 'minority' of sorts.

The celebration begins on the 23 November with an opening ceremony showcasing the contributions of four retired professors of the Department of Musicology and members of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts – Ivan Supičić, Koraljka Kos, Stanislav Tuksar and Nikša Gligo. They will look back at their common contribution to the development of the department in a series of individual opening addresses highlighting the department's history. Following these most prominent members of the musicological community in Croatia, whose merits are beyond measure, on the 24 November the podium will be given to the youngest representatives of the field, undergraduate students at the Department of Musicology as well as at other departments of the Academy of Music, who excelled in musicological courses. In a conference consisting of six thematic strands aptly named *6 za 50* (6 for 50) they will present papers written under the supervision of the teaching staff of the Department of Musicology.

The third celebratory event is the international conference *Musicology and Its Future in Times of Crises* (25-28 November), opening with the keynote lecture of Nicholas Cook, retired professor of the University of Cambridge. When we wrote the call for papers for this conference, we could by no means have known how up-to-date its theme would become. Unfortunately, due to the epidemiological situation, the conference

*Musicology and Its Future in Times of Crises* will be held remotely in its entirety, with the possibility of streaming the entire event.

We are determined to hold the Opening Ceremony and the student conference at the Academy of Music here in Zagreb, while adhering to all the prescribed epidemiological measures. Unfortunately, this considerably limits live audience numbers, but this aspect will also be compensated for by the possibility to follow the events in the digital realm.

In the hope that future anniversaries of the Department of Musicology will take place in conditions less distinguished by crises, I would like to thank everybody who made this event possible by providing support, including my colleagues, the members of the department staff, the Dean and the management of the Academy of Music, the members of the Programme Committee and the Local Arrangements Committee, the Ministry of Science and Education of the Republic of Croatia, the Foundation of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts, as well as the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Croatia.

**Ivan Ćurković** (PhD), Assistant Professor and Head of Department



50th Anniversary of the **Department of Musicology** in Zagreb

## OVERALL SCHEDULE

### OPENING CEREMONY

Monday, 23 November 2020

17 – 19 h, *Blagoje Bersa* Hall & *live stream* (in Croatian)

### STUDENTS' CONFERENCE *6 FOR 50*

Tuesday, 24 November 2020

9 – 17 h, *Stančić* Hall & zoom (in Croatian)

### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

#### ***MUSICOLOGY AND ITS FUTURE IN TIMES OF CRISES***

#### **KEYNOTE: NICHOLAS COOK**

Wednesday, 25 November 2020

17:00 – 18:30 h, zoom

### SESSIONS

Thursday, 26 November 2020, 9:30 h – Saturday, 28 November 2020, 18 h, zoom

### CONCERTS

#### **JAMAN SUARA GAMELAN ENSEMBLE**

Friday, 27 November 2020, 19:30 h, *Blagoje Bersa* Hall & *live stream*

#### **ASMANGU – Academy of Music Students' Ensemble for New Music**

Saturday, 28 November 2020, 19:30 h, *Blagoje Bersa* Hall & *live stream*

All times are given in CET.

More info:

## CALL FOR PAPERS

**Narratives of crisis** seem to be a persistent condition of every generation's history. Aside from their presence in everyday life and the fact that they are ingrained in the social and political sphere, discourses on crisis have become an inextricable feature of contemporary scholarship itself, perceivable in debates on the crisis of knowledge, reflections on the devaluation of the humanities, and discussions on the changing conditions of academic labour. Coupled with growing anxieties about the precarious position of musicological disciplines within the neoliberal university and larger systems of scholarship, these discourses condition the environment in which musicological research is conducted in an important way, bear upon the ways knowledge is (re)produced, and inevitably (although not always perceptibly) shape disciplinary futures.

Scholars across the field of music studies are invited to reflect on and address the issues proposed in the three thematic streams outlined below, as well as to contribute to the broader topic of the conference by sharing insights and reflections gained through their experience and research. We invite proposals for individual or co-authored paper presentations and/or themed panels.

### STREAMS:

1. Reflecting on the Crisis of Musicological Knowledge
2. Responding to the Crisis of (Ir)Relevance
3. Resisting the Crisis of Academic Labour
4. Related research

## 1. Reflecting on the Crisis of Musicological Knowledge

At the level of musicological knowledge, the crisis manifests itself in the permanent doubts regarding the foundations of musicology and consequently in the vivid proliferation of disciplinary "turns". In the moment of crisis, existing musicological knowledge is considered to be untenable and the limitations of its premises become evident. In such cases epistemology speaks of "paradigm changes", which reveals as much as it hides about what is actually at stake. But what is going on in such moments of crisis of musicological knowledge? Do paradigm changes in musicology imply a certain automatism? Do they occur consensually? Do they proceed without any resistance?

The first thematic stream could therefore focus on the following questions: Who has the right to announce the untenability of certain musicological knowledge? Is one obliged to follow such announcements? Does that right depend on the centrality or marginality of the position from which one speaks? How does such positioning define the relations between different national traditions of the discipline and between different subdisciplines within music studies? Are paradigm changes something that could be put into a programme or a manifesto (announcing a certain "musicology of the future" as *the* future of musicology)? Could the crisis of musicological knowledge be solved by importing perspectives from another discipline? Why do research paradigms change from time to time in certain settings, whereas in others they seem to be resilient to change? How do musicological paradigms age? Could the once outdated paradigms have any future?

## 2. Responding to the Crisis of (Ir)Relevance

The idea behind this thematic stream is to bring forward issues and modes of responding to crises within and outside of academia, with the tools of musicological scholarly knowledge. How could we today – more than twenty-five years after Philip Bohlman's (1993) call – conceive of musicology as a political act? Although this question resonated across different musicological subfields, there is still room to consider whether subdiscipli-

nary divisions helped or aggravated musicology's relevance and visibility as well as its social responsibility.

Some of the questions that could be considered within this stream are: In the light of humanitarian emergencies, how can musicological epistemology help humanity and is there still room for academic activism? What is the role of musicology in the age of postmodern crisis of knowledge and post-truth – how can the discipline cope with the challenges and what is its responsibility within this context? In the current cultural and educational policies, where humanities are increasingly being pushed aside by market-oriented sciences, what are the arguments in favour of the discipline's relevance, and how can musicology help in restoring the social awareness of the importance of humanities? No less important, who are musicology's audiences today and what is the future of the discipline and its subfields within these contexts?

### **3. Resisting the Crisis of Academic Labour**

It seemingly goes without saying that the labour of practicing, developing, and (re)imagining musicology rests almost exclusively on the shoulders of the scholars themselves. The issues of the complex intricacies of academic labour in musicology, nevertheless, still belong to one of the least-researched and only occasionally discussed topics in the discipline itself. Through this thematic stream, we encourage scholars to reflect on the changing conditions of academic labour in a historical perspective as well as contemporary institutional practices and offer their perception on the myriad ways organisational governance, the extensification/intensification of work and individual(ized) responses to structural transformations of workplace affect the sustainability and future of musicological disciplines.

Some of the following questions are aimed at opening the space for further discussion within this stream: How do the structural features of contemporary universities and other academic institutions affect our everyday experiences of research and teaching? How and why do the individual (gendered, classed, racialized etc.) experiences of academics seem to

escape our critical attention? How does the increasing scarcity (luxury?) of time dedicated solely to (funded?) research affect the development of the discipline of musicology? How do contemporary pressures of competitiveness and dictate of "measurable" excellence stand in relation to mutual support and solidarity among scholars? What does the exclusive reliance on short-term project-based market-oriented funding bring to the survival of smaller disciplines and the precariousness of academic labour in them? What is the (emotional, mental, corporeal, existential) cost of work (not) being done (Gill 2010)?

#### **4. Related Research**

Beside the above outlined thematic streams, we welcome research-based contributions to other aspects of the broader symposium topic of musicology and its future.

## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

### Wednesday, 25 November 2020

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**17:00      OPENING**  
**KEYNOTE LECTURE**

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Nicholas Cook:  
*Crisis, Which Crisis? What Music Tells Us, and How Music Can Help*

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### Thursday, 26 November 2020

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**9:30 –      SESSION 1:**  
**11:00      *Lessons from Music Histor(iograph)y***  
chair: Ivan Ćurković

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9:30 –      Erlend Hovland:  
10:00      *Berlioz as Provocation to Music History: On the Institutionalisation of Musicology*

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10:00 –      John Vandever:  
10:30      *The Defence of Unbiased Musicology in the Wake of Modernisation: Learning from the Soviet Example and the Corrosive Power of Half-Truths*

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10:30 –      Amy Damron Kyle:  
11:00      *A Call for Context: Pauline Viardot Garcia as a Template for Changing the 19th Century Musical Genius Archetype*

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11:00 –      COFFEE BREAK  
11:15

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**11:15 – SESSION 2:**

**12:45**      ***Critical Perspectives in Music Analysis***

chair: Sanja Kiš Žuvela

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11:15 – Monika Karwaszewska ▪ Hanna Dys:

11:45      *A Critical Source Edition of Mieczysław Surzyński's Concerto for Organ and Orchestra Op. 35*

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11:45 – Koichi Kato:

12:15      *Sonata Theory in the Age of 'Post-Truth'*

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12:15 – Violetta Kostka:

12:45      *Meaning of Music as Rescue for Musicology and Humanities*

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12:45 – LUNCH BREAK

15:00

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**15:00 – SESSION 3:**

**16:30**      ***Musicology in the Expanded Field***

chair: Zdravko Blažeković

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15:00 – Tatjana Čunko:

15:30      *How to Make Musicology More Visible with Help of Radio*

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15:30 – Jurij Dobravec:

16:00      *From Ladislav Šaban to the Future of Slovenian Organology*

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16:00 – Leon Stefanija ▪ Vanessa Nina Borsan ▪ Matija Marolt ▪ Matevž

16:30      Pesek:

*Challenges of Computational Musicology*

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16:30 – COFFEE BREAK

16:45

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**16:45 – SESSION 4:**

**18:15**     ***Facing the Artistic Turn: Musicology and Artistic Research***

chair: Ana Čizmić Grbić

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16:45 – Astrid Kvalbein:

17:15     *Artistic Research: New Epistemic Cultures in the Academy?*

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17:15 – Marijan Tucaković:

17:45     *Poetic Theories of Classical Music Performance: Introduction, References and (Practical) Considerations*

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17:45 – Chanda VanderHart ▪ Abigail Gower:

18:15     *Two [Ivory] Towers? Performers, Modern Musicological Thought and Relevance in Higher Education Settings*

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18:15 – Rolf Bäcker:

18:45     *Musicology and Artistic Research – Competitors or Allies?*

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**Friday, 27 November 2020**

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**9:30 – SESSION 5:**

**11:00**     ***Musicology as a Political Act? Engaging with Arising and Recurring Crises***

chair: Mojca Piškor

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9:30 – Jelka Vukobratović:

10:00     *Ethnomusicological Nationalism and its Innocence in Times of Crisis*

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10:00 – Branislav Stevanić:

10:30     *A Scattered Protesting Mass During the Belgrade Spring Lockdown: Ethnomusicological Reflections on Sound Protests*

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10:30 – Martina Bratić:

11:00     *What's Been Going on with Feminist Musicology Lately?*

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11:00 – COFFEE BREAK  
11:15

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**11:15 – SESSION 6 (panel):**  
**12:45** *Musicology as a “Small Discipline”: The Example of the Department of Musicology in Zagreb*

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Ivan Ćurković:  
*Minority Complexes and “Small” Musicologies*

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Ana Čizmić Grbić:  
*The Challenges of Doing Research and Teaching Musicology*

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Monika Jurić Janjik:  
*Teaching Musicology: Growing Without “Growing Up”*

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12:45 – LUNCH BREAK  
15:00

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**15:00 – SESSION 7:**  
**16:30** *Writings on Music: Critical Thought and Literary Testimonies*  
chair: Monika Jurić Janjik

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15:00 – Nataša Marjanović:  
15:30 *Literary History and Musical Historiography: From Fundamental to Interdisciplinary Research*

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15:30 – Jelena Sviben:  
16:00 *Adorno as a Paradigm? The Case of Music Criticism in Croatia*

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16:00 – Sussane Kogler:  
16:30 *Aesthetic Experience and the Political Relevance of Art: Reconsidering Musicology with Hannah Arendt and Theodor W. Adorno*

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**16:45 – SESSION 8:**

**18:45**     ***Present and Future Crises of Academic Labour in (Ethno)musicology***

chair: Jelka Vukobratović

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16:45 – Ana Hofman ▪ Mojca Kovačič ▪ Urša Šivic

17:15     *Where Would We Go with This Ethnomusicology? About Institutional Status, Disciplinary Divisions and Neoliberalization of Academic Labour in Slovenia*

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17:15 – Mojca Piškor:

17:45     *Slow Science Utopia: Privatised Anxieties, Gender and Academic Labour in Contemporary Croatian (Ethno)Musicology*

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17:45 – Bianca Țiplea Temeș:

18:15     *“Make Romanian Musicology Great Again!”... Working in the Doctorate Factory*

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18:15 – Iva Nenić:

18:45     *“The Winds of Change”: Paradigm Shifts in Contemporary (Serbian) Ethnomusicology*

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**19:30     CONCERT:**

**Jaman Suara Gamelan Ensemble**

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**Saturday, 28 November 2020**

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**9:30 – SESSION 9:**

**11:00 *Psychological Aspects of Musicology***

chair: Ingrid Pustijanac

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9:30 – Sanja Kiš Žuvela:

10:00 *How Musicological Is the Psychology of Music? And How Far Does Our Knowledge Thereof Go?*

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10:00 – László Stachó

10:30 *Making Sense (and Relevance) of Data: The Cognitive Analysis of Performance*

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10:30 – Blanka Bogunović:

11:00 *Psychological Approach to Contemporary Art Music: The 'Composer – Audience' Communication*

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11:00 – COFFEE BREAK

11:15

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**11:15 – SESSION 10:**

**13:45 *Thinking Crisis***

chair: Leon Stefanija

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11:15 – Dalibor Davidović:

11:45 *Eva Sedak, a Musicologist in Times of Crises*

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11:45 – Sanela Nikolić:

12:15 *Considering a Global Perspective: The Case of Musicological Brainfood*

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12:15 – Jan Giffhorn:

12:45 *The Perks of Being Post-Factual: Fiction and Research in Musicology*

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12:45 – LUNCH BREAK

15:00

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**15:00 – SESSION 11:**

**16:30 ... and Its Future(s)...?**

chair: Dalibor Davidović

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15:00 – Zdravko Blažeković:

15:30 *Advancing Communication in Global Musicology: RILM's Social Responsibility*

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15:30 – Srđan Atanasovski:

16:00 *Rhythmanalysis and (Post)Musicology: From horror silentii to Social Distancing*

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16:00 – Richard Parncutt:

16:30 *The Short Future of Musicology, and What We Can Do Before It Ends*

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16:30 – COFFEE BREAK

17:00

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**17:00 FINAL DISCUSSION**

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**19:30 CONCERT:**

**ASMANGU – Academy of Music Students' Ensemble for New Music**

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## KEYNOTE

**Nicolas Cook**

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***Crisis, Which Crisis?***

***What Music Tells Us, and How Music Can Help***

In the age of Covid-19 music, like almost everything else, is in crisis: singers are super-spreaders, live performance has collapsed, and many musicians' livelihoods have disappeared into thin air. It is not just that the pandemic has just created new crises: it has exacerbated existing problems to the point that they too have become crises. And the crises are interconnected, ranging across different spheres of society, politics, and the environment. In this talk, then, I do not limit myself to the specific crises of music. Rather I ask two questions concerning the relationship between music and the multiple crises currently afflicting the world. The first is what music can tell us about the often pernicious ideologies that lie at the heart of ongoing social, political, and environmental crises. Music can serve the ends of ideology by naturalising it, making it appear as if specific, socially conditioned ways of framing the world simply represent the way the world is. But music is equally capable of revealing ideology and mobilising tools for resisting it, and I illustrate this in relation to race, history, and the administered society.

The second question is how music can help in the resolution of social and political crises. Music is often credited with the promotion of social harmony through the bonding that creates and maintains social groups. Examples are familiar, yet any construction of ‘us’ necessarily entails the equal and opposite construction of ‘them’: identity is constructed in relation to an often villified other (and there you have a basic principle of populism). But there is a better way to think about social harmony, and music is closely linked to this too. Real-time ensemble performance, whether improvised or composition-based, is built on intricate webs of mutual listening, what might be called sonic interdependence; in the same way, social harmony (or maybe it would be better to say counterpoint) is not imposed from the top down but rather negotiated from the bottom up, through countless intersecting acts of mutual recognition. Moreover, music is an inherently public medium, in the sense that I have no privileged access to what I play: you can hear me as well as I can hear myself. There is no privacy in music, and so the barriers of what Kenneth Gergen calls ‘bounded being’ — which roughly corresponds to C. B. Macpherson’s ‘possessive individualism’ — are lowered, giving rise to what Gergen calls ‘relational being’.

If possessive individualism, according to which the individual is ‘the proprietor of his own person or capacities, owing nothing to society for them’, lies at the core of many of today’s social dysfunctionalities, then music provides both a blueprint for more adequate thinking about social relationships and tools for its realisation. Yet, described like this, the idea of music engendering relational being may sound utopian, and utopias are of little value in the resolution of crises unless there are ways of translating them into action. That, I claim, is exactly what the performance of music does, and not just in the kind of participatory contexts familiar from the writings of Christopher Small and Thomas Turino.

I make the point by outlining a concluding example of how music can contribute to the amelioration of what for many people has been one of

the most difficult aspects of life during the pandemic: the proscription of physical contact. As I argue, music is a means by which the intimacy of touch can be reconciled with social distancing, and this lies behind some of the new social practices of music that have evolved in the course of 2020. Music can help us get through the pandemic, and equally the new ways that people are using it to do this carry the promise of new approaches to, and new thinking about, music.

**Nicholas Cook** was 1684 Professor of Music at the University of Cambridge from 2009 to 2017. Prior to that he taught at the Universities of Hong Kong, Sydney, and Southampton, where he served as Dean of Arts; he was also a Professorial Research Fellow at Royal Holloway, University of London, where he directed the AHRC Research Centre for the History and Analysis of Recorded Music (CHARM). He holds degrees in both music and history/art history, and his work ranges widely over musicology and music theory, extending at times into popular and world music. His articles have appeared in many of the leading British and American journals in these fields.

His books, mostly published by Oxford University Press, include *A Guide to Musical Analysis* (1987); *Music, Imagination, and Culture* (1990); *Beethoven: Symphony No. 9* (1993); *Analysis Through Composition* (1996); *Analysing Musical Multimedia* (1998); and *Music: A Very Short Introduction* (1998), which is published or forthcoming in seventeen languages and to which a special issue of *Musicae Scientiae* was devoted. A collection of his essays appeared in 2007 under the title *Music, Performance, Meaning: Selected Essays*, while his book *The Schenker Project: Culture, Race, and Music Theory in Fin-de-siècle Vienna* (also 2007) won the Wallace Berry Award of the Society for Music Theory. He has also coedited several collections, including *Rethinking Music* (1999), *Empirical Musicology: Aims, Methods, Prospects* (2004), and the *Cambridge History of*

*Twentieth-Century Music* (2004). He has published several books relating to music as performance, ranging from *Beyond the Score: Music as Performance* (2013) to the coedited collections *The Cambridge Companion to Recorded Music* (2009) and *Music as Performance: New Perspectives Across the Disciplines* (2013, with the dramaturge Richard Pettengill). He also conducted a recordings-based project on the performance history of Webern's Piano Variations, funded by an AHRC Fellowship.

Subsequent book projects have developed the performance studies approach in new directions. They include *Music as Creative Practice* (2018); *The Cambridge Companion to Music and Digital Culture* (2019); and a second edition of *Music: A Very Short Introduction* (2020). A former Editor of the *Journal of the Royal Musical Association*, Nicholas Cook was Chair of the Music Panel in the Higher Education Funding Councils' 2001 Research Assessment Exercise. He holds honorary doctorates from the University of Chicago and the *Gheorghe Dima* Music Academy, Cluj-Napoca, and is a Fellow of both the British Academy and the Academy of Europe.



## ABSTRACTS

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### **Rhythmanalysis and (Post)Musicology: From *horror silentii* to Social Distancing**

In his last book, *Elements de rythmanalyse* (1992), French Marxists sociologist and philosopher Henri Lefebvre described a figure of “rhythm analyst” as a researcher who is “always ‘listening out’, but [...] does not only hear words, discourses, noises and sounds; [she or] he is capable of listening to a house, a street, a town as one listens to a symphony, an opera”. Notwithstanding usual interpretations along these lines as an allegorical description, in this paper I will explore how we can use Lefebvre’s rhythm analysis as a guide to expand the purview of traditional musicology and engage with wider social issues. In the last decades it was usually musicology which was invaded by novel methods, ranging from semiotics and discourse analysis, to cognitive psychology, to which it merely offered the object of its investigation – that is, the music itself.

I will argue that the tables can be turned if we depart from the core competence of a musicologist – that is, the listening – and investigate how it can be put into practise outside of what we usually think of as music studies. In other words – what can listening tell us about society and what forms of listening are needed to grapple with this question? In order to answer these questions I will engage with the ongoing pandemic and economic crises of

2020, analysing the shift from *horror silentii* (fear of silence), which has increasingly been characteristic of public spaces in the 2010s, towards the (silence of) social distancing imposed by the crises, and I will investigate how listening and rhythmanalysis can contribute to our knowledge of ongoing restructuring of labour relations.

**Key words:** rhythmanalysis, post-musicology, Henri Lefebvre, listening, *horror silentii*, social distancing

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### **Musicology and Artistic Research – Competitors or Allies?**

Amongst the latest earthquakes in the overlapping territories of the arts and the academy there is a new paradigm labelled “artistic research”. A promise of renovation for an all too conservative academy for some and a Black Friday for academic titles according to others, at the heart of the new paradigm lies not research of the arts as much as research through the arts,

an approach that one-handedly relegates traditional musicology to the conservative corner of epistemology.

One cannot but feel reminded of the beginnings of institutionalised musicology, when the young discipline fought for recognition by more or less openly copying the epistemology of natural sciences. Today, it is the social and economic prestige of academic titles, ever more important in Bologna's neo-liberal attempt to transform universities into enterprises that attract artists to research. Unlike Adler and followers, though, who assumed scientific methods, modern day artists claim to achieve academic recognition by making academic effort as easy as possible, going as far as considering an artistic product in itself to be research.

Perhaps this would not be that serious if musicology had an undisputed aim shared by society and musicologists themselves; unfortunately, the discipline has been appropriated by a vast array of political ideologies, and where this has not been the case, it has been degraded to a mere auxiliary science for performers. Within this panorama, it is more often than not the critique from the musicological left that joins forces with the artists' claim for titles, wielding philosophical weapons like subjectivity in auto-ethnography against the supposed unbearable strictness of bibliographical research. More than giving a definite answer to the question raised at the beginning, this contribution intends to analyse under which circumstances artistic research and musicology can potentially be allies, and what this challenge tells about the state of health of modern-day musicology.

**Key words:** artistic research, musicology, aims, methods, academic titles

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**Advancing Communication in Global Musicology:  
RILM's Social Responsibility**

The world of music scholarship is today most broadly divided into four linguistic megaregions: Europe with North America (dominated by English language of communication), Iberian Peninsula with Latin America (dominated by Spanish), Russia with Central Asia (dominated by Russian), and East Asia (dominated by Chinese). Generally speaking, each region is self-contained, maintaining its own gravitational forces. The Anglo-American scholarly networks are perceived as arbiters of the global scholarly relevance, despite the fact that they often ignore currents in other linguistic regions. Content in the reference works created in Europe and North America, which claim the ultimate authority in the discipline (The New Grove, MGG, RISM, RIPM), are international in the scope, but fall short of being global. The aggregators of altmetrics data and citation indexes (Scopus, Google Scholar, Web of Science) are bias toward the English-language literature. This leaves scholars from other parts of the world in a disadvantaged position. When they publish in their national languages, their work does not receive sufficient reception and their

scholarly impact is not adequately measured. Although the modern world is better connected through the social media than ever before, the true global communication between scholarly music communities is in crisis.

In such scholarly inequality and the dominance of English-language literature, the mission of the RILM Abstracts of Music Literature has always been creating truly global tools for music scholarship. Each country and political system where the scholarship has originated from, each language or writing system in which scholarship has been published, each type of music that has been researched is conceptually conceived equal in RILM Abstracts. In the postglobal time of protectionism and social closure, RILM sees building global networks for the dissemination of music research as its social responsibility, which can be helpful to scholars disadvantaged by the Anglo-American academic imperialism.

**Key words:** Répertoire International de Littérature Musicale, almetrics in musicology, social responsibility, global musicology, inequality in music scholarship

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### **Psychological Approach to Contemporary Art Music: the 'Composer – Audience' Communication**

The paper starts with reflections on the proposed conference main question about the place of musicology in the future and then sets out to provide an outline of a possible answer. One of the answers could refer to more flexible academic musicology, which would be ready to embrace interdisciplinarity and an empirical research paradigm of the social sciences. The new paradigm would be open to building up new forms of relations with musical artists as partners as well. Additionally, we intend to contribute to the discussion by presenting interdisciplinary psychological research to the challenging issue of finding how contemporary art music can achieve understanding and gain acceptance of the audience. We address this issue using the conceptual framework of Csikszentmihalyi's systems theory of creativity (2004), which considers creativity as a process that can be observed only in an intersection of the personal background/individual, culture/domain and social/field. The aim is to investigate whether composers intend to communicate their feelings, thoughts, and imagination to the audience while creating music, as well as whether the response of the public matters to them. Furthermore, we explore whether the audience understands the meaning of the contemporary pieces themselves. The participants were Serbian and international contemporary composers who took part in the 24th International Review of Composers in Belgrade ( $n = 25$ ) in October 2015. The audience consisted of 69 listeners at three concerts. Data were gathered both via an online questionnaire formulated for study and via a pen-and-paper questionnaire after the concert. Content analysis of the answers to open-ended questions was performed. The results

showed that, during the creative process, composers differed in their treatment of the audience as well as of the content they wanted to communicate, regardless of the fact of whether it was an emotional charge or a complex system of abstract ideas. We may conclude that the relation between the main cognitive layers (idea/message/imagination) of the composer is clearly related to musical structure. At the same time, subtle refinements are done by the proper choice of music materials and agreeable acoustic features when thinking of the audience's reaction. On the other hand, the response of the audience primarily lies in the emotional layer of experience. Since all participants in this form of communication start from diverse intentions, their "meeting" is a matter of many factors.

**Key words:** creative process, music communication, composer, audience, contemporary music

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**What's Been Going on with Feminist Musicology Lately?**

It has been almost 50 years since the feminist intervention in music started its roaring engine and changed the discipline of musicology for good. Since then, this perfect tissue of music history got scarred, some ossified notions were shaken up, some new subjects entered the scene, and some quarrels brought excitement into a dormant scenery. With time, it seemed a new ground was established, being finally solid for growing a culture long overdue. Digging deep into the past, permeating the old, the traditional, and recreating the grand historical narrative, together with establishing some new approaches to music and its procedures, that was the story of feminist musicology. A great struggle with some great consequences, but for whom precisely and how effective? My paper examines the historical trajectory of feminist musicology together with its contemporary offshoots, analysing closely the causal relationship between the two poles.

The relationship between the imagined and realised seems to be in a crisis, not only when it comes to defining objectives in the discipline today, but especially so in regard to the feminist musicology research subject – the female composer. What happened to the subject of feminist musicology? How do the 'old' paradigms swim in the new waters? and What would the possible prospective outline of the discipline entail? are some of the questions I would like to touch upon in my presentation.



**Key words:** feminist musicology, woman composer, gender and music, musical canon, New Musicology

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### **How to Make Musicology More “Visible” with Help of Radio**

This paper is going to try to answer one of the proposed questions, namely, who are musicology audiences today? Assuming that the radio listeners make up the majority of today's musicology audience, the paper proposes one way to make scholar musicology papers accessible to them. Based on more than 30 years of experience in applied musicology (as an editor for Croatian Radio) and researching and writing scholarly musicological articles (in the fields ranging from instrumental music in Croatia in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century to music on the radio) the author of the paper shares and argues the idea (already tested in eight years of practice) of broadcasting scholarly musicological articles instead of trying to make them popular, easy to listen to by retelling them or discussing them with their authors (two of the main formats of a radio programme). The paper gives arguments for the acceptability of using scholarly papers in the domain of applied musicology (such

as a radio programme) in order to reach the broader audience than could ever be reached only by printing them in specialised journals (although they are now available on the internet). The paper proves that with this format of presenting the scholar musicological articles, audiences could not only broaden their interest in musicology, but also, musicology could arise as a science. Although there are many research papers about music broadcasts on the radio published in the last thirty years, they are focused mostly on the various types and genres of music (Doctor & Carpenter 1996; Doctor 1999; Čunko 2012), very rarely, if ever, is there research on various types of textual presentation of the music in the radio broadcasts. In that respect this paper relies on the author's own research on the subject and the article *Klassische Musik im Radio* by Oemichen and Feurstein (2006).

**Key words:** applied musicology, dissemination, radio, scholarly papers

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## **Musicology as a “Small Discipline”:**

### **The Example of the Department of Musicology in Zagreb**

Panel session

Although some forms of musicological courses have been taught at the Academy of Music in Zagreb since its establishment in 1921, it was only when Josip Andreis founded the Department of Music History and Theory (later the Department of History of Music) in 1948 that more solid scholarly foundations were laid. At the initiative of Ivo Supićić, this department grew into the Department of Musicology in 1970, contributing to a more comprehensive profile of the discipline, but this did not change the fact that it was a scholarly endeavour operating as a minority in the midst of activities primarily in the realm of the performing arts.

This themed panel session is going to examine the Department of Musicology at the Academy of Music in Zagreb as a part of the field of musicology in Croatia viewed as a “small discipline”. After positioning it within the context of the humanities and the arts in Croatia and other countries with similar institutional practices, the session will focus on two aspects of musicological activities at the Zagreb Department of Musicology: research and teaching.

**Key words:** Department of Musicology, Academy of Music, Zagreb, higher education, research, humanities, minority

#### **1. Ivan Ćurković:**

##### ***Minority Complexes and “Small” Musicologies***

The future of musicology differs greatly depending on the academic context it is being pursued in. In Germany, where the number of departments and tenures defines a “small discipline” (*kleines Fach*), musicology has been

classified as “medium size” (*mittelgroß*) since 1974. However, with a few exceptions, in most other countries in the world, musicology is a relatively small scholarly discipline with a somewhat marginal position in academia. This position stems from the overall inferior status of the humanities as opposed to other, more market-oriented disciplines, but it is also conditioned by the local and to a certain extent individual circumstances governing a particular musicology department.

This paper will attempt to examine the intricate minority identities of the Department of Musicology in Zagreb. Comparisons will be made with musicological activities at research institutes in the country and other musicology departments in Croatia's neighbouring lands that also house musicology at academies of music or universities of the arts, as opposed to the German model, where musicology is firmly established at faculties of philosophy. Careers of Croatian musicologists who pursued their scholarly careers abroad will be drawn into comparison, as well as other “small disciplines” in the realm of the humanities in Croatia to see how this reflects on institutional practices at the Department of Musicology in Zagreb.

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## 2. Ana Čizmić Grbić

### *The Challenges of Doing Research and Teaching Musicology*

Since the establishment of the Department of Musicology, research has been an important and integral part of its activities. The Institute of Musicology was founded within the Department in 1967 as the first centre for organised musicological research in Croatia. Later renamed Institute of Systematic Musicology, this institution remained essential for the systematic exploration of various aspects of the musical culture of Croatia, up until its gradual discontinuation.

This paper will be divided into two segments. The first part will provide a concise historical overview of activities within the Department of Musicology, while the second part will examine different aspects of the labour crisis that strains the world of academia. Special emphasis will be placed on the specific position of scholars working in higher education. On the one hand, there is the need to prepare and provide high-quality education, while on the other, scholars should strive to stay relevant and excel in their respective fields. Both these time-consuming tasks are further complicated due to limited funding. These issues should be addressed without delay as they are essential for our future as scholars, the education and formation of future generations of musicologists, and consequently for our “small” discipline of musicology.

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### 3. Monika Jurić Janjik

#### ***Teaching Musicology: Growing Without “Growing Up”***

The simplest definition of musicology – “the scholarly study of music” – already contains two opposite terms that gave musicology its uniqueness on the one hand, but also created the possibility of dispute on the other. Those terms are “scholarly” and “music”, the first one implying a scientific, the second one an artistic aspect. The fact that this discipline is dealing with an art form has also left its mark on the teaching activities at the Department of Musicology in Zagreb. At one point the possibility of the Department’s exclusion from the Academy of Music and a transfer to the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences was entertained, but this never materialised in spite of continued dissatisfaction.

This part of the panel will focus on a historical outline of the development of teaching at the Department. Primarily based on archival records, this paper will demonstrate the changes that have occurred in the Department's curriculum from its establishment to the present time. Musicological courses were taught in Zagreb even before the Academy of Music was institutionalised, in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century at the Academy’s predecessor, the Croatian Music Institute. In this initial period musicological teaching encompassed merely two courses – the history of music and the aesthetics of music. Meanwhile, in the previous century, and especially in the last 50 years, the spectrum of musicological teaching activities has increased significantly. However, in spite of this inner growth of musicology, in the overall academic context in Croatia, musicology is still considered not only a “small”, but also an “uncommon” discipline.

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### **Eva Sedak, a Musicologist in Times of Crises**

In response to the “narratives of crisis” that permeate contemporary musicological research and to concerns about the future of the discipline, I propose to look into its past in order to outline the respective former narratives. My intention is to consider what in such cases is called the “crisis” into which musicology has fallen and how musicologists have tried to deal with it. An example where I will consider these issues is the work of Eva Sedak (1938-2017), a musicologist who considered herself living in “times of crisis”. In this paper, I would like to show that the notion of “crisis” in her writings appears in three characteristic contexts, which to some extent overlap. In the writings from the 1970s, Eva Sedak appeared as a kind of witness to the “crisis” in which fell, in her opinion, contemporary composition on the one hand and music criticism, on the other. In the second context, which began in the mid-1970s, “crisis” was the term to describe the state of musical life in Croatia in past and present times, which, precisely because of its position in the “border area”, posed a challenge to musicological considerations. Finally, in the third context, outlined gradually but particularly strikingly in the late 1990s, the “crisis” emerged as an integral part of a historiographical conception capable of adequately responding to the “crisis” state of music in the “border area”. In this context, the notion of “crisis” gradually gives way to the notion of “deconstruction”.

**Key words:** crisis, musicology in Croatia, Eva Sedak, nationalism, deconstruction

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### **From Ladislav Šaban to the Future of Slovenian Organology**

In 1980 Ladislav Šaban, a prominent Croatian musicologist, published a paper on organs in Croatia made by Slovenian organ builders. His outstanding contribution represents a triple milestone, at least. Firstly, for him, a final outline of the study started with J. G. Eisl ten years before at the very inception of the Musicological Institute at the Academy of Music in Zagreb. Secondly, the first research paper on organs for Slovenia after the WW II. And thirdly, for the musicology of the area, a thorough method influencing structure and wording of future texts on pipe organs. Two researchers followed his achievements in Slovenia: his graduate student Milko Bizjak, and Dr Edo Škulj, professor emeritus, still active in the field today.

The presentation shortly displays analytical milestones in Slovenian organ research. Beginning with the oldest known critical treatise concerning Ljubljana cathedral organ by Frančišek Križman in 1762, we proceed with the surveys of organs in Maribor and Ljubljana dioceses at the beginning of the 20th century and finish with the mutually interconnected book *Orgle Slovenije* (Slovenian Organs) and web page *[www.orgle.si](http://www.orgle.si)* (2018).



Special attention will be given to the future and so-called *digital humanities* in organ research, which the institute *Ars organi Sloveniae* has been developing since 2005 and is summarised in the mentioned book-web hybrid. By its structure, the digital approach does not differ from Šaban's fundamentals or the paradigms of his followers. What distinguishes considerably is the effectiveness of data survey and organisation, a capacity of the advanced analyses, and an openness for syntheses and visualisation using digital tools. The experience of our institute shows that the attractive interpretation of scientific results accompanied by active communication can raise awareness for organ and organ music in society. Community feedback, on the other hand, initiates and contributes to the direction of needed research activities.

**Key words:** Ladislav Šaban, organology, digital humanities, data interpretation, awareness raising

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**The Perks of Being Post-Factual:  
Fiction and Research in Musicology**

*The Perks of Being Post-Factual* discusses elements of fiction as productive methodical means in musicology. The talk will outline didactic and professional relevance in face of recent developments and will provide examples which shall demonstrate both the opportunities and the dangers of the concept.

Over the recent past, new approaches surfaced in musicology, some of them deemed to be unbecoming to the discipline at first. But Artistic Research for example has been able to massively expand both methods and subjects, eventually aiming at the promising »joint venture« of the artistic practice, the science of art, and their reflection in academia and the public sphere.

In order to discuss additional methodical tools, I draw on Patricia Leavy's *Fiction as Research Practice* (2013) as well as the recently published *Einladung zur öffentlichen Soziologie – Eine postdisziplinäre Passion* [Invitation to Public Sociology – A Post-disciplinary Passion] (2020) by German sociologist Stefan Selke. Based on Leavy and Selke, I will show the possible benefits of using elements such as storytelling in musicological contexts. Approaches embedding fictive aspects can be particularly helpful when working with music students who are skilled artists but at the same time unskilled writers and researchers: It may unblock the connection between the artist's practice and demands of science by liberating thought.

The subject is highly relevant for strengthening the status of musicology at universities and academies, and fosters both artistic and scientific findings and research.

**Key words:** artistic research, fiction-based research, storytelling, creative writing

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## **Where Would We Go with this Ethnomusicology? About Institutional Status, Disciplinary Divisions and Neoliberalisation of Academic Labour in Slovenia**

The famous quote of Zmaga Kumer “Where would we go with this folklore?” in her article in 1975, reminds us of the necessity of constant (self-)reflection on the position of ethnomusicology in Slovenia. Drawing on her call, we examine the position of ethnomusicology as a research field and institutionalised scholarly practice in relation to other related fields, such as musicology, ethnology, and cultural anthropology. We place special attention on the practices of institutionalisation ethnomusicology as a discipline and treatment of ethnomusicology by historical musicology and other more “mainstream” disciplines. We observe its

position revealing, on the one hand, a close historical attachment to musicology and, on the other, a methodological and theoretical independent definition of our own fields of research.

We examine issues presented within the context of current struggles for institutional support and financing of ethnomusicology and general precarisation of academic labour in today's Slovenia. As we deeply believe that these conditions are not merely national or Europe-specific, but reflect global tendencies in reshaping the academic environment related to: less governmental funding, especially in the arts and humanities; the precarisation of the academic labour force; competitiveness due to the lack of funding; the accelerating pace of work; scientific production governed by funding structures and consequently the loss of autonomy, we hope to open wider debate about ethnomusicology and its sister disciplines in the uncertain times of global neoliberalism.

**Key words:** academic labour, ethnomusicology, funding, neoliberalisation

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### **Berlioz as Provocation to Music History: On the Institutionalisation of Musicology**

Is the current crisis of (ir)relevance of music history a result of how we have institutionalised musicology? In order to answer this question, we may need to re-examine the ordering principles of music historiography, not only to uncover the hidden value judgments, 'techniques' and narrative structures that are imbedded in and through our practice as musicologists, but also to improve the ways we are 'doing history'.

Arguably, no other composer has more consistently challenged the writing of music history than Hector Berlioz. Berlioz has always been – and still is – a 'problem' (Barzun 2003, Rosen 1996, Taruskin, 2002). By taking the history of Berlioz reception from J. F. Fétis and up to Carl Dahlhaus as a case study, my ambition is to ask why leading music historians demonstrate a surprisingly unscientific disinclination towards the composer and how their historiographical rationale works against the music of Berlioz.

Berlioz's music did not comply with the lines of historical evolution (Fétis) nor with the elevation of the *autonomous* work of music to a historiographical principle (Dahlhaus), and confronted with musical analysis it

was defined as 'unanalysable'. This may explain the provocative and transgressive status of Berlioz. But how to style this transgression?

My hypothesis is that '*le cas Berlioz*' is particularly useful for a critical examination of how music history is founded on a structure of structuring values, narratives and 'techniques'. It can reveal dogmas and ideological assumptions that we may need to challenge in order to make music history relevant.

**Key words:** Berlioz, musicology, historiography, value judgment

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## **A Critical Source Edition of Mieczysław Surzyński's Concerto for Organ and Orchestra Op. 35**

Currently, new musicology embraces almost every direction of humanistic studies, including the most recent intermedia and interdisciplinary research, suitable for being combined and used for music scholarship. Its rapid development proves the need for a continued development of new

research tools and systematised terminologies. Earlier heuristic studies that led to the release of critical editions and scholarly musical manuscripts are, however, still being undertaken and, it seems, will not go out of 'fashion'. The poor state of research on contemporary music editing in Polish musicological literature prompts deep theoretical reflection on this aspect. The source autograph is excellent cognitive and analytical material in the process of its reception. An editor who prepares a critical or scientific edition of a musical work for publication, which will be the basis for performance, must conduct multi-stage research and offer an artistic interpretation. Hence the need for contemporary recipients of musical scores to find their answer in the scholarly edition supplemented with a clearly graphically highlighted performance interpretation.

During the lecture, the method of the editing of the Concerto for Organ and Orchestra Op. 35 (1904) manuscript by the Polish composer Mieczysław Surzyński will be presented, as well as the procedure which led to the production of a contemporary critical edition of this work intended for contemporary performers and students of the organ. This neo-romantic composition has already been performed and recorded several times thanks to a preserved copy of the manuscript of the score (as the original was considered lost) and the published score revised in 1994 by the Polish musicologist and organologist Jerzy Gołos. The edition that will have been discussed at the conference contains the reconstructed score, complete with its orchestral and solo parts, supplemented with an extensive revision commentary. In all probability, it will have been the first complete critical edition of this fine work to date. In addition, an analysis and interpretation of this piece will have been presented, important aspects of approaching a musical work, as part of the most recent music scholarship.

**Key words:** Mieczysław Surzyński, organ music, critical source edition, heuristics, new musicology, Polish music

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### **Sonata Theory in the Age of 'Post-Truth'**

James Hepokoski, with his co-author, Warren Darcy, published *Elements of Sonata Theory* (2006), a systematic method for the analysis of sonata forms. Tracing his writings since the end of the 1980s and early 90s, when the formalist approach was under attack by the emergence of new musicology that promulgated the slogan of the context in search of musical meaning against the music itself, it is palpable that Hepokoski's chief



concern in formulating a theory for sonata was needed for a dialogue or interaction between a form itself and its external sources. Paradoxically, however, despite his on-going emphasis on the importance of context in music theory, his theory resulted in a Kantian “regulative principle” that came close to “the music itself” or Hanslickian formalism. This paradox seems to reveal or illustrate the vexing issue that lies in shaping music theory, especially in the relativistic age of the ‘post-truth’ and new Musicology. This paper will aim at tracing *how* Hepokoski changed his stance from ‘sonata deformation’ to ‘Sonata Theory’, which has extensively revised the existing analytical system and its re-evaluation to honour and privilege the classical sonatas, while maintaining the original terminologies devised for ‘sonata deformation’. It will explore the ideology on musical form and its theorisation, with a reference to an impact of New Musicology on the analysis.

**Key words:** Sonata Theory, formalism versus hermeneutics (context), New Musicology, the approach to musical form, norm and deformation

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## **How Musicological is the Psychology of Music? and How Far Does Our Knowledge Thereof Go?**

Ever since its modern disciplinary beginnings in the 19th century, the study of psychological aspects of musical experience fails to give satisfactory answers to any of its fundamental Wh-questions: When was the discipline born as such? Who deserves the status of its founder? and Why is this person's name missing from the textbooks? Who else is missing and why? Who was proclaimed competent to speak about music and psyche in the past? and Who is entitled to pursue research in the psychology of music today? Which questions does the discipline raise? and How to apply the answers? What theoretical frameworks does it employ? and To what extent can they be independent of speculative music theory? How do the exclusive historical paradigms perpetuate in contemporary research? and Why are they still not overruled as outdated? What is the Psychology of Music anyway? Is it a discipline *per se*? and How is it related to (Systematic) Musicology? Which other disciplines claim the right to the study of the psychology of music? Which "external" approaches and methods find their way to musical and musicological relevance and *vice versa*? What are the inevitable pitfalls of interdisciplinarity and methodological fallacies that come to light in this knowledge exchange? Who are the subjects (participants) of the empirical research in the field? and How musical are they? Which music is taken into account? and What is music in general? Whom does the whole body of mentioned research actually serve?

Although fundamental, most of the above questions remain hitherto unanswered, even unaddressed, rejected as irrelevant or self-evident. Through an analysis of historical and contemporary literature the author will try to determine the current positions of and towards musicology

within the domain of the psychology of music.

**Key words:** psychology of music, musicology, interdisciplinarity, method, knowledge, relevance

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### **Aesthetic Experience and the Political Relevance of Art: Reconsidering Musicology with Hannah Arendt and Theodor W. Adorno**

In the post war period Hannah Arendt and Theodor W. Adorno tried to elaborate a critical thought that would help to prevent a future revival of the murderous catastrophes of modernity which Western World's traditional humanistic culture had not been able to prevent. In order to do so both relied on their experience of life in post war Germany. Even if their philosophical thoughts differ in many respects they share some important viewpoints, such as their dissatisfaction with society's efforts to reflect the basis of totalitarian regimes efficiently, their belief in art as an important source of political insight, and their conviction of an intellectual and scientific responsibility for social and political life as a whole.

Even if postmodernism and new musicology have already changed traditional approaches, the question of the impact of art and science on the development of our societies has not been discussed widely enough yet. By reconsidering and bringing together some of Arendt's and Adorno's thoughts the paper will discuss the ways in which we could reconsider musicology as a political discipline today: a discipline that would be able to take part in important discussions concerning major problems of our societies in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and a more and more individualised and, at the same time, globalised world.

**Key words:** Hannah Arendt, Theodor W. Adorno, critical theory, musicology, aesthetics

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**Violetta Kostka**

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The study of musical meaning is an important issue of current musicology and broadly understood humanities. Musical meaning is not a new aspect in our field (Hanslick, hermeneutics, semiotics), but lately cognitive scientists, Mark Turner and Gilles Fauconnier, proclaimed their new theory called the Conceptual Integration Network (CIN) that can change our perspective. There are two aims of my paper: a presentation of this theory and an interpretation of one musical work in the light of a CIN.

The key concept of Turner and Fauconnier's theory is 'mental space', which is a small, conceptual package, constructed during thinking. The basic schema of a CIN contains four such mental spaces: two input spaces, a generic space and a blended space, and they activate the inter-spatial mapping of counterparts leading to the creation – in the last space – of a new concept/meaning. Some musicologists, such as Nicholas Cook and Lawrence Zbikowski, tried to adapt this new cognitivist idea to music, and the latter really has a great achievement in this era.

As a case study I have chosen Paweł Szymański's opera *Miserere* for voices and instruments from 1993. The work is composed of a three-movement *attacca*, and each has its own CIN. The first movement activates the following concepts: the generic space – faith in eternal life, the text space – an oration directed at God resonant with repentance and humbleness, and the music space – alternately five sections for solo bass and five choral-instrumental sections, where the choral parts seem to be stable and the instrumental parts in a constant move-up (in very complex technique). As a result, the following conceptual blend is born: sinner – sung prayer – mental balance. The sinner is aware of his/her sin and

experiences remorse; the climbing cello glissando shows us that his/her thoughts are constantly directed to Heaven.

**Key words:** musical meaning, conceptual integration network, conceptual blend, Paweł Szymański

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### **Artistic Research: New Epistemic Cultures in the Academy?**

Over the past 20–30 years, third cycle programmes for artistic research and development have been established within higher music education institutions all over Europe as well as in other parts of the world. The overall aim of the programmes is to develop and disseminate knowledge about creative and performative labour and to enhance artistic processes as such. Altogether, the projects enrolled in the programmes draw on a wide range of scholarly disciplines, such as art/music history and analysis, philosophy, aesthetics and performance studies, often in the form of cross-disciplinary investigations involving new technologies. The organisation, output and

forms of documentation do however vary significantly across institutions and countries.

Several principal questions emerge from this rapidly expanding field. Among them are issues of what *knowledge* and *dissemination of knowledge* implies within and between different artistic practices, and in relation to other – often older – scholarly regimes. While some protagonists claim that we are currently witnessing an “artistic turn” in the aftermath of the “performative” and “practice” turns, others criticise the output from the programmes as being insufficient either as art or research, or both.

Drawing on selected literature on artistic research, programme descriptions, political documents and individual projects, this paper will discuss the alleged “turn” and its potential to bring new *epistemic cultures* into academia, i. e. “how what counts as knowledge and technology is accomplished in designated settings through specific strategies that generate, validate, and communicate scientific accomplishments” (Knorr, Cetina & Reichmann, 2015, p. 873). Particular attention will be paid to conflicts which might emerge, for instance, between the logics of the professional art fields and the logics of institutionalised higher music education and research. Another question is whether artistic research might hold a potential to challenge and revitalise musicology, in times of crisis.

**Key words:** artistic research, musical practice, epistemic culture

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## **A Call for Context: Pauline Viardot Garcia as a Template for Changing the 19th Century Musical Genius Archetype**

The year 2020 has set the world, and the way we view it, aflame. We look for comfort in exemplars of creativity and their works. But how were the great ones chosen? Where will an audience automatically place someone like Pauline Viardot-Garcia on the spectrum of musical genius? and Why? Why does the musical canon, formed in the late 19th century, still look much like it did fifty years ago? It has developed a rigidity that still impedes wider appreciation of women's musical work (Kijas 2018). As Marjorie Garber put it: "The genius was, and to some extent continues to be, the Romantic hero, the loner, the eccentric, the apotheosis of the individual..." (Garber 2012)

Genius, still awarded through these masculine ideals, demands what now seems impossible; to find the sole-male-creator narrative complete and relatable. Viardot-Garcia, a recognised genius in her time, does not fit this criterion. Her persona and work have faded from memory. The musical canon is not much closer to accommodating women now than it was in the early 20th century. Classical music, already struggling to maintain its audience, continues its trajectory towards in-accessibility in the public eye. But in order to change we must know how we got here. Pauline Viardot-Garcia's public genius-persona, much like George Sand's, was held up as an anomaly in the battle for the male-exclusive right to genius in philosophical writings of the 19th century. Her work and life can now lay bare the imbalances of these arguments that still inform public perception of genius and the process of creation today (Paliyenko 2016). Viardot-Garcia and her works open the door to social context leading to deeper understanding of the creative process. The conversation can then, not only academically, but



publicly, advance beyond the idea of separate gender spheres. Genius would be recognised and affirmed regardless of gender throughout history; thus, breathing vitality, relevance, and new works into the musical canon.

**Key words:** context, female composers, musical genius, musical canon

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### **Literary History and Musical Historiography – from Fundamental to Interdisciplinary Research**

This presentation will sketch the interconnectedness and interdisciplinary relation between literature and music, philology and musicology. The links between the two fields are usually considered in regard to the presence of literary text in music genres (vocal art, opera, programme music), the content of literary works dealing with music, the stories about musicians (in novels and short stories) or the status of (auto)biography, memoir or diary

of prominent musicians. Our research highlights the need to recognise documentary prose as a source of musicology research. It brings to light the presence of music as literary topics through memoir documents on music life, as well as the problem of influences of literary history on musical historiography.

The paper is based on the results of pioneer research of unexplored records from diaries, memoirs, autobiographies and travelogues written by Serbian cultural workers (writers, artists, statesmen, politicians) during the 19th century. The research material diachronically reflects the dynamics and evolution of forms and ways of presence of music in the Habsburg Monarchy, in the Principality and Kingdom of Serbia, showing that music played an essential role in public and private life across all social strata in those complicated geo-political and cultural-historical periods.

The paper intends to sketch the importance of the memoir testimonies on music as significant, basic sources for further musicological studies, as well as the great inspiration for philological and interdisciplinary commentary on the process of writing, the position of music as a theme in the thematic and morphological organisation of various memoir writings.

**Key words:** historiography, musicology, literature, documentary prose, memoir testimonies

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**“The Winds of Change”:**

**Paradigm Shifts in Contemporary (Serbian) Ethnomusicology**

In this paper I want to address the nature and complexities of ‘double/multiple burden’ that characterises scholarly labour within the discipline of Serbian (and probably post-Yugoslav) ethnomusicology, and also to discuss a possible development of future ethnomusicologies in the local/regional context. In Serbia, contemporary scholars in the field of ethnomusicology are often supposed to produce and transfer knowledge both within universities and through the prevalent neoliberal mechanisms of dissemination of scientific work, with a significant asymmetry between the demands of the local knowledge market and global field of academic knowledge production.

Amidst the ongoing clashing of paradigms of former folklore-oriented national research and contemporary trends stemming from the field of global ethnomusicology, a huge gap of a consensus regarding the very *nature* and *aim* of academic labour in regard to local needs and troubles, opens both within academia and in a wider social framework. In the context of Serbian ethnomusicology, this demand is further complicated by the paradigm of applied science that is increasingly perceived as a legitimate demand, and yet uncertainly positioned in-between the attempt to partially preserve the historical legacy of folk music research, and an urge to answer to the (slowly receding) postmodern explosion of directions within the international academia. One can observe that the very nature of intersectionalised and by all means gendered labour is seldom taken into account, while the construct of a supposedly neutral researcher figure still pervades local popular and scientific discourses.

I would argue that the gesture to rejuvenate (Serbian) ethnomusicology should be coming from two directions: firstly, by shifting the focus from the change of study object to the *change of approach* that strongly relies on the notion of interconnected scholarly activism, and, secondly, by taking into account real (material) conditions of academic workers who should reflect more profoundly upon the relation between personal and political.

**Key words:** ethnomusicology, academic labour, Serbian ethnomusicology, paradigm shift, gender, intersectionality

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**Considering a Global Perspective:  
 The Case of *Musicological Brainfood***

Since 2017, the International Musicological Society has published *Musicological Brainfood* online: *Tasty Bite-Size Provocations to Refuel Your Thinking*. Each issue contains one or two short contributions moving away from the form of ‘classical’ musicological journal. Yet, the authors of these texts are the leading musicologists of our time. At first glance, these texts look like some short musicological manifestos. Hence, the editors suggest not to understand them as “representative, official, exhaustive or definitive” but as “cooked up to advance, refresh, or reinvigorate different aspects of our field”. From reading this “tasty brain food” it becomes obvious that considering how a global perspective challenges musicology, “tasty brain food” is a predominant ‘ingredient’ of it. So, the thesis provoked here by these texts is: musicology develops its potential as a socially engaged practice challenged by a global perspective. It becomes responsible for the sustainability of music cultures and thus actively involved in a global sustainable development project.

But, is there some new ‘global’ research object of musicology? or are we still talking about the cases of local musicological works that fit into the global tendency to preserve the culture? Or, maybe, the appropriate would be to talk about ‘global’ on the level of musicological aims and goals. What kind of tools in the interdisciplinary musicological toolbox should be picking up as the most useful for practicing global musicology? And how does the global musicology that takes responsibility for the sustainability of music in the form of a collaborative project work collide

with the traditional musicological forms of writing history and theory of (Western) music? Provoked and ‘refuelled’ by *Musicological Brainfood*, the answers on these will be used to outline global musicology disciplinary features.

**Key words:** global musicology, music theory and history, music heritage, sustainability of music culture.

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## **The Short Future of Musicology, and What We Can Do Before It Ends**

Even without considering global biodiversity loss or the probability of nuclear war, climate change will either destroy or radically change human civilization by 2100, a new “end of history”. The science of climate change and humanity’s persistent failure to control it suggests we are heading for 3 to 4°C of warming – but 2°C will already be catastrophic, unprecedented, and irreversible.

Any realistic discussion of the future of music and musicology (or any other academic discipline) must therefore be limited to a few decades and address the inevitable. Rather than asking “Is there room for academic activism”, we musicians and musicologists – like all professional people – should be asking “Can we afford NOT to be politically active?”

How might music and musicology contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation? From a psychological perspective, music promotes empathy and social cohesion. If so, musicians have a special responsibility to defend human rights. An example is flying – the best way to increase one’s personal carbon footprint. Musicians and musicologists can be role models, developing remote teaching and low-carbon conferences that additionally improve global cultural inclusion and electronic documentation.

It’s time to overcome our fear of addressing politically sensitive topics. We must promote both individual minimalism (foregoing flying, driving, meat, and consumerist extravagance) and political activism (pushing for a new democracy that prioritises the interests of young people and future generations).

We can also highlight relevant political activities, messages, and lifestyle changes of musicians and composers, not to mention diverse attempts to musically present the enormity of global tragedies. Examples include Benjamin Britten’s *War Requiem* (1962), a setting of the Catholic requiem mass with pacifist poems by Wilfred Owen, and Paul Kelly’s *Sleep Australia Sleep* (2019), a country-music lullaby about the current Australian government’s failure to reduce emissions despite the existential consequences.

**Key words:** climate change, civilisation, activism, cohesion, empathy, flying, human rights

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**Slow Science Utopia: Privatised Anxieties, Gender and Academic Labour in Contemporary Croatian (Ethno)Musicology**

"Science needs time. Bear with us, while we think". The two closing, concise and direct, sentences of *The Slow Science Manifesto* (2010) seem to resonate with pages upon pages of critical academic publications written in the last decade, reflecting on the crisis of academic labour within the increasingly faster contemporary academia. This vast literature is pregnant with references to ever-increasing institutional demands, precarious conditions of labour, intensification and extensification of work, endangered academic solidarity, increasingly competitive environments, as well as to the hidden and rarely discussed "injuries" that the new neo-liberal academia inflicts upon the bodies and minds of those working in it (Gill 2010). Critical reflections on the changing conditions of academic labour in (ethno)musicology are, however, still relatively scarce (cf. Vágnerová & García Molina 2018). In this presentation – based on autoethnog-



raphy and ethnographic research carried out through interviews, group discussions and solicited personal diaries – the author will try to provide insight into the intricacies of professional lives and challenges of academic labour of early- and mid-career women academics working in the field of (ethno)musicology in Croatia today. Although based on a relatively small number of participants, this initial research hopes to offer the starting point for reflection on hitherto unexamined, invisible and under-represented gendered experiences of "doing (ethno)musicology" in the context of contemporary university/academia.

**Key words:** neoliberal academia, academic labour, (ethno)musicology, gender

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### **Making Sense (and Relevance) of Data: The Cognitive Analysis of Performance**

Archive sound recordings, including recordings from the earliest recorded musicians, are getting increasingly published: phonoamateurs have publicised a record amount of transfers on YouTube over the past decade, and more and more musicians and conservatoire teachers have discovered the artistic and pedagogical opportunities that arise from the close study of sound recordings from divergent styles and schools of 20th century performance practice. Parallely with, and based on, this development, a new subfield started to emerge in musicology: performance studies. By 2020, scholarly networks (featuring large-scale conferences) and research centres have been established in various countries, including both British-American and German-Swiss hubs, among others. This new discipline relies not only on historical musicology and music theory and analysis but on music psychology and empirical musicology as well, thus uniting knowledge and skills of long-secluded areas into a stimulating interdisciplinary field.

In my talk, I intend to discuss how recent developments in performance studies fuelled by strengthening interdisciplinarity may lead to a greater and more sophisticated understanding of models, ideals and motives behind performers' interpretive choices and their actual performance-related abilities, strategies (including attentional strategies and processes) and habits. I will argue for the fact that in search of performers' abilities, habits and choices, mere 'close listening' (that is, the – usually computer-assisted – descriptive study of details of microtiming and dynamic patterns of a performance) appears to be insufficient and needs to be com-

plemented by a cognitive analysis which goes well beyond the obvious sounding elements and patterns. Such a cognitive approach aims to understand a musician's performance style 'from the inside', thus surpassing mere description in order to find out about their ideals of performance, study their habit and cognitive strategies, and reveal the difference between general characteristics of their performing style (shared with most performers of the era) and more contrasting and individual features. Such a study complements the close examination of contemporary written documents (both verbal documents and score editions) with close-listening of relevant sound recordings. In the end, the cognitive approach can enable us not only to better understand but also to emulate and revive performance styles from distant eras, thus making musicological research profoundly and increasingly relevant for both performance practice and pedagogy.

**Key words:** performance practice, performance analysis, analysis of sound recordings, cognitive approach, interdisciplinarity, statistical analysis

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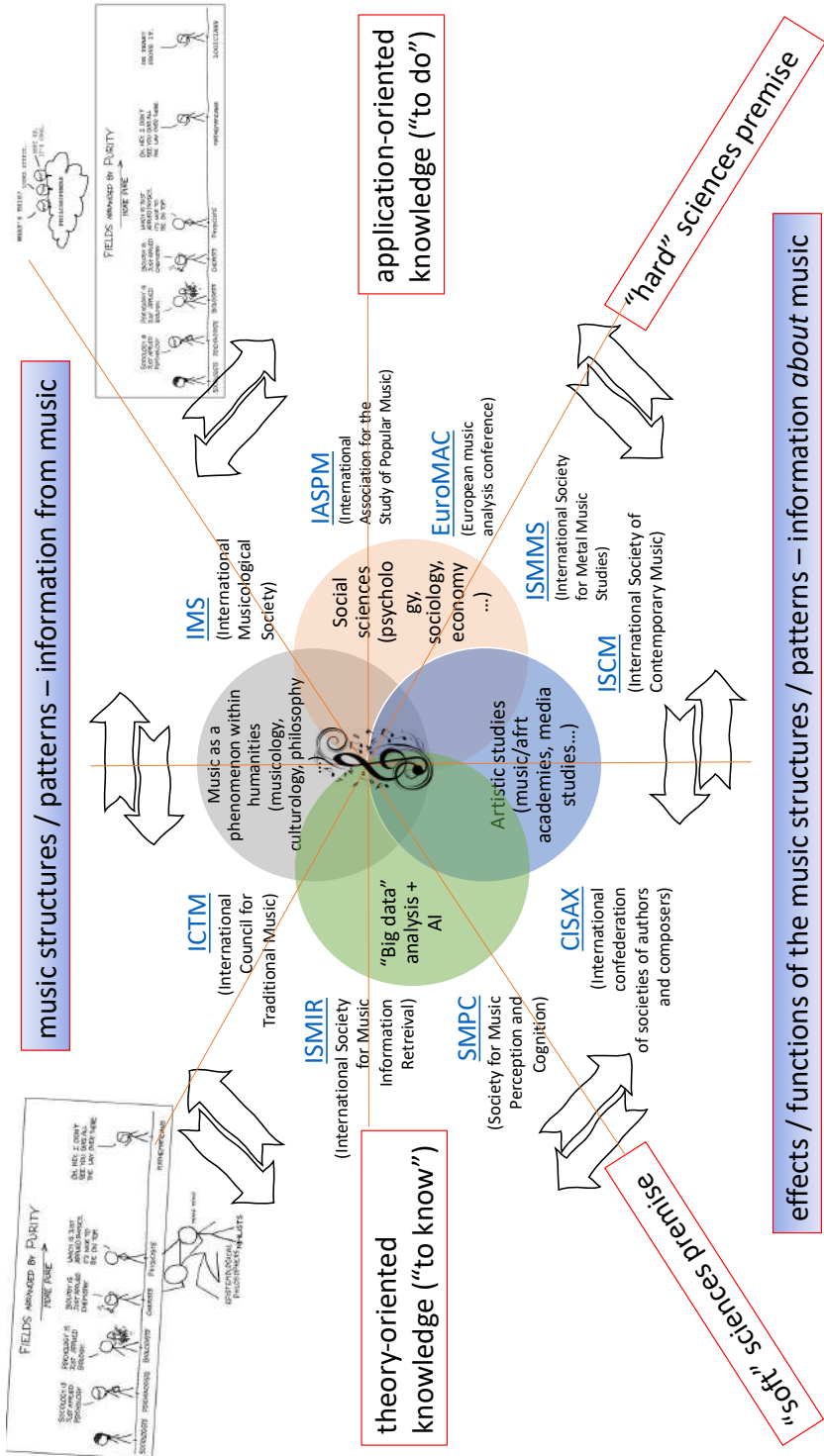
## **Crisis of Musicology: Challenges of Computational Musicology**

The basic etymological interpretation of crisis stems from the Greek *κρίνω*: to ‘pick out, choose’, ‘decide disputes’, ‘decide a contest’, ‘adjudge’, ‘judge, give judgement’, ‘estimate’, ‘expound, interpret in a particular way’, ‘bring to trial, accuse’, ‘pass sentence upon, condemn’.

As the root *κρίνω* suggests, it is an action of picking up, choosing or deciding, preferring, determining. Today’s choices of music research may be schematically summed up as follows (on the next page). The scheme raises an omnipresent question in music research: “Who sells knowledge on music to whom?”. The contribution offers a historical sketch of the computational musicology in Slovenia that traces different levels, and levers, of music research pointing to a rather banal fact: why have been musicologists accepting only certain forms of computer-assisted music analysis while the concept of “big data” analysis of musical facts remains outside of ethno/musicology?

**Key words:** computational musicology, axiology of music, systematic musicology, music analysis, Slovenian music

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### **A Scattered Protesting Mass During the Belgrade Spring Lockdown: Ethnomusicological Reflections on Sound Protests**

This paper focuses on the strategies an ethnomusicologist applies in order to participate in social processes through multidisciplinary contextualisation of music. It implies direct exposure of causes of certain collective sound expressions. By observing or interpreting sound samples as potent 'tools', it can be concluded that two opposite concepts of social partici-

pation prevail. The first one is an organic participation by forming a sound field and the other one through already formed and externally regulated participation. Also, by contextualising the sound reproduction, terms such as temporality and usefulness and creation of the position can be recognised as primary resources which position the sound as a field of multidisciplinary studies.

Inspired by physical isolation, organised protests in pandemic conditions both in the region and Belgrade come into the focus of collaborative humanistic researches. In the context of the culture of empathy, rebellion and the so-called anti-rebellion occurring in Belgrade in the spring of 2020, the relevance of an ethnomusicologist in mutual cultural relationships is questioned. Apart from being a medical struggle, pandemic conditions quickly became a fertile ground for new/old political struggles. Tense, ambivalent political positions expressed through sound as an echo of the political opinion have become a regular cultural event where someone else's inclination towards future non-pandemic times is recognised. Accordingly, by exposing the causes of the sound appearance, by researching not only factual music but its processes of generation as well, i.e. the norms by which it is created, ethnomusicologists position themselves as humanistic activists. An engaged scientist working in the areas of cultural phenomena interprets and associates social prerequisites which are then experienced as a whole. With the presence of ethnomusicology in society, reading the sound and its role prove to be inevitable thus encouraging the scientific community to additionally engage ethnomusicology in the relevant scientific subjects. Therefore, the new paradigm of ethnomusicology should offer responses to social process developments, by establishing the sound effect analysis as one of the basic paradigms of political activity within the culture.

**Key words:** COVID-19 pandemics, lockdown, rebellion, social protests, sound studies

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## **Adorno as a Paradigm? The Case of Music Criticism in Croatia**

Critical opinions of some Croatian music critics from the 1960s and 1970s appear to be influenced by the writings of Theodor Adorno. In this paper I will focus on the critical and polemical writings of Igor Mandić published during the same period. Mandić is a music (and literary) critic who emphasised the relations between social structure, taste, and forms of musical life. According to him, a contemporary musical culture in Croatia was behind the times and the task of a music critic was to confront such condition. I will discuss in which sense his judgements could be seen as influenced and shaped by Adorno's writings, and to what extent his critical practice could be considered paradigmatic for the music criticism of the 1960s and 1970s in Croatia.

**Key words:** Igor Mandić, music, criticism, Croatia, Theodor Adorno, reception studies, paradigm, 1960s, 1970s, Music Biennale Zagreb

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**“Make Romanian Musicology Great Again!” ...**

**Working in the Doctorate Factory**

Music academies and universities form the ‘laboratories’ in which musicology as a scientific discipline is moulded and where the professional identity of the young musicologist is shaped.

For more than four decades, such institutions within the Eastern European bloc were placed under rigid state control and tuned their curricula to the aesthetic goals of the regime. Despite the strict isolation from the Western world and imposed rejection of most contemporary trends, in Romania the teaching system for musicologists was defined by extreme rigor and solid preparation. Each year, very few candidates were admitted to each institution after an exceedingly difficult entrance exam, having to conduct their research afterwards based on limited sources, approaching only certain topics, in a politically correct way.

A complete paradigm shift occurred in 1989, after the fall of Ceaușescu, when the selection criteria for admission relaxed significantly. The aid of technology, the freedom to choose their preferred topics, and to express themselves, demonstrate the contrast between musicological study pre-and-post the watershed of 1989. Unfortunately, many students display a decreased ability to write, and a decline in enthusiasm for contemporary artistic phenomena, yet many of them are awarded their PhD title not

long after their graduation.

The Romanian system of teaching musicology stays at a crossroads: from being socially isolated, yet culturally connected in the most profound way to the rest of the world until 1989, when we became part of the global network, yet alienated. The focus, then, considering this paradox, is how to proceed today.

**Key words:** (Post)Communism, teaching system, entrance exams, doctorates

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Her books have been published in Romania, the most recent being *Seeing Sound, Hearing Images* (2017) and *Folk Music as Fermenting Agent for Composition. Past and Present* (2019), and *A Tribute to György Ligeti in His Native Transylvania* (2020) edited together with Nicholas Cook, William Kinderman, and Kofi Agawu, respectively.

She was awarded several Erasmus grants to study at the University of Cambridge (UK), obtained two DAAD Scholarships in Berlin, Hamburg, and Heidelberg, and received a research grant from the Paul Sacher Foundation, where she explored the Ligeti collection. In 2016 she became the founder and the director of the Festival *A Tribute to György Ligeti in his Native Transylvania*.

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## **Poetic Theories of Classical Music Performance: Introduction, References and (Practical) Considerations**

Classical music performance can be defined as a three-stage process. The preparatory phase is to master the work being performed. The second stage is the act of performance – performance itself – followed by the third stage in the form of reaction and consideration of performance. Classical music artist experiences are found in numerous interviews, autobiographies and music reviews, masterclass workshops and documentaries about individual artists. Based on the consideration and insight of music reproductive artists, it is possible to identify what performers are most preoccupied with and how they approach the challenges of a layered act of performance. Poetically formulated considerations form the basis for the formation of a system that, we may hold, can be considered as poetic theories of classical music performance. Similar examples are well known and classified in theatre studies, e.g. theories of production as Josette Féral defines them. In other words, the theoretical background of our concept – poetic theories of classical music performance – is emerging from the principle of theatre and performance studies: cross-roads of theory and practice, abstractive and an embodied layer of performance. We find similar research in the field of musical performance, published and edited by eminent authors such as Nicholas Cook, Guerino Mazzola and John Rink.

Beside references based on theoretical background, this presentation is supported by examples and references by authors such as pianists Arthur Rubinstein, Charles Rosen, Alfred Brendel, Stephen Hough, music journalist Tom Service and conductors Leonard Bernstein, Zubin Mehta, Colin Durrant and Mark Wigglesworth, to name but a few. It seems that the

concept of poetic theories of classical music performance may be a bright spot in the field of the science of art, in the time of post-postmodernism and contemporary scientific post-disciplines. Interpreting a musical performance from a performer's perspective joins the recent rethinking of music as a performance.

**Key words:** classical music, performance, poetic theories, pianism, conducting

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## **Two [Ivory] Towers?**

### **Performers, Modern Musicological Thought and Relevance in Higher Education Settings**

What is musicology's reach beyond other musicologists? Musicology clearly caters to a limited audience, leading to existential concerns about its survival. An implicit assumption in the field, however, is that musicological thought actively influences and informs musical practitioners, that performers are active audiences for musicologists. The extent to which this is the case, however, is questionable. As between any two fields, gaps cer-

tainly exist between the worlds of musicology and performance, a relationship largely established during university/conservatory studies. Better understanding the role and representation of modern musicological thought within the curricula of performance majors is key to ultimately closing any such gaps. This would, in turn, allow for twofold gains: providing musicological research on expanded audience and relevance, and facilitating the development of more self-aware performing musicians.

In the interest of determining if, to what extent, and how modern musicological thought is represented and how it is perceived by musicians during their higher education studies, a sampling of institutions are examined using socio-musicological approaches. Interviews are conducted with students, alumni and faculty at North American and German/Austrian colleges, universities, and conservatories to explore what performance majors understand modern musicology to be and to what degree they are aware of developments within the field. Curricula is also scanned for modern musicological perspectives (i.e. publications within the past 30 years), to determine how up-to-date these exchanges are, and what exactly is currently provided in an undergraduate music major in classrooms. These case studies serve as representative samples to determine if, to what extent and how the worlds of modern musicological thought and performance education intertwine, hypothesising that the future of the relevance of musicology as a discipline may be contingent on bridging the gap between research and practice.

**Key words:** teaching structures, university, interdepartmental communication, pedagogy, interdepartmental structures

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intensive source research on programming practices of art song (Lied) and in the second half of the 19th century in Vienna creating a database of over 10,000 performances in Vienna. This formed the basis for her musicological dissertation at the University of Music and Performing Arts *Die Entwicklung des Kunstliedes im Wiener Konzertleben zwischen 1848 und 1897* [The Development of Art Concerts in Vienna between 1848 and 1897] which is currently being reworked into a book edited by Susan Youens. In her role as historical musicologist, VanderHart gave lectures last year at the Sorbonne, the University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna MDW, The Malta School of Music and the Institute for European Studies. She has publications for MDPI books, the Albert-Ludwigs-University Freiburg Centre for Popular Culture and Music and authored the lexicon article on Ernestine de Bauduin for MUGI (Music and Gender on the Internet). VanderHart is currently on faculty at the Vienna University of Music and Art).

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## **The Defence of Unbiased Musicology in the Wake of Modernisation: Learning from the Soviet Example and the Corrosive Power of Half-Truths**

Soviet musicologists regarded music as ‘a reflection and realisation of the surrounding reality’. Thus, they researched how music could and ultimately would lead to disastrous effects on the state of governmental control in the Soviet Union, specifically in regard to Stalin’s regime. The responsibility of musicologists was to determine the role that music played in its crafting of the model Soviet citizen, as music served the purpose as a tailor of the human condition and tool for musical propaganda via censorship.

In the Western world, musicology is used to enrich our understanding of the trends of music and elements of its construction concerning historical and biographical demarcations. As noble as these pursuits are, the future must lie in understanding the role of music in current mainstream society and how, through music, culture is being shaped in response to global dilemmas, on a national and international scale. The pertinent question is, how can musicology be free of coercive opinions and half-truths. How can we unanimously define ourselves as truth-tellers through the retelling of history and the analytical analysis of current trends without a bias skew? Musicology, if observed from a back to front traditional mindset, can be extremely telling in its commentary on the social climates it finds itself in and the regulatory influences it subjects itself to. In Russia, all was in service of the Party, now it has been emancipated from its political connotations, but perhaps not as thoroughly as one would hope if we conflate biased opinion with knowledge. When this occurs, musicology will be destroyed, as the -study of- will become seemingly separated from fact.

Musicology must uphold factually, evidenced-based conjecture, not feeling and opinions. The Russians banned artists based on belief; do we want that on a global scale?

**Key words:** Russian musicologists, Russian music, censorship, Soviet musicians, unbiased research, Soviet musicology

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## **Ethnomusicological Nationalism and Its Innocence in Times of Crisis**

The recognition of responsibility of ethnomusicology for participating in national mythologies stays today largely in the historiographic domain, as a common knowledge about the 19<sup>th</sup> century link between ethnomusicology and the creation of nation states, when even the seemingly most benign ventures of folk music collection had political undertones. At the



same time, contemporary support of discourses of nationalism in ethnomusicology remains unrecognised as problematic, often justified through the fact of its occurrence “in the field”. The question, however, remains, does (and to what extent) ethnomusicological fieldwork *describe* or *inscribe* nationalism into the music practices it explores?

In particular, we should question the benignity of ethnomusicological nationalism in countries with a very recent history of inter-ethnic conflicts, such as Croatia. Several contemporary Croatian examples illustrate the facility with which subtle nationalistic packaging of traditional music can be swiftly transformed into a weapon of discrimination. Similarly to the calls for de-colonising ethnomusicology in the countries with an imperialist past, is it perhaps time to make an attempt to abolish the inherent nationalism of Eastern European ethnomusicologies? Lastly, in the context of teaching, what would a curriculum for “de-nationalised” ethnomusicology or “de-nationalised” traditional music look like?

**Key words:** ethnomusicology, nationalism, “de-nationalising” curriculum

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## CONCERTS

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Jaman Suara Gamelan Ensemble

### Spaces In-Between

#### ***Lancaran Bindri (Vuprem oči)***

Hannah Pavlić, narrator

#### ***Ladrang Larasati***

#### **Lou Harrison: *Double Concerto for Violin, Cello and Javanese Gamelan***

I. *Ladrang Epikuros*

II. *Stampede*

III. *Gendhing Hephaestus*

Emil Gabrić, violin

Fran Leboš, cello

#### ***Jedna mala ružica***

Lucija Novosel, voice

#### ***The Gong Suite***

I. *Casting the Bronze*

II. *Forging the Gong*

III. *Tuning the Gong*

#### ***Jaranan***

## Spaces In-Between

It could be that music is nowhere to be found. Not on a piece of paper, not resting on an instrument, not even in one's own mind. Yet, it is possible that music is found in the spaces in-between: in-between the notes we play, or in-between the sounds we hear. In this concert, however, we are navigating through different kinds of spaces, the spaces in-between the cultures we live in and the cultures we learn about. Is there, maybe, some music to be found?

This concert comes as a response to the symposium's main theme, which recognises the crisis we as humans currently find ourselves in. How can a non-Javanese gamelan group contribute to the dialogue so needed nowadays to mitigate the crisis? Is there a repertoire we are allowed or not allowed to play? Can we legitimately create new music without a finger being pointed in our direction, saying "you are to be blamed, get off the stage!"? These are just some of the questions troubling not only our group, but the various ensembles of traditional music across the world as the conversations on colonial past and present, white privilege and decolonial efforts encompass different aspects of our lives more and more. Music is no exemption here, and in this concert, instead of lulling ourselves into a sense of false security of informed performance practice, we take a different path.

We begin with two pieces of standard *gendhing bonangan* repertoire, *Lancaran Bindri* and *Ladrang Larasati*. Recitation of lyrics of a traditional song from the Međimurje region, *Vuprem oči* (*I Look Up to the Skies High Above*), is directed towards the audience which knows the melody of the song. As the nature of the melody we cannot hear at the moment is pentatonic – just like gamelan tuning, despite the obvious differences in temperament – we have decided to leave the lyrics as a hint of what might happen later. Meanwhile, *Ladrang Larasati* represents the court style of playing within the walls of the Kraton Ngayogyakarta Hadiningrat Palace,

often described as being louder or less sophisticated when compared to the Solonese style of playing.

Introducing western instruments to the gamelan orchestra is not a new concept, let alone a Western idea, but it has a Western input of colonial past. In the royal palace of Yogyakarta, gamelan can be heard together with a marching band, performing the repertoire known as *gendhing gati*. While in *gendhing gati* marching band is assimilated to the forms of traditional *karawitan*, Lou Harrison's *Double Concerto for Violin, Cello, and Javanese Gamelan* intertwines the two (namely, gamelan and "the west") in a different way. *Ladrang Epikuros* and *Gendhing Hephaestus*, the first and last movement of the piece, offer the treatment of gamelan as orchestral accompaniment to the soloists, but such an accompaniment is still organised within traditional forms of *ladrang* and *gendhing*. At the same time, the soloists' parts are well within the classical mode of composition, and yet they follow the rules of the *panerusan* parts of the gamelan orchestra. In such a setting, the second movement works as a counterbalance. More on the context of this piece can be read in the following notes written by Jody Diamond, the director of the American Gamelan Institute and the director of the Mills College gamelan which premiered the piece in 1982:

*The Gamelan Music of Lou Harrison:  
Not "East-West", but "friends are best"*

*Of the 86 pieces Lou Harrison composed for gamelan, only a dozen have parts for European (sometimes called "western") instruments. Yet these are the Harrison compositions played most often in gamelan concerts around the world.*

*Why did Harrison combine instruments from these different traditions? You might read about his music being a "marriage of east and west," or a cross-cultural fusion. No, that's not it. Or maybe he wanted to include an instrument that an audience new to gamelan might be familiar with? Not his reason either. I do think that it is the familiarity with orchestral instruments that makes these pieces so popular with foreign audiences*

— at least there is one instrument they can follow, out of the complex multi-timbral texture the gamelan exudes. But that was not Lou Harrison's motivation for including them.

*I will tell you why Lou wrote these pieces. He loved the experience of playing in a gamelan, especially the sense of communal unity enjoyed by the players—each traveling in a unique time-sound-path to reach the moment the great gong plays, when everyone, for that instant, is playing the same note. Lou wanted his friends to experience the unique joy of playing together in this way. If a friend happened to be trained in violin, or piano, or saxophone, instead of a classical Javanese instrument, well, no problem, Lou would write a melody for their instrument, so they too could become one with the gamelan.*

*You may think of these parts as solos, because it is so easy to follow a familiar instrument. But in Javanese orchestration, there are no soloists. Every instrument — whether a gong marking a cycle of many beats, a metallophone with a steady stream of notes, or a violin playing a fulsome and enchanting melody that moves your soul — is equally important in the intricate sonic flow that Segovia compared to "moonlight and flowing water."*

*Our Javanese teacher, known familiarly as Pak Cokro (and formally as KRT Wasitodipuro and later KPH Notoprojo) invited Lou to write for the Javanese instruments residing for a term outside Lou's office at San Jose State University in California, knowing that Lou and his partner William Colvig had already begun to build a gamelan of their own, with aluminum keys instead of bronze or iron. When Lou, ecstatically accepting the invitation, prepared to compose for the first time on instruments from Java, my teacher, for whom I had been a teaching assistant for a decade, said "Jody, you better go help Lou, because he won't know what all the instruments are supposed to do." Lou composed the core melody of his first piece for Javanese gamelan, Bubaran Robert, in 1976; I helped him figure out the parts for all the other instruments, including the drums. That was the beginning of a quarter century in which I was Lou's teacher, arranger, gamelan director, and, above all, friend.*

*And tonight, as you ride the waves of the gamelan's sonority, you can imagine that you, too, have been invited into a friendship with Lou Harrison.*

For a moment, excuse the author of these notes for taking a rather personal approach to the next piece. Sometimes the moments of nostalgia can be the most fruitful ones. Such was one of the evenings during my studies in Yogyakarta, when it first occurred to me that maybe there is something in common between home and Java. I listened to a *gendhing* featuring a *pesindhen* (female vocalist) when I got the idea of combining a Croatian traditional song with the sound of gamelan. The song in question, *Nema lepšeg kak malo Međimurje* (*There's Nothing More Beautiful Than Međimurje*), while belonging to a different tradition than my own, is in fact one of the songs of my childhood which was partially spent in a folklore ensemble learning the choreographies I still know by heart. In the arrangement *Jedna mala ružica* (*A Little Rose*), the melody is transposed to *slendro* and its variation is presented in *pelog* in the central section of the piece.

*The Gong Suite* is one of the pieces created by the whole ensemble for the performance at Music Biennale Zagreb in 2019, in which we imagine the process of gong-making through its three movements. In this piece, we move away from the traditional form of *karawitan* and each member contributes to the final sound by re-imagining the function of the instrument assigned to him/her. Some traditional techniques of playing, like *imbalan*, can still be heard, but in this piece – which is revised for every performance – they are transformed by being played on different instruments.

The last piece on the programme tonight is an arrangement of the popular Javanese song *Jaranan*. While in fact a children's song, it is frequently heard as an accompaniment to the *kuda lumping* (literally: "flat horse") dance, in which dancers reach the state of trance by "riding" small horses made of woven bamboo. In our arrangement, we have tried to retain the beat of the dance in sung episodes and move away from it in instrumental sections.

Julija Novosel

## Jaman Suara Gamelan Ensemble

In 2015, several students from the Department of Musicology at the Academy of Music in Zagreb started to attend a gamelan course at the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia, where they were learning the art of gamelan playing from Dr Johannes Radjaban. Months later, they held their first performance at the over-crowded small concert hall of the Academy, and under the name *Terbangun Matahari* they performed at the 49th International Folklore Festival in Zagreb in 2016. Upon returning from her studies in Yogyakarta in 2018, Julija Novosel began teaching gamelan at the Embassy. Some of the first members re-joined the course, accompanied by a number of interested students, many of whom are also students of musicology. In 2019, they formed the *Jaman Suara Gamelan Ensemble* and gave their first performance at the tourist promotion event organised by the Embassy. Other performances soon followed, most notably at the Music Biennale Zagreb, where the Ensemble premiered its own compositions for gamelan. In the same year, they held an evening concert along with the vocal ensemble *Harmonija dissonance* at the Academy of Music, Zagreb. In 2020, *Jaman Suara* held two performances at the 54th International Folklore Festival in Zagreb, followed by the performance at the 18th International Festival of Traditional Instruments in Buševac. The *Jaman Suara Gamelan Ensemble* focuses on a traditional repertoire performed in Yogyanese style, as well as creating new pieces through collaborative work of all members. Currently, members of the Ensemble are: Sara Blažev, Luis Camacho Montealegre, Ena Hadžiomerović, Klara Kosić, Francesco Mazzoleni, Lucija Novosel, Francesca Paleka, Hannah Pavlić, Damjan Roce, Nikola Trputec, and Julija Novosel (artistic leader).



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