

Positioned at the interface between historical sociology, anthropology, and social movement studies, *We Were Gasping for Air: [Post-]Yugoslav Anti-War Activism and Its Legacy* goes beyond the widely exploited paradigms of nationalism and civil society to track the (post-)Yugoslav anti-war protest cycle which unfolded throughout the 1990s. Drawing upon extensive fieldwork in the region, the author argues that (post-)Yugoslav anti-war activism cannot be recovered without appreciating both the inter- and intra-republican cooperations and contestations in socialist Yugoslavia. (Post-)Yugoslav anti-war undertakings appropriated and developed the already existing social networks and were instrumental for the establishment of present-day organisations devoted to human rights protection, transitional justice, and peace education across the ex-Yugoslav space.

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We Were Gasping for Air is a welcome contribution to the story of Yugoslavia's violent dissolution. Its focus on civic forms of mobilisation, rooted in the experience of socialist Yugoslavia, complements the many studies of elite-led nationalism and fills an important gap in the literature.

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We Were Gasping for Air is the first study to trace the origins and development of the anti-war movement in the former Yugoslavia, from its prehistory in the alternative engagement of the socialist period to its post-history in the professionalised NGO sector. This book is essential for understanding politics and intellectual life in the former Yugoslav states in the 1990s and afterwards.

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A *tour de force* of historical sociology, *We Were Gasping for Air* explores the dynamics of anti-war contention in the post-Yugoslav space in ways which challenge existing explanations framed in the context of methodological nationalism and/or an idealist conception of civil society. This book is a "must read" for anyone interested in the region and in activism and social movements more generally.

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