

# Vanja Bokun Popović

*A team that breathes together wins together*

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## Published Books

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*Mi Gradimo Novi Svet*  
Beograd, 2016

*Leksikon Božanstvene Žene*  
Beograd, 2017

## Client Reviews

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*When I learned about Vanja's work, I knew right away that she was an expert that I needed on my team.*

*I told my colleagues that the opportunity to bring her onto Serbia's national water polo team is not to be wasted, and we have been collaborating ever since.*

Dejan Savić  
Head Coach of Serbia's  
Men's Water Polo Team  
Belgrade, Serbia

- *International public speaker, lecturer, coach, and published author*
- *Maintains a multidisciplinary approach to sustainable growth of communities and individuals*
- *Work experience includes: team management, group facilitation, team building, program development, academic research, therapy, teaching, and coaching*

## Education, Honors & Certifications

*Ph.D. in Educational Psychology (candidate)*  
Walden University, Minneapolis, MN. Expected 2020

*M.S. Philosophy in Psychology*  
Walden University, Minneapolis, MN, 2019

*M.S. Urban Education*  
Mercy College, New York, NY, 2008

*B.S. International Business*  
Salem International University, Salem, WV, 2006v

*NYC Teaching Fellows*  
New York, NY, 2006-2008

*Segal Americorp Award for Community Service*  
New York, NY, 2007-2008

*Full Academic-Athletic Scholarships*  
Mercy College, New York, NY, 2008  
Salem International University, Salem, WV, 2006

*All-American Academic Team of distinguished student-athletes, 2003-2005*  
National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)

## Professional Certifications

*Positive Behavioral Intervention, facilitator,*  
New York, NY 2007

*Guided Discipline Approach, facilitator, New York, NY 2008*

*Life Space Crisis Intervention, facilitator, New York, NY 2009*

*Licensed International Breathwork Therapist,*  
Denver, CO, expected in 2019

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## Work Experience

*As a successful performer who plays on a global stage, I am vulnerable to great trials and tribulations. I hire a team of professionals who help me achieve my goals, and I can proudly say that Vanja is one of them. A master in me recognized a master in her. Vanja's work deserves to be publicly displayed.*

*Jelena Krstic  
professional singer  
Vienna, Austria*

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*Vanja is a scientist with a tested work methodology and a wealth of life experience who has demonstrated that every person regardless of age, nationality, background, or socio-economic status can unblock natural brilliance and play powerfully on the stage of life. Her involvement with clients is just a fragment of a large body of work which, as we will all see is the future of personal development.*

*Ivana Dordjevic  
TV Personality & PR Strategist  
Belgrade, Serbia*

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*Before I met Vanja, I lived a facade of fairy tale life, where success came naturally but an important link felt missing. Through my work with Vanja, things began changing in my life, literally like a puzzle piece and I opened the field of my full potential. Vanja is a great leader, as she encourages us to really know ourselves and find the answers to our questions on our own.*

*Snezana Dukanac  
founder of La Vie Sans Rides  
Paris, France*

*Served in multiple communities as a catalyst of inner transformation for individuals and groups on three continents and over 15 countries. While working in New York City, had the privilege to study from the world's greatest leaders which include Deepak Chopra, Dalai Lama, and Dr. Rupert Sheldrake, and to implement their teachings into a school department management, public school reform implementation, team building, and teaching.*

*While serving in South Bronx, Vanja sought new ways to innovate and deepen her leadership skills. She stayed involved with The School of Practical Philosophy for four years, where she learned how to bring tested universal principles to every day workplace in order to help her team overcome stress and find inspiration.*

*While working on her doctorate studies in Bali, Indonesia, Vanja collaborated with the local community leaders, helping them navigate rapid urbanization of the island. She witnessed how certain cultural traits of the Balinese people kept their communities in the spirit of unity and well-being despite the great economic changes. This deepened her commitment to finding new ways to bring to surface the essential human qualities, necessary for sustainable personal growth in the modern world.*

*Vanja has mentored with the distinguished international leaders, which include Dan Brule, a personal mentor to Tony Robbins, Ivonne Delaflor, and Dr. Marion Rose. She had the privilege to personally interview leading coaches and teachers such as Bob Proctor and Neale Donald Walsch, as well to host numerous Olympic athletes and World Champions in her transformative workshops for young athletes.*

*Vanja has created multiple educational programs for athletes which are being used by sports teams, development camps, and national teams of Serbia and Montenegro.*

*Practical knowledge, combined with professional experience and expertise in different areas have enabled Vanja to assist companies of different sizes, sports teams, and individuals in optimizing their human potential. Her clients range from business owners, and professional athletes to national teams. What they have in common is a deep desire to live their lives with fulfillment and purpose, and to create meaningful impact in their communities.*

*Vanja grounds her work in soulful leadership, applied science, and multidisciplinary approach. She holds over 50 additional certifications and work licenses, which are available upon request.*

## Years of Conferences

## Public Speaking Engagements

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| 2019 | <i>Children's Safety on the Internet</i><br>panelist, Belgrade, Serbia 2019                    |
|      | <i>Iskra Conference</i><br>speaker, Belgrade, Serbia 2019                                      |
|      | <i>Ball Company - Women's Day</i><br>keynote speaker, Belgrade, Serbia 2019                    |
|      | <i>Women in Business, Media, and Culture Conference</i><br>keynote speaker, Nis, Serbia 2019   |
| 2018 | <i>Water Polo Coach's Association Conference</i><br>speaker, Belgrade, Serbia 2018             |
|      | <i>A Day of Light and Love</i><br>speaker and panelist, a global online telesummit, 2018       |
|      | <i>Women in Business: Soul Visionaries Conference</i><br>keynote speaker, Zagreb, Croatia 2018 |
| 2017 | <i>Residency for Doctorate Students</i><br>speaker, Paris, France 2017                         |
|      | <i>Energetix Annual Gala</i><br>motivational speaker, Belgrade, Serbia 2017                    |
|      | <i>Town Hall for Pregnant Women: Lecture Series</i><br>speaker, Belgrade, Serbia 2017          |
| 2016 | <i>Freedom Comes from Within Conference</i><br>speaker, Skopje, Macedonia 2016                 |
|      | <i>Pro-Femina Conference</i><br>panelist, Belgrade, Serbia 2016                                |
|      | <i>Parenting for the New Era Conference</i><br>speaker and panelist, Belgrade, Serbia 2016     |