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## IN MEMORIAM: PROF. DR. MIRJANA ROTER BLAGOJEVIĆ

(1957 – 2023)

Dr Mirjana Roter Blagojević, Professor at the University of Belgrade – Faculty of Architecture was born in Belgrade on the 30th of April, 1957. She completed elementary school in 1972 and graduated high school from the Fifth Gymnasium of Belgrade in 1976.

She enrolled in the architecture faculty at the University of Belgrade later that year and graduated in 1982 with the highest grade of 10 for her bachelor's thesis. Under the mentorship of Prof. Dr. Ranko Radović, she earned the title 'Graduate Engineer of Architecture specialising in design'.

Immediately after completing her bachelor's studies at the Faculty of Architecture in Belgrade, she began her postgraduate studies. Her master's studies in the field of protection, revitalisation and study of architectural heritage were supervised by Prof. Dr. Jovan Nešković, and lasted until 1985.

During her master's studies, she completed specialised studies at the Faculty of Architecture at the University of Belgrade, where, in January 1992, she successfully defended her specialised thesis in the field of protection, revitalisation and study of architectural heritage, under the title *Problems of protection and revitalisation: The Sava pier section of Karađorđeva Street in Belgrade* under the mentorship of Prof. Arch. Zoran Petrović.

In October 1994, she defended her master's thesis at the same faculty with the title *Architecture of public buildings built in Belgrade from 1830 to 1900* under the mentorship of Prof. Nađa Kurtović-Folić, Ph.D., and obtained the title 'Master of Technical Sciences in the field of architecture and urbanism – history and theory of architecture and urbanism'.

After completing her master's studies, she defended her doctoral dissertation at the Faculty of Architecture at the University of Belgrade in June 2004 under the title *Development of residential architecture in Belgrade in the 19th and early 20th centuries*, again under the mentorship of Prof. Dr. Nađa Kurtović-Folić, earning the title of Doctor of Technical Sciences in the field of architecture and urban planning.

From February 1985 to December 1989, she worked as an independent architect-intern at HK ENERGOPROJEKT - MDD Izgradnja i Visokogradnja in various lines of work, contracting and supervising the execution of final works on high-rise buildings.

Between December 1989 and her retirement in September 2022, Prof. Dr. Mirjana Roter Blagojević was employed at the University of Belgrade's Faculty of Architecture. She began as an Assistant Trainee (1989-1995) before becoming an Assistant (1995-2004, earning re-election in 2001), assisting with the courses of the Department for the Development of Architecture and Art –later known as the Department for the History and Theory of Architecture and Art.

In November 2004, she was elected to the position of Assistant Professor and, in December 2004, the Council of Scientific Fields of the University of Belgrade confirmed her selection for the narrower scientific field of History and Theory of Architecture and Art at the Department of History and Theory of Architecture and Art – the Faculty of Architecture, University of Belgrade.

In October 2009, she was elected to the position of Associate Professor before being selected by the Council of Scientific Fields of the University of Belgrade for the narrower scientific field of History, Theory and Aesthetics of Architecture and Visual Arts and Restoration of Architectural Heritage in February 2010. Her responsibilities included teaching bachelor studies courses, master's studies courses and doctoral academic courses. She was re-elected in October 2014 and, in February 2015, the Council of Scientific Fields of the University of Belgrade confirmed her re-election as Associate Professor for the narrower scientific field mentioned above.

She was selected as a full Professor in October 2019 and the Senate of the University of Belgrade, on the proposal of the Council of Scientific Fields of the University of Belgrade, confirmed her election as a full Professor for the narrower scientific field of History, Theory and Aesthetics of Architecture and Visual Arts and Restoration of Architectural Heritage at the Department of Architecture of the University of Belgrade - Faculty of Architecture in January 2020.

Alongside her work teaching at her alma mater, Dr. Mirjana Roter Blagojević also taught at other higher education institutions in the country and abroad, including at the Faculty of Teacher Education, University of Belgrade (2012–14); the State University in Novi Pazar, Department of Technical Sciences (scholarship 2011/12); the Faculty of Art and Design, Megatrend University (sch. 2008/09); the Faculty of Architecture in Varna, in unison with the University of Belgrade (sch. 2007–09); the University of Montenegro, Faculty of Architecture in Podgorica (sch. 2007/08); and the University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Technical Sciences (sch. 2004/05).

The long-term engagement and expertise of Prof. Dr. Mirjana Roter Blagojević in the field of the study and protection of architectural heritage contributed to her election as a member of the commission for evaluating professional exams in the field of the protection of immovable cultural assets at the Republican Institute for the Protection of Cultural Monuments in Belgrade in 2006. As an expert in this field, she was twice appointed to review proposals from Montenegro for the annual Europa Nostra Award: European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage.

She was also appointed by the European Research Council Executive Agency (ERCEA) in March 2013 as a reviewer for the evaluation of international project proposals within the FP7 'Ideas' Specific Programme, ERC Starting Grant 2013. She was part of the international cooperation of the Council of Europe and the Ministry of Culture and Information of the Republic of Serbia in January 2013, engaged as a consultant for the development of a proposal for an action plan in the field of protection and presentation of cultural heritage in the pre-diagnosis phase of the LDPP Resava-Mlava programme.

In March 2014, she was appointed as a member of the expert team of the Ministry of Culture and Information of the Republic of Serbia for the implementation of heritage research within the Resava-Mlava Local Development Pilot Project. She was also a domestic consultant in the field of protection and revitalisation of architectural heritage as part of the expert team on the project 'Technical support in the development of the tourist value plan of the Golubac fortress', which was realised in cooperation with the Municipality of Golubac and the German GTZ-KWD.

Between 2011 and 2020, Dr. Mirjana Roter Blagojević was involved in the research project on the modernization of the Western Balkans, under Project Manager Prof. Dr. Nikola Samardžić. She participated in a large number of domestic and international scientific and professional meetings, producing papers in the field of architectural history and the protection and revitalisation of architectural heritage, as well as in the field of sustainable development. She authored a significant number of published scientific and professional works and participated in several more national scientific projects.

She was a member of the scientific committees of several international scientific gatherings and the editorial boards of scientific journals and awarding committees. From 2012, she was a member of the Scientific Society for the History of Health Culture, while, from 2013, she was on the editorial board of the journal *Acta Historiae Medicinæ Stomatologiæ Pharmaciæ Medicinæ Veterinariæ*.

She was the recipient of two significant awards in the field of architecture and applied arts for her monograph *Residential Architecture of Belgrade in the 19th and early 20th centuries*. She received the Pavle Vasić Award of the Association of Fine Arts and Design of Serbia in 2006 and the Award of the 29th Salon of Architecture in the category of published work in the field of architecture in 2007.

Dr. Mirjana Roter Blagojević was a member of many professional organisations: the Society of Architects of Belgrade, Society of Conservators of Serbia, DOCOMOMO Serbia (from its foundation in 2011 until 2015) and ICOMOS Serbia (from 2011).

During her many years of professional work, including three decades at the Faculty of Architecture at the University of Belgrade, Prof. Mirjana Roter Blagojević, Ph.D., achieved significant results in several fields – namely pedagogical, scientific and professional. Her entire life's work, and especially the period following her election as Associate Professor, shows that she was an exceptional expert, committed to leading pedagogical and scientific research work. In terms of its content, her professional work showed versatility, diversity and a seriousness in approaching different areas of teaching, science and the profession as a whole. Her work in teaching is of particular note,

as she directed studies at all levels at the University of Belgrade's Faculty of Architecture – from bachelor studies to master's studies and integrated academic studies, all the way through to doctoral studies.