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AREAS OF INTEREST | EXPERTISE

I work at the intersection of socio-cultural anthropology and archaeology. My interdisciplinary research explores the socio-political organization of non-state societies in eastern Mediterranean prehistory from socio-cultural anthropological perspectives. Based on a qualitative, controlled comparison of archaeological and ethnographic material, I aim at uncovering shared patterns and drawing new insights into prehistoric social organization. My research interests comprise household and socio-political organization, kinship, gender, and cross-cultural perspectives.

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Department for Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Vienna, Austria, 2021. Thesis Title: *Households at the dawn of the Bronze Age: Anthropological contextualizations of local social organization within the Aegean basin*. Adviser: Prof. Dr. Andre Gingrich.
- M.A. Department for Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Vienna, Austria, 2015.
- B.A. Department for Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, 2012.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2023–2026 Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, Illinois and Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Global Fellow
- 2021–2023 Austrian Academy of Sciences, Austrian Archaeological Institute, Vienna, Austria
- 2020–2021 University of Art and Design Linz, International Research Center for Cultural Studies (IFK), Junior Fellow, Vienna, Austria
- 2016–2020 University of Vienna, Department for Social and Cultural Anthropology, Research Fellow, Vienna, Austria

VISITING FELLOWSHIPS

- 2023 Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Department 'Anthropology of Economic Experimentation', Visting Researcher, Halle/Saale, Germany (1 month)
- 2021 Austrian Archaeological Institute in Athens, Visiting Researcher, Athens, Greece (3 months)
- 2019 Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Department 'Resilience and Transformation in Eurasia', Halle/Saale, Germany (6 months)
- 2010/11 Yeditepe University, Anthropology Department, ERASMUS Exchange Student, Istanbul, Turkey.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Cveček, Sabina

- 2022 *Çukuriçi Höyük 4: Household economics in the Early Bronze Age Aegean*, Oriental and European Archaeology 25, Austrian Academy of Sciences Press.
<https://doi.org/10.1553/978OEAW87332> (324 pages)

Refereed Journal Articles

Cveček, Sabina

- 2023 No Place Like Home for Metalworkers: Household-based Metal Production at Early Bronze Age Çukuriçi Höyük and Beyond, *History and Anthropology*.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/02757206.2023.2248169>

Cveček, Sabina and Christoph Schwall

- 2022 Ghost Children: Delayed Personhood and Culture-Specific Models of Infancy in Western Anatolia, *Praehistorische Zeitschrift* 97(2), 544–570. <https://doi.org/10.1515/pz2022-2044>

Cveček, Sabina

- 2020 Throwing their Weights around? Anthropological Perspectives on Commodity and Gift Exchange at the Dawn of the Early Bronze Age in Western Anatolia, *Ägypten und Levante/Egypt and the Levant*, 283–300. <http://doi.org/10.1553/AEundL30s283>

Book Chapters

Cveček, Sabina and Barbara Horejs

- 2021 A View from Çukuriçi: Multiple, Co-Existing Models of Socio-Political Organization in Early Bronze Age Western Anatolia. In: Akkaş, I.; Karakoç, M. (Eds.), *Anadolu'da Ethnoarkeoloji Araştırmaları: Prehistorik Dönem'den Günümüze Kadar. Ethnoarchaeological Studies in Anatolia: From the Prehistoric Period to the Present*; Istanbul: Duruk Publishing, 466–496.

Conference Proceedings

Cveček, Sabina and Stephanie Emra

- 2021 Rhythms of Seasonal 'Taskscapes' at Early Bronze Age Çukuriçi Höyük, In: Rom, I.; Turner, D.; Filioglou, D.; Slim, F.; Beld, Y. van den (Eds.), *Breaking Boundaries: Connecting the Aegean Bronze Age: Proceedings of the 3rd Scapecon Conference*, TMA Supplement 2. The Tijdschrift voor Mediterrane Archeologie (Journal of Mediterranean Archaeology), 42–49.

Book Reviews

Cveček, Sabina

- 2018 Antweiler, C. 2016: Our common denominator: human universals revisited' New York: Berghahn Books. *Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale* 26(2): 269-270.
<http://doi.org/10.1111/1469-8676.12498>

Manuscripts in Submission

Cveček, Sabina

Enthroned, Dethroned, Rethroned: The Multiple Lives of Matrilineal Kinship in Aegean Prehistory, *Archaeological Dialogues*.

Cveček, Sabina

Kinship in Socio-Cultural Anthropology Today: A Short Introduction. In: Souvatzi, S.; Ensor, B. (Eds.), *Prehistoric Kinship: Contemporary Perspectives in Archaeology and Bioarchaeology*, Cambridge University Press.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Cveček, Sabina and Barbara Horejs (eds.)

The Seasonal and the Material: Anthropology of Seasonal Practices. *Anthropos* (special issue).

Cveček, Sabina and Barbara Horejs

Introduction: The Seasonal and the Material: Anthropology of Seasonal Practices In: Cveček, S., Horejs, B. (eds.), *The Seasonal and the Material: Anthropology of Seasonal Practices. Anthropos*.

Other Publications

Cveček, Sabina

- 2023 Bronzezeitliche Haushalte aus sozialanthropologischer Sicht/Bronze Age households from a socio-anthropological point of view, [Der Standard](#) (an Austrian daily newspaper published in Vienna).

Cveček, Sabina

- 2021 Metalworking as a household activity at the Early Bronze Age site of Çukuriçi Höyük, *IFK_Now*, 6–7, (IFK newsletter in hard copy).

Cveček, Sabina

- 2021 Magische Schmiedekunst: Die Rolle der Frauen/Magic Forging: The Role of Women,

[ORF-Science](#) (Science blog of the Austrian national public broadcaster).

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2022 Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland, London, United Kingdom, Elected Fellow.
- 2021 University of Vienna, Vienna Doctoral School of Social Sciences (ViDSS), Vienna, Austria, [Best PhD Thesis/sowi:doc Award](#) (1,500€)
- Nom. The American Ethnological Society's [Sharon Stephens Prize 2023](#) for a junior scholar's first book
- Nom. American Society of Overseas Research (ASOR) [G. Ernest Wright Book Award 2023](#)
- Nom. Society for Anthropological Sciences [Carol R. Ember Book Prize 2023](#)

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS (approx. 916,000.00 € of third-party funding until 08/2023)

- 2023 European Commission, [Marie Skłodowska-Curie Global Fellowship](#), project application: "X-KIN: Exploring patterns of prehistoric kinship from socio-cultural anthropological perspectives" (PI: S. Cveček), (€ 294,284.64)
- 2023 Austrian Academy of Sciences, [APART-GSK Postdoctoral Fellowship](#), project application: "(Un)Related: Contextualizing Neolithic non-biological relations from socio-cultural anthropological perspectives" (PI: S. Cveček), (€ 328,000 – declined due to MSCA Global Fellowship)
- 2023 Gerda Henkel Foundation, [Gerda Henkel Stiftung Forschungstipendium](#), project application: "So close, yet so far: Contextualizing non-biological relations in Anatolian and Balkan Neolithic from socio-cultural anthropological perspectives" (PI: S. Cveček), (€ 55,200)
- 2023 City of Vienna, MA 7, [City of Vienna Grant](#), project application: "Three Karls in Hindo-Kush: Retrieving Vienna-based legacy from shadows of the past" (PI: S. Cveček), (€ 5,000)
- 2022 Austrian Academy of Sciences, [Holzhausen Legat Grant](#), project application: "Toxicity 5,000 years ago: The (un)making of toxic homes at Çukuriçi Höyük, Turkey" (PI: S. Cveček), (€ 6,000)
- 2022 Austrian Academy of Sciences, [Open Access Fund](#) (€ 4,153.26)
- 2021 University of Vienna, Department for Social and Cultural Anthropology, Printing Costs (1,000€)
- 2020 Austrian Academy of Sciences, [Post-DocTrack Fellowship](#) (85076), project application: "Households at the dawn of the Bronze Age: Anthropological contextualizations of local social organization within the Aegean basin", (PI: S. Cveček), (€ 38,000)
- 2020 Austrian Academy of Sciences, [Athens Fellowship](#), project application: "Re-exploring matrilineal societies in Aegean prehistory" (PI: S. Cveček), (€ 6,500)
- 2020 University of Ljubljana, [Tumova Fellowship](#), (€ 4,500)
- 2020 International Research Center for Cultural Studies, [IFK Junior Fellowship](#), Vienna (€ 40,000 – declined after 5 months due to Post-DocTrack Fellowship)
- 2020 Austrian Research Foundation (ÖFG), [Travel Grant](#), (€ 500)

- 2018 Agency for Education and Internationalisation (OeaD), [Marietta Blau Grant](#), project application: „Early Bronze Age Maritime Networks: Elite or non-elite exchange“, (PI: S. Cveček) (€ 12,000)
- 2016 Austrian Academy of Sciences, [DOC-team Fellowship](#) (70291), project application: “The Role of Households at the Dawn of the Bronze Age: Contextualizing Social Organization” (PI: S. Cveček, Sabina; Emra, Stephanie; Röcklinger, Maria, and Constanze Moser), (€ 114,000)
- 2016 University of Ljubljana, [Knaflijeva Fellowship](#) (€ 4,320)
- 2013 University of Vienna, [Research Grant](#) for M.A. fieldwork (€ 3,000)

INVITED TALKS

- 2023 *Descent through Socio-Cultural Anthropological Eyes: Capturing the “Social” in Kinship Models*, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Department of Archaeogenetics, Leipzig, Germany
- 2023 *From Households to Society: Zooarchaeological and Cross-Cultural Perspectives at Early Bronze Age Çukuriçi Höyük* (with Stephanie Emra), University of Cologne, Department of Prehistoric Archaeology, Cologne, Germany
- 2021 *Metalworkers’ Homes: Food, Arsenic-Copper, and Knowledge Sharing*, International Research Center for Cultural Studies (IFK), University of Art and Design Linz, Vienna, Austria

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Conference/Workshop Organized

- 2018 *Household Archaeology in Old World Prehistory: An Interdisciplinary Approach*, OREA – Oriental and European Archaeology, Austrian Academy of Sciences, International Workshop, Workshop co-organizer (7 international speakers), November 21–23, Vienna, Austria

Panels Organized

- 2024 *Kinship Trouble: Traversing interdisciplinary Boundaries between Archaeology, Archaeogenetics, and Socio-cultural Anthropology*. American Institute of Archaeology (AIA) Annual Meeting 2024, January 4–7, Chicago, IL, United States. Workshop co-organizer (6 international speakers, 2 co-organizers).
- 2023 *Reconstructing Kinship Practices in Archaeology: Materiality, Socio-cultural Anthropology, and Archaeogenetics*. American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Meeting 2023, November 15–19, Toronto, Canada. Panel organizer and chair (6 international speakers, 1 discussant),
- 2022 *The Seasonal and the Material: Anthropology of Seasonal Practices*.), VANDA: Vienna Anthropology Days, September 26–30, Vienna, Austria. Panel co-organizer (6 international speakers).

2018 *Theorizing social change: social organization, complexity, and inequality*. VANDA: Vienna Anthropology Days, September 19–21, Vienna, Austria. Panel co-organizer (3 speakers, 1 discussant)

Papers Presented

- 2024 *How Socio-Cultural Anthropology can Engage with Prehistoric Kinship*, Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) Annual Meeting, 2024, January 4–7, Chicago, IL, United States.
- 2023 *X-KIN: Exploring Patterns of Prehistoric Kinship from Socio-Cultural Anthropological Perspectives*, American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Meeting 2023, November 15–19, Toronto, Canada.
- 2023 *Kinship from Cross-Cultural Perspectives: A Mixed Methods Approach to the Seemingly Quantitative Issue*, European Association of Archaeologists (EAA) Annual Meeting 2023, August 30–September 2, Belfast, United Kingdom.
- 2023 *Matrilineal/Patrilineal: Diversities within a Single Kinship Model*, Kiel Conference 2023 – Scales of Social, Environmental and cultural Change in Past Societies, March 13–18, Kiel, Germany.
- 2022 *Egalitarian, Hierarchical, or Heterarchical Society? Competition and Sharing at the Dawn of the Bronze Age in Western Anatolia*, European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA) Annual Meeting 2022, July 26–29, Belfast, United Kingdom.
- 2022 *Çukuriçi Höyük: Household economics in the Early Bronze Age Aegean*, WAC-9: World Archaeology Congress, July 3–8, Prague, Czech Republic.
- 2022 *Kinship and Relatedness in Socio-Cultural Anthropology: Yesterday and Today*, WAC-9: World Archaeology Congress, July 3–8, Prague, Czech Republic.
- 2022 *Homes in the Making at the Dawn of Accountancy and Metrology in western Anatolia* (with Barbara Horejs), Notes from Home: An International Virtual Conference on the History and Archaeology of the Home, June 16, New Castle, United Kingdom (virtual).
- 2021 *Tiny world and Neolithic society: New insight from the house model of Platia Magoula Zarkou/Western Thessaly, Greece*, (with Eva Alram-Stern), European Association of Archaeologists (EAA) 2021, September 6–11, Kiel, Germany (virtual).
- 2021 *Mr. or Mrs. Smith? Metalworking as Gendered Craft in (pre)History?*, SIEF 2021: International Society for Ethnology and Folklore, June 19–24, Helsinki, Finland, (virtual).
- 2021 *Ghost Children: Fluid Identities of Children in Prehistoric western Anatolia*, (with Christoph Schwall), Theoretical Archaeology Group, TAG-Turkey III, May 6–9, Ankara, Turkey (virtual).
- 2020 *Negotiation and Interaction in EBA Çukuriçi Höyük: Differing Solutions to Competing 'Scapes' with the Beginning of Rising Inequality* (with Stephanie Emra.), No (E)Scape? Relational Archaeology in the Aegean Bronze Age, September 22, 29, and October 6, Groningen, Netherlands (virtual).
- 2020 *Toxic Households: Arsenical Copper Production at the Centre of the House*, Royal Anthropological Institute, Anthropology and Geography: Dialogues Past, Present and Future, September 14–18, London, United Kingdom (virtual).

- 2018 *Social Dynamics at the Dawn of the Bronze Age: Archaeo-anthropological Insights from Western Anatolia* (with Maria Röcklinger), VANDA: Vienna Anthropology Days, September 19–21, Vienna, Austria.
- 2017 *Eastern Mediterranean Households in the Early Bronze Age*, Roots of Europe: Language, Culture, and Migration, Summer School, July 24–August 6, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 2017 *Two EBA Trade Models between Anatolia and Aegean in late Early and Middle Bronze Age: Some Analyses of Finds through Cross-Cultural Comparison*, Graduate Archaeology at Oxford Conference, March 10–11, Oxford, United Kingdom.

Discussant

- 2021 *Architecture, Art and Symbols: Morality in Prehistoric Societies*, Society and Morality in Eurasia: from Prehistory to the Present Day, *Discussant*, July 7–9, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany (virtual).
- 2019 *Final Discussion*, Autumn School of the International Max Planck Research School for the Anthropology, Archaeology, and History of Eurasia (IMPRS ANARCHIE), 4th cohort: Representing Domination, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, November 14–15, Halle/Saale, Germany.

CAMPUS OR DEPARTMENTAL TALKS

- 2019 *Room 18: The Evidence of Socio-Political Centralization at Çukuriçi Höyük from Socio-Cultural Anthropological Perspectives*, Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Department for Prehistoric Archaeology and Archaeology of the Middle Ages, Colloquium led by Prof. Dr. François Bertemes.
- 2019 *Coppersmiths, Homes, and Economies at the Dawn of the 'long 3rd Millennium BCE' in Western Anatolia*, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany, Departmental Seminar led by Prof. Dr. Chris Hann.
- 2018 *Households at the Dawn of the Bronze Age* (with Stephanie Emra, Maria Röcklinger, Constanze Moser), OREA – Oriental and European Archaeology, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Research Group Meeting led by Prof. Dr. Barbara Horejs.
- 2016 *Households at the dawn of the Bronze Age: Anthropological contextualizations of local social organization within the Aegean basin*, Department for Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Vienna, Departmental Seminar.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 Austrian Academy of Sciences, Austrian Archaeological Institute, Advisory board meeting at the Institute for the Oriental and European Archaeology, Vienna (with Stephanie Emra, Constanze Moser, and Maria Röcklinger)
- 2017 Austrian Academy of Sciences, Award Ceremony, Vienna (with Stephanie Emra, Constanze Moser, and Maria Röcklinger)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2020 University of Vienna, Department for Social and Cultural Anthropology, Graduate Course, Guest Lecture, *Prehistoric Households and Social Inequality: Socio-Cultural Anthropological Perspectives* in Tijo Salverda's seminar (*In)equality: A critical investigation*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2023 Library Research at the MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany (1 month)
2021 Library Research at the Austrian Archaeological Institute in Athens, Greece, research visit to Neolithic and Early Bronze Age sites in mainland Greece and Cyclades (3 months)
2019 Research visit to the Bronze Age and Neolithic sites in South-Eastern Anatolia, Turkey (1 month)
2019 Library Research at the MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany (6 months)
2018 Archaeological fieldwork at the OeAI in Selçuk, Turkey, research visit to Çukuriçi Höyük and other Early Bronze Age regional sites (3 months)
2017 Archaeological fieldwork at the Diachronic Museum in Larissa, Greece, research visit to Platia Magoula Zarkou and other Early Bronze Age and Neolithic regional sites (1 month)
2013 Ethnographic fieldwork in New Delhi, a basis for MA thesis (6 months)
2010 Ethnographic fieldwork in Rameswaram, India, a basis for a seminar paper (1 month)

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

2023–2026 Co-chair of the Archaeology and Gender in Europe (AGE) network of the European Association of Archaeologists (EAA)

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

2023 [Peers4Careers Accountability Programme](#), Ludwig Boltzmann Gesellschaft, Vienna, Austria (6 months)
2023 [Project Management Training](#), University of Graz, Vienna, Austria (296 hours)
2022 [Fit4Funding virtual course](#), The Austrian Research Promotion Agency, Vienna, Austria (30 hours)
2021 [HRAF Summer Institute for Cross-Cultural Anthropological Research](#), HRAF – Human Relations Area Files at Yale University, USA (90 hours)
2017 [Summer School](#), *Roots of Europe: Language, culture and migrations, an interdisciplinary summer school in archaeology, ancient genetics, linguistics, and socio-cultural anthropology*, University of Copenhagen, Denmark (80 hours)

OUTREACH

2023 [Book presentation](#), Metallurgen, Seefahrer und Händler vor 5000 Jahren: Präsentation der neuen Abschlusspublikationen zu den Grabungen auf dem Çukuriçi Höyük/Metallurgists, seafarers and traders 5000 years ago: Presentation of the new

final publications on the excavations at the Çukuriçi Höyük, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria

- 2023 [Science Slam](#), Rising Voices – Social Scientists on Stage: Celebration of the sowi:doc Awards 2022 and Semester Closing of the Vienna Doctoral School of Social Sciences, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria
- 2022 [Sowi:Doc Award Acceptance Speech](#), Rising Voices – Social Science Interventions on Controversial Topics, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria

MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2021 Interview for the Slovakian National Radio, Studio World radio reportage, and a [podcast](#).

LANGUAGES

Slovenian: native speaker

English: excellent reading, speaking, and writing

German: excellent reading, excellent speaking, and good writing

Serbo-Croatian: excellent reading, very good speaking, and good writing

Hindi: basic reading, speaking, and writing

MENTORING EXPERIENCE

- 2023/24 Mentee, ASciNA – Austrian Scientists & Scholars in North America, [Mentoring Programme](#). Mentor: Prof. Dr. Walter Scheidel, Stanford University, USA
- 2023 Mentee, EAA – European Archaeological Association, [Early Career Archaeologists Mentoring Programme](#). Mentor: Prof. Dr. Anna Wessman, Department of Cultural History, University of Bergen, Norway
- 2022 Mentee, Mentoring Programme of the Austrian Academy of Sciences. Mentor: Em. Prof. Dr. Brigitte Mazohl, University of Innsbruck, Institute for Historical Sciences and European Ethnology
- 2022 Mentor, [Mentoring Programme of the University of Ljubljana](#). Mentees: Eva Poklukar, Gašper Raušl, Besjana Rrahmani, B.Aa and M.A. students in Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, University of Ljubljana

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS (since)

- 2023 SAA – Society for American Archaeology, Member
- 2023 AIA – American Institute of Archaeology, Member
- 2022 RAI – Royal Anthropological Institute, Elected Fellow
- 2021 AAA – American Association of Anthropologists, Member
- 2021 EAA – European Association of Archaeologists, Member
- 2020 SIEF – International Society for Ethnology and Folklore, Member
- 2016 EASA – European Association of Social Anthropologists, Member