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Holistic Feminist Safety

Technology-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence · Research · Policy · Education

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Researcher, educator, journalist and consultant with more than fifteen years of experience across women's rights and human rights. Her practice connects research, public policy, professional education, digital safety, media and feminist communication. Technology-facilitated gender-based violence is a central field of expertise within a wider practice concerned with women's lives, structural inequality and resistance across analogue and digital environments.

Expertise

Holistic feminist safety and resistance. Physical, digital, psychosocial, legal, institutional, economic and public-space dimensions of safety and autonomy.

Technology-facilitated gender-based violence. Digital harassment, cyberstalking, technology-enabled coercive control, non-consensual intimate content, doxxing, impersonation, coordinated attacks and sexual deepfakes.

Research, law and public policy. Qualitative and mixed-method research, legal and institutional analysis, policy recommendations, strategic planning and international monitoring.

Digital safety, evidence and public knowledge. Digital self-defence, evidence preservation, survivor-centred response, professional training, media ethics and accessible feminist communication.

Selected impact

National Analytical Document on Violence Against Women and Technology-Facilitated Violence in Serbia

Center for Women's Support · 2026 · National expert and author

National analysis of legal frameworks, institutional responsibilities, services, evidence, digital forensics and access to justice; foundation for a regional training curriculum.

Women's Guide to Digital Self-Defence

Center for Green Policies and Feminism from the Gym (Feminizam iz teretane) · 2026 · Author

Practical feminist guidance on recognising digital violence, preserving evidence, protecting accounts and making safer next-step decisions without victim-blaming.

Training for Justice Professionals on Applying the Istanbul Convention to Digital Violence

Fenomena · 2026 · Trainer and report author

Specialist training for judges, prosecutors and lawyers on digital violence, Istanbul Convention standards, digital evidence and institutional response.

Public-Space Safety Research and Institutional Recommendations

(Don't) Be Afraid of the Dark (Ne plaši se mraka) · 2025 · Co-founder and co-author

Two analyses, a public manifesto and SOS recommendations connecting women's testimonies, public transport, collective resistance and institutional responsibility.

Digital Superheroines

Jelena Šantić Foundation and Women's Rights Centre · 2024 · Lead researcher and author

The first study of feminist digital activism in Serbia and Montenegro, mapping practices, barriers, platform risks and forms of collective care.

Glossary of Technology-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence

UNFPA Serbia · 2022 · National consultant and author

A shared terminology resource for institutions, media, civil society, researchers and service providers.

Track record

Designed and delivered more than 75 trainings, lectures and educational sessions for justice professionals, institutions, civil society, journalists, activists, students, educators and first-line support providers. Journalist and author since 2015, published in Balkan Insight, Media Diversity Institute, Mašina, Elle, Libela and other outlets.

Collaborations include UNFPA, UN Women, UNDP, OSCE, ILGA World, Westminster Foundation for Democracy, SHARE Foundation, BIRN, the Jelena Šantić Foundation, the Center for Women's Studies, the Autonomous Women's Center, NGO Atina and the Center for Women's Support.

Selected publications

Women's Guide to Digital Self-Defence: How to Recognise Digital Violence, Protect Yourself and Know You Are Not Alone (2026)

National Analytical Document on Violence Against Women and Technology-Facilitated Violence in Serbia (2026)

How Afraid Are We of the Dark? (Koliko se plašimo mraka?) (2025)

How Safe Is Your Ride? (Koliko je sigurna tvoja vožnja?) (2025)

Digital Superheroines: The First Study of Feminist Digital Activism in Serbia and Montenegro (2024)

Glossary of Technology-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence, UNFPA Serbia (2022)

Revenge Porn: Comparative Analysis in South East Europe, with Bojana Kostić and Jennifer Adams (2022)

Guidelines on Media Reporting on Violence Against Women, with Jovana Gligorijević and Sanja Pavlović (2021)

Education

PhD candidate, Cultural and Media Studies

Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Belgrade · 2017–present

MA in Gender Studies

Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Belgrade · 2015–2016 · summa cum laude

BA in Sociology

Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade · 2009–2015

Recognition

Anđelka Milić Award

Feminist theory and practice · 2026

PRačka Award for Creative Communication

Contribution to The Synchronized (Ujednačene) · 2025

Brave Steps Award

Jelena Šantić Foundation · 2022

Collaboration

Available for research, public-policy analysis, institutional mapping, training curricula, capacity building, digital safety, digital evidence, guides and glossaries, feminist communication, media analysis, moderation and international monitoring. More work and public resources: hristina.rs