

Application for a:	Incoming Scheme NEWFELPRO Fellowship for experienced researcher
Proposal Acronym:	Weaving socialism
Proposal Title:	Weaving socialism: an oral history of the garment industry in Croatia, from post-war industrialisation to post-socialist deindustrialisation.
Research area(s):	Social Sciences and Humanities SOC
Research sub-disciplines:	Social structure - inequalities - social mobility Human and social geography Modern and contemporary history Social - economic - cultural and political history Collective memories - identities - lieux de mémoire - oral history Cultural heritage
Category of research:	basic
Duration in months:	24
Keywords:	Garment industry, Croatia, textile workers, industrialisation, socialism, gender, labour, post-socialist transition, deindustrialisation, collective memory, oral history
Abstract:	This study investigates the phenomena of socialist industrialisation and post-socialist deindustrialisation in the former Yugoslavia, with a specific focus on the Croatian garment industry (Varteks in Varaždin, Arena in Pula, Kamensko in Zagreb). The traditionally feminised textile industry thrived under socialism, and was a key component of the industrialisation process. After the break-up of Yugoslavia and the collapse of socialism, however, a process of deindustrialisation started, deeply affecting the textile sector and its employees. This interdisciplinary oral history project will shed light on the impact of global socio-economic changes on the daily lives of post-Yugoslav citizens, considering particularly changes in women's lives. Through in-depth oral interviews with textile workers, the project will investigate shifting practices of labour and consumption in Croatia from 1945 to the present days, and assess their impact of these shifts on gender relations.
Does this proposal possess any of the sensitive ethical issues detailed in ethical issues table?	Yes