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Professor Jakelić has written for both academic and broader audiences on religion and identity, theories of religion and modernity, religion and politics, religion and conflict, and secularization and secularism. She is a co-editor of two volumes, *The Future of the Study of Religion* and *Crossing Boundaries: From Syria to Slovakia*, a co-editor of *The Hedgehog Review*'s issue “After Secularization,” and, most recently, the author of *Collectivistic Religions: Religion, Choice, and Identity in Late Modernity* <<http://www.ashgate.com/isbn/9780754678830>>.

Professor Jakelić is presently working on a book entitled *The Practice of Religious and Secular Humanisms: From Critique to Affirmation of Humanism*, which counters the dominant focus of much contemporary scholarship on the clashes between religions and secularisms and highlights humanism as their overlapping point. The book attends to the historical origins and the centrality of humanism for how both believers and non-believers organize contemporary societies, examines the importance of the anti-humanist and post-humanist critique of Enlightenment humanism for how we ought to (re) think and practice humanism today, and affirms the practice of religious and secular humanisms as the foundation for the dialectics of plurality in a post-secular, pluralistic world.

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