**CURRICULUM VITAE**

**DR. SIMONA KRALJ-FIŠER**

**PERSONAL DATA**

* Born: 4 October 1976 in Ljubljana
* Nationality: Slovenian
* Active language skills: Slovenian, English, Croatian and German

**EDUCATION**

* Diploma: University of Ljubljana (Biotechnical Faculty), Ljubljana, Slovenia, 2002. Field of study: Ethology.
* PhD: University of Ljubljana (Biotechnical Faculty), Ljubljana, Slovenia, 2002: Personality in male greylag geese (*Anser anser*), mentor Prof. Dr. Tine Valentinčič, Ph.D. Dr. Kotrschal University of Vienna). Field: Ethology.
* Postdoctoral training: University of Hamburg (Department of Behavioral Biology), Hamburg, Germany, 2010-2011. Mentor Prof. Dr. Jutta Schneider. Field: Ethology.
* Postdoctoral training: ZRC SAZU (Biological Institute), Ljubljana, Slovenia, 2011-2013. Field: Ethology.

**TITLES**

* Associate Professor of Biology, University of Primorska, Slovenia, 2018-2023.
* Assistant Professor of Ethology, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, 2018-2023.
* Senior Research Fellow Scientific Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Ljubljana (ZRC SAZU), Slovenia, 2021-2026.

**EMPLOYMENTS**

* January 2003 - January 1, 2004: PhD student, Konrad Lorenz Research Station for Ethology, Grünau, & University of Vienna, Austria.
* 2 November 2006 - 31 August 2010: Young researcher; Assistant with PhD at the Scientific Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Ljubljana, Slovenia (mentor Dr. Kuntner).
* September 1, 2010 - February 28, 2011: Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Behavioral Biology, University of Hamburg, Germany (mentor Prof. Dr. Jutta Schneider).
* March 1,2011 - present: (Senior) Research Fellow at the Scientific Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Ljubljana, Slovenia.
* October 1,2013 - present: Lecturer in Behavioral Genetics at the University of Primorska, Slovenia

**RESEARCH**

* Behavioral biology: individual differences in animal behavior, sexual behavior and behavioral plasticity, the relationship between behavior and stress response
* Evolution: evolution of sexual behavior and sexual dimorphism, quantitative genetics of behavior and body size; maternal effects.
* Ecology: behavior and life- histories in ecology, especially in the field of urban changed environment; maternal effects.

**ACADEMIC EXCHANGES**

* Research work, Konrad Lorenz Research Station für Ethologie, Grünau, Austria, 1.8.2006-31.8.2006.
* Research work, Department of Behavioral Biology, University of Singapore, 25.4.-25.5.2007.
* Research work, Department of Behavioral Biology, University of Singapore, 17.12.2008-17.1.2009.

**LEADERSHIP FUNCTIONS**

* Head of the Biodiversity Program Group: Patterns, Processes, Predictions and Conservation (ARRS P1-0236) (2020-present).
* Head of Behavioral Research of the Group for Evolutionary Zoology (2018 - present), Scientific Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Ljubljana, Slovenia.
* Coordinator of the module Biodiversity and Evolution, Master's study of the 2nd level of Earth and Environmental Sciences of the Postgraduate School ZRC SAZU (2020 - present).
* Coordinator of the module Biodiversity and Ecology, doctoral study of the 3rd level Environmental and regional studies of the Postgraduate School ZRC SAZU (2020 - present).

**RESEARCH PROJECTS**

* Biodiversity Program: Patterns, Processes, Predictions and Conservation (ARRS P1-0236), 2020 - present.
* Responsible for the implementation of the project Evolutionary Dead End: Traps of Extreme Phenotypes (ARRS J1-9163) at ZRC-SAZU, 2018 - present.
* Responsible for the implementation of the Variable Selection project maintains a phenotypic polymorphism: an empirical study on surface and subterranean crustaceans (ARRS N1-0069) at ZRC-SAZU, 2017 - 2021.
* ARRS postdoctoral project: The role of behavioral mechanisms for species invasiveness (Z1-4194), 2011-2013.
* Humboldt Foundation Return Fellowship: Assortative Mating by Personality in the Web Spider, 2011.
* Humboldt's postdoctoral research project: The role of consistent individual differences in the invasiveness of the spider *Larinioides sclopetarius* and their significance for the structure of the urban community, 2010-2011.

**TEACHING AND MENTORING**

* Behavioral Genetics lecturer (2013 to present), University of Primorska, Faculty of Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Information Technologies (FAMNIT UP), Slovenia.
* Completed mentorships for doctoral students: Shakira Quinones-Lebron, Biotechnical Faculty, University of Ljubljana (BF UL), 2020 (co-mentor).
* Ongoing mentorships for doctoral students: Eva Turk (BF UL), Rok Golobinek (BF UL).
* Completed mentorships for master's theses: Urška Pristovšek (BF UL, 2013), Nina Šramel (FAMNIT UP, 2017); Tina Cokan (FAMNIT UP, 2017), Lučka Vavpotič (FAMNIT UP, 2017), Rok Golobinek (BF UL, 2018), Klavdija Šuen (BF UL, 2019), Špela Ocvirk (FAMNIT UP, 2019), Janko Šet (BF UL, 2020), Katarina Štamulak (FAMNIT UP, 2021), Lea Krajnc (FAMNIT UP, 2021).
* Ongoing supervision of master's theses: Neža Gabrovšek (FAMNIT UP).
* Completed supervision of diploma theses: Nastja Ugrin (FAMNIT UP, 2017); Lara Samojlenko (FAMNIT

**OUTREACH**

* Academic editorial board: editorial board at Hacquetia (2009-present)
* Conference programme committee member: 27th European Congress of Arachnology, Ljubljana, Slovenia (2012); 15th Conference of the International Society for Behavioral Ecology (ISBE), New York, USA; 31st European Congress of Arachnology, Vac, Hungary (2018), student award committee: International Congress of Arachnology (2019), New Zealand.
* Peer review: Proceeding of the Royal Society B, American Naturalist, Journal of Animal Ecology, Evolutionary Ecology, Evolution and Ecology, Journal of Evolutionary Biology, Biology Letters, Scientific Reports, Animal Behaviour, Behavioral Ecology, Behavioral Ecology and Sociobiology, Ethology, Behaviour, Hormones and Behavior, Behavioral Processes, Physiology and Behavior, Plos One, Conservation Biology, Animal Cognition, Current Zoology, Naturwissenschaften, Zoology, Journal of Arachnology (<https://publons.com/author/1140577/simona-kralj-fiser#profile>)

**AWARDS**

* Best young researcher (2010): Scientific Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Ljubljana, Slovenia.
* Best poster award at 27th European Congress of Arachnology, Ljubljana, Slovenia, 2012. Authors: Pristovšek, Urška, Kralj-Fišer, Simona, Kuntner, Matjaž.

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