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Overview An unconventional scholar-practitioner whose work bridges advisory, artistic, architectural, design, and educational practice – bringing extensive academic grounding to a research focus on hybrid sustainability models, where humanity and life quality are studied as the foundation of a broader humanistic project, e.g., at the intersection of theory and practice merge in research, and trans- and interdisciplinary inquiry methods.
My personal website https://sumkovski.com/ provides insight into my current activities and personal background.

Education & professional experience

* Program Advisor and Promotor for EUROPA PRIMA University https://www.europaprima.com/en/
* Art Advisor at MedILS-Mediterranean Institute for Life Sciences www.medils.org
* Corporate Communications Designer and Partner at convooi www.convooi.com
* Educator and Head of Area at KISD Köln International School of Design www.kisd.de
* Senior Advisor and Planning and Development at ATG-Macedonia www.atg-macedonia.com
* Individual Artwork and Member of Gruppe Konkret https://gruppe-konkret.info/zlatko-sumkovski/
* PhD Candidate at ECPD-European Centre for Peace and Development in Belgrade www.ecpd.org.rs
* Master Scholar (Meisterschüler) in Sculpture & Multimedia from the University in Cologne www.th-koeln.de
* University Degree in Architecture from the Art University in Belgrade www.arts.bg.ac.rs/en

Professional experience chronology

2026 EUROPA PRIMA University - Program Advisor and Promotor

2018-2019 Establishing of the first ArtScience events at MedILS -MEDITERRANEAN INSTITUTE FOR LIFE SCIENCES. Advisor and Coordinator for the ArtScience Programme at MedILS in Split, Croatia. www.medils.org

2017-2019 ECPD EUROPEAN CENTER FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT Regional Coordinator for Culture an Arts

2016-2026 PONTENEO - Founder & CVO - Advisory and Creative Research Agency. Development of strategic concepts and projects for sustainable and ecological preservation and upgrading of life quality. https://www.ponteneo.com

2009-2019 ATG MACEDONIA ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES GROUP advisor & procurator.
Coordination and advisory services for customer projects in Skopje, Republic of North Macedonia.

2000-2017 Founder & Senior Partner at CONVOOI-CREATIVE SHARING in Cologne, Germany.
Development and realisation of architecture and design projects. https://www.convooi.com

2005-2007 Founder & Senior Partner - SUMKOVSKISTEINIGER architects in Cologne, Germany.
Design and realisation of residential architectural projects.

2004-2005 Lecturer - BM GESELSCHAFT FÜR BILDUNG IN MEDIENBERUFEN MBH in Cologne, Germany
Tuition and advisory services in curriculum development. Design of manuals and tutorials for educational purposes.

2004-2005 Consultant - AKD ACADEMY FOR COMMUNICATION DESIGN in Düsseldorf, Germany.
Counselling and tuition services. Instruction and academic counselling for graduate programs.

2000-2002 Founder & Partner - bleu° (degré) in Provence and Côte d'Azur in La Garde Freinet, France
Conceptualisation of architecture and design projects. Counselling and tuition services.

2000-2006 Team member - F16 Group, Cologne, Germany
Instruction and academic advice for graduate student programs. Lecturer and supervisor in Design oriented academic research programs in Design Theory and Design Management, and seminars in Visualisation and Presentation.

1993-2000 Head of Department - Intern.School of Design KISD University of Applied Sciences, Cologne
Lecturer in general and specialised courses for Design oriented graduate programs. Academic counselling of students in various disciplines of Design studies. Supervision of academic work and research, including supervision of interns.
Lecturer in various Digital Media courses ranging from development of basic models to more elaborate work in Hypermedia and Interface Design.

1991-1993 Lecturer & Advisor - Apple Computers SYSTEMATICS GmbH, Cologne, Germany
Lecturer, instructor and specialist for applications in the creative sector (CAD, DTP, 3D). Responsible for the establishment and coordination of training programs. Advisor on hard-and software configurations in areas of Architecture, Design and Education.

1981-1991 Freelancer - ADI Associates, WDR, Pütz & Wissing, Westag Verlag, KARO Events etc.
Areas of competence: Art, Architecture, Design, Education, Film, Journalism, Media and Photography.

Academic degrees and accolades

1989	Master Scholar (Meisterschüler), Sculpture and Multi Media (Laudatio), University of Applied Sciences, Cologne, Germany https://www.th-koeln.de/en/
1981	Graduate Architect (Diploma), Faculty of Applied Arts, University of Arts in Belgrade, Serbia, Yugoslavia https://www.fpu.bg.ac.rs/

Education chronology

2016	PhD candidate at ECPD International Doctoral Studies, Belgrade, Serbia Department Management in Science, Culture and Education
2006	PhD candidate at the collaborative artistic research framework connecting the Jan van Eyck Academie, Maastricht University, and Zuyd University of Applied Sciences, Netherlands
1989-1990	Summer Academy for Electronic Arts in Lugano, Switzerland Multimedia and digital art class of Ms Joan Truckenbrod https://joantruckenbrod.com
1986-1989	Post-Graduate Studies at the Department of Art and Design, University of Applied Sciences, Cologne, Germany
1981-1986	Study, travel and work as freelancer in Italy, Netherlands, Belgium, France and Germany, as well as in China, India, Indonesia, Thailand, Canada and USA
1976-1981	Academy of Applied Arts at the Arts University in Belgrade, Yugoslavia Department for Architecture and Design https://www.fpu.bg.ac.rs/
1975-1976	Military Academy - PŠRO in Bileća, Yugoslavia
1974-1975	Philological Faculty at the University in Skopje Dept. for Art History and Archeology
1969-1974	Gymnasium and School for Applied Arts "Lazar Ličenovski" in Skopje, Macedonia. https://lazarlicenoski.mk/#
1966-1969	High School "La Martinière" in Calcutta, India https://lamartiniere.co/

Exhibitions and Publications *(selection)*

2026.10.30	Künstlerforum Bonn
2023.12.08	Gallery r8m Cologne
2022.01.29	Gallery r8m Cologne
2021.10.24	40.J Künstlerforum Bonn
2021.03.26	Studio PALM 64 Zagreb
2018.04.02	Ausstellung Herzogenrath
2014.10.05	Künstlerforum Bonn
2013.07.07	Künstlerforum Remagen
2013.04.10	Haus an der Redoute Bonn
2011.01.23	Zero Fold Gallery Cologne
2003.10.20	ArhitektonskiForum Skopje
1995.05.07	Werkstatt Gallery Cologne
1989.09.02	Senats Hotel Cologne
1989.06.05	Deutsche Städtetag Cologne
1989.04.07	Werkstatt Gallery Cologne

2026	SHUM - The Return of the Vermilion - Story and Exhibition
2025-2026	AMAI - Program and Framework for an Advanced Media Art Academy & Institute
2024-2025	FLOW - Story and Concept for a revitalisation of a Brutalist Complex
2022-2025	PCCR - Program and Framework for a Research and Educational Centre
2019-2024	FROM THE 9th - A Photobook
2018-2020	THE PAVILIONS - Story and Concept for a Multimedia Expo Platform
2017-2018	NAUTILUS - A Model of Reformed Education for the Creative
2026	JMPB - The Jewish Cemetery and Memorial Park
2016-2020	BRUTALIST ARCHITECTURE - A different view
2015	NEBULA - Blur | Perceptual Noise - a fictional story of the forest where noise and blur dwell

