



## Dzevada Susko

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### WORK EXPERIENCE

20/02/2024 – CURRENT Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

**ADJUNCT PROFESSOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SSST SARAJEVO SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

- Teaching courses related to history, society and politics in Europe

01/05/2018 – CURRENT Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICER ISLAMSKA ZAJEDNICA U BOSNI I HERCEGOVINI**

- Cooperation with embassies, international organizations, EU, INGOs, and FBOs
- Organization of visits and delegations
- Writing speeches and presentations
- Translations in Bosnian, English, German, and French language (orally and written)
- Project management (research projects, organization of conferences and seminars)
- Evaluation and monitoring of projects
- Budget management

01/09/2022 – 01/03/2023 Paris, France

**RESEARCHER & FELLOW EHESS-CETOBAC (CENTRE D'ETUDES TURQUES, OTTOMANES, BALKANIQUES ET CENTROASIATIQUES)**

- Fellowship of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France
- Research on Bosniak diaspora in France
- Empirical study
- Guest lecturer at Inalco, Paris

01/02/2013 – 30/06/2020 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

**PROFESSOR IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SARAJEVO**

- teaching undergraduate and postgraduate courses, such as "EU politics", "Post-Communist Transitions", "Nations and Nationalisms", "Migration studies"
- supervision of Bachelor and Master theses
- interdisciplinary research in international relations, history, sociology, political science
- publication of research in academic journals, see <https://independent.academia.edu/DzevadaSusko>
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01/05/2013 – 29/04/2018 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

**DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH INSTITUTE IITB IITB**

- management of a research institution
- leadership of staff
- budget responsibility
- research on history, society, politics, culture, religion
- cooperation with relevant institutions and donors
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01/10/2015 – 30/05/2017 Krems, Austria  
**LECTURER DONAU-UNIVERSITÄT**

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- lectures for M.A. program on Religion and Globalization in German language

01/10/2007 – 31/01/2013 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina  
**ASSISTANT LECTURER INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SARAJEVO (IUS)**

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- assisting in teaching courses in the Department of International Relations
- pursuing my PhD research, writing my PhD thesis on the issue of loyalty in 19th century Europe

2000 – 2004 Frankfurt/Main, Germany  
**PROJECT MANAGER UEBERREUTER MANAGERAKADEMIE**

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- research on current developments in management
- organization, monitoring and evaluation of conferences, seminars and workshops
- budget responsibility

1994 – 1997 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina  
**JOURNALIST AND INTERPRETER NIPP LJILJAN (JOURNAL)**

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- writing and editing texts about the relationship of Germany and Bosnia and Herzegovina
- interviews with relevant politicians, intellectuals
- translation of texts in German and Bosnian language
- simultaneous and consecutive interpretation in Bosnian and German language

## ● **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

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11/2021 – 01/2022 Online, Croatia  
**GENDER, RELIGION AND VIOLENCE FER Škola (School for Feminism and Religion)**

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**Website** <https://ferskola2022.onlinebase.net/>

08/2021 – 09/2021 Uppsala, Sweden  
**INTERNATIONAL TRAINING ON DIALOGUE AND MEDIATION (ITDM) Uppsala University and Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation**

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**Website** <https://www.pcr.uu.se/education/international-training-on-dialogue-and-mediation/>

03/2020 – 03/2020 Lisbon, Portugal  
**INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE KAICIID Dialogue Center**

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**Website** <https://www.kaiciid.org/>

12/2019 – 12/2019 Nairobi, Kenya  
**UN STRATEGIC CAPACITY BUILDING SEMINAR ON ENGAGING FBOS TO ACHIEVE SDGS United Nations Environment Program**

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**Website** <https://www.unep.org/>

01/09/2018 – 20/12/2018 Cambridge, United Kingdom  
**JEWS, CHRISTIANS AND MUSLIMS IN EUROPE: MODERN CHALLENGES Cambridge University, Woolf Institute**

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**Website** <https://www.woolf.cam.ac.uk/>

01/03/2015 – 20/12/2015 Amsterdam, Netherlands  
**INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR "HISTORIJA, ISTORIJA, POVIJEST: LESSONS FOR TODAY" Anne Frank House (project supported by EU)**

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**Website** <https://historijaistorijapovijest.org/hr/experts-contribution/>

03/2015 – 03/2015 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

**RAPHAEL LEMKIN PROFESSIONAL SEMINAR FOR NATIONAL GENOCIDE AND MASS ATROCITY PREVENTION** Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation

Website <https://www.auschwitzinstitute.org/news/2023-global-raphael-lemkin-seminar>

01/10/2007 – 30/11/2012 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

**PHD IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS** International University of Sarajevo (IUS)

Website [www.ius.edu.ba](http://www.ius.edu.ba)

01/10/1993 – 30/03/1997 Hamburg, Germany

**M.A. IN HISTORY, CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE** University of Hamburg

Website <https://www.uni-hamburg.de/>

07/1993 – 08/1993 Ramallah, Autonomous Palestinian Territories

**INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL ARABIC LANGUAGE** Birzeit University

Website <https://www.iau-aiu.net/Birzeit-University-Palestine-and-Arabic-Studies-PAS-program-for-Summer-term>

01/08/1992 – 30/05/1993 Ottawa, Canada

**SCHOLARSHIP** Carleton University

Website <https://carleton.ca/>

01/10/1990 – 30/08/1992 Heidelberg, Germany

**B.A. (ZWISCHENPRÜFUNG) IN HISTORY, CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY AND ROMAN LANGUAGES**

University of Heidelberg

Website <https://www.uni-heidelberg.de/de>

**LANGUAGE SKILLS**

Mother tongue(s): **BOSNIAN (SERBIAN, CROATIAN) | GERMAN**

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
<b>ENGLISH</b>	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
<b>FRENCH</b>	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
<b>ITALIAN</b>	B1	B1	B1	B1	B1
<b>SPANISH</b>	B1	B1	A2	A2	A2

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

**DIGITAL SKILLS**

Microsoft Office package: Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access | Video Conferencing (Zoom, Teams, Skype, Webex) - Advanced | Ability to work in a team and autonomously | Organizational and planning skills | Hard working, arranged, responsible | Good Communication and Writing Skills | Able to adapt to new situations and system. | Google (Google Drive, Google Docs, Google Slides, Google Sheets, Google Meets, Google Trends)) | Social Media/Social Networks

**PUBLICATIONS**

2024

**Faith and Loyalty: Bosniaks and the Austro-Hungarian Empire**

In the late 19th century, Bosnia and Herzegovina, small but strategically significant (with a predominantly Muslim

population), became the subject of great power interests as the Ottoman period shifted to that of Austro-Hungarian rule in 1878. The impact of this on the Bosniak people suddenly finding themselves under the authority of European rather than centuries old Islamic rule, and how they chose to navigate the transition in terms of faith and loyalty, is the subject of this work.

2023

**[Populismus im südosteuropäischen Kontext: Schwerpunkt Bosnien-Herzegowina, Serbien, Kroatien und Montenegro](#)**

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In Ch. Ströbele, E. Karakaya, A. Omerika, E. Zemmrich (eds.), Rechtspopulismus und Religion

2022

**[Jewish-Muslim coexistence in Bosnia and Herzegovina: 500 years of tolerance, mutual respect and civil courage](#)**

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Insights 3 (1) February 2022: 6-17.

2021

**[Suživot jevreja i muslimana u Bosni i Hercegovini: primjeri tolerancije od 16. stoljeća do danas](#)**

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2021

**[Les musulmans européens au Luxembourg: le cas des Bosniaques.](#)**

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2019

**[Both Muslim and European: Diasporic and Migrant Identities of Bosniaks.](#)**

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2019

**[The status of religion, churches and religious communities in Bosnia and Herzegovina with a focus on the Islamic Community and religious freedom of Muslims.](#)**

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2018

**[Book review: Muslims in Interwar Europe. A Transcultural Historical Perspective](#)**

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Bekim Agai, Umar Ryad and Mehdi Sajid, eds.

2017

**[A Model for Europe? History and Practice of Islam in Bosnia-Herzegovina](#)**

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2016

**[Milivoj Mirza Malić i Fevzije Bulbulistan na Univerzitetu Sorbonne](#)**

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2016

**[Book review: Whose Bosnia? Nationalism and Political Imagination in the Balkans, 1840-1914, Edin Hajdarpašić](#)**

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Hungarian Historical Review 5, no.2 (2016): 384-361.

2016

**[Kulturna diplomatija u Evropi . Muslimanski ugao posmatranja na približavanje sa nemuslimanima](#)**

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Glasnik, 78 (7-8) (2016): 655-666.

**Link** [https://www.academia.edu/30663474/Kulturna\\_diplomatija\\_u\\_Evropi\\_i\\_uloga\\_Bošnjaka](https://www.academia.edu/30663474/Kulturna_diplomatija_u_Evropi_i_uloga_Bošnjaka)

2015

**[Hasan Kafijino shvatanje politike: osmanski, zapadnoevropski i bosanski kontekst - pouke za danas](#)**

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Novi Muallim

2014

**[The importance of the Baghdad and Hejaz Railways for Germany](#)**

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2014

## **Bosniaks and Loyalty: Responses to the Conscription Law in Bosnia and Herzegovina 1881/82**

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2014

## **Kaiser and Sultan: The Berlin-Baghdad and Hejaz Railway**

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Dzevada Susko, ed., Kaiser and Sultan: The Berlin-Baghdad and Hejaz Railway, Sarajevo: IITB, 2014.

2010

## **Reaktionen der bosnischen Öffentlichkeit auf Christian Schwarz-Schilling als Hoher Repräsentant**

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in Erich Rathfelder and Carl Behtke, eds., Bosnien im Fokus, Schiler, 2010, S.299-309.

2008

## **Die Erklärungen von Prud und Banja Luka und ihr politischer Kontext**

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Carl Bethke and Dzevada Susko, Südosteuropa 56, 4 (2008): 584-608

### ● **ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS**

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#### **Able to manage time effectively, prioritize tasks, think and plan strategically, set goals, communicate effectively, find cooperation partners to achieve goals**

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Throughout my professional career and my experience as mother and employee I have learned to manage my time effectively and to set priorities in order to achieve goals. I am dedicated to lifelong learning and life has taught me that goals can be reached with the help of strategic planning, networking with relevant stakeholders and clear communication so that everyone involved knows what is at stake.

### ● **PROJECTS**

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2018 – 2023

#### **Coexistence of Jews and Muslims in Bosnia and Herzegovina**

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Project with several international organizations and FBOs, such as Jewish Community, Islamic Community, Konrad Adenauer Foundation, TIKa and OSCE. I was the researcher, editor and project manager for the conference and the exhibition as well as the book.

**Links** <https://interview.ba/2022/05/11/sarajevski-purim-muslimani-i-jevreji-u-bih-prije-200-godina-dokazali-da-je-suzivot-moguc/> | <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=2459375014319447>

03/01/2020 – 29/03/2020

#### **People and Planet: Faith in 2030 Agenda**

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As project manager I lead the collaboration with UNEP (United Nations Environment Program), Sida (Swedish Development Agency) and others for a global simultaneous conference with different hubs in Sarajevo, Hammersand, Amman, Nairobi, Pretoria, Jakarta, 16-18 March 2020.

**Links** <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=257208778747187> | <https://wedocs.unep.org/handle/20.500.11822/32730>

01/02/2019 – 29/08/2019

#### **My place in Europe**

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Content manager, author of syllabi, lecturer, and advisor. Projects fully supported and funded by the EU Delegation in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Aim of this project was to include and raise awareness among the High school students (approx. 1200 students) about the history, importance and role of EU in general and in Bosnia and Herzegovina as well as the European identity of Bosniaks, the compatibility of Islam and European values and the common heritage of Islam and Christianity.

**Link** <https://mojemjestoeu.ba/>

2015 – 2018

#### **Diasporic and Migrant Identities: Social, Cultural, Political, Religious and Spiritual Aspects,**

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In collaboration with Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS) and YTB I was the project manager, researcher, author and editor of the publication. This included the organization of an international conference in Sarajevo in May 2015. The

papers presented at the conference as well as with additional authors I edited a book which was published at the publishing house Brill, Leiden.

**Links** <https://brill.com/view/title/54445> | <https://www.iitb.ba/medunarodna-konferencija-dijasporalni-migrantski-identiteti-drustveni-kulturoloski-politicki-religijsko-duhovni-aspekti/>

## ● RECOMMENDATIONS

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**Prof. Dr. Xavier Bougarel** Supervisor

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I know Prof. Dr. Xavier Bougarel for many years. He is a leading historian for the Balkans in France and abroad. Bougarel works as researcher at CETOBAC and has supervised my research in Paris in 2022-2023.

**Email** [xbougarel@yahoo.fr](mailto:xbougarel@yahoo.fr)

**Link** <https://cetobac.ehess.fr/membres/xavier-bougarel-0>

**Prof. Dr. Hariz Halilovich** Colleague

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I know prof. dr. Hariz Halilovich for many years. He is a well-known cultural anthropologist and relevant researcher. Halilovich teaches at RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia. We have collaborated on several projects and conferences.

**Email** [hariz.halilovich@rmit.edu.au](mailto:hariz.halilovich@rmit.edu.au)

**Link** <https://www.rmit.edu.au/contact/staff-contacts/academic-staff/h/halilovich-professor-hariz>

**Prof. Dr. Carl Bethke** Colleague

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Prof. Dr. Carl Bethke is a historian at the University in Leipzig. We know each other for more than 20 years. We have researched and written in collaboration chapters and journal articles.

**Email** [carl-bethke@gmx.de](mailto:carl-bethke@gmx.de)

**Link** [https://lisa.gerda-henkel-stiftung.de/dr.\\_carl\\_bethke](https://lisa.gerda-henkel-stiftung.de/dr._carl_bethke)

**Prof. Dr. Zilka Spahic-Siljak** Lecturer

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I have been a student of prof. dr. Zilka Spahic-Siljak for many semesters. She has taught courses related to human rights and feminism.

**Email** [zilka@tpofond.org](mailto:zilka@tpofond.org)

**Link** <https://cis.unsa.ba/en/interview-with-zilka-spahic-siljak/>

**Prof. Dr. Enes Karic** Lecturer

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I know prof. dr. Enes Karic for many years. He is one of the leading and most respected theologians in the Balkans and abroad. His works have been translated in many languages. He taught me courses related to religion in the 21st century.

**Email** [eneskaric@yahoo.com](mailto:eneskaric@yahoo.com)

**Link** <https://fin.unsa.ba/nastavno-osoblje/>

**Jean-Christophe Thiabaud** Cultural Attache at the French Embassy

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Jean-Christophe Thiabaud is an employee of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France. We met and collaborated during his mandate in Bosnia and Herzegovina. He was then director of the Institut Français and recommended me to receive the Fellowship of France to pursue a research in Paris.

**Email** [jean-christophe.thiabaud@diplomatie.gouv.fr](mailto:jean-christophe.thiabaud@diplomatie.gouv.fr)

**Link** <https://www.linkedin.com/in/jean-christophe-thiabaud-62438541/?originalSubdomain=fr>

**Dr. Karsten Duemmel** Director Konrad Adenauer Foundation

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I have realized many projects with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and dr. Karsten Duemmel. He even invited me to Germany to give a series of lectures about Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Email [Karsten.Duemmel@kas.de](mailto:Karsten.Duemmel@kas.de)

Link <https://www.kas.de/en/mitarbeiter/detail/-/content/karsten-duemmel>

**Emir Suljagić** Project partner

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- I know Emir for many years. We were colleagues at the International University in Sarajevo
- He is a genocide scholar and director of the Memorial Center in Srebrenica
- In 2024 we organized together an international conference on empowering through remembrance and intergenerational responsibility with speakers and participants from all over the world, such as the Freddy Mutanguha from the Memorial Center in Kigali, Rwanda; Tali Nates from Sout Africa; David Simon from Yale University etc.

Email [suljagicemir@gmail.com](mailto:suljagicemir@gmail.com) | Phone (+387) 62655765

**Prof. Dr. Ahmet Alibašić** Professor

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I have known Dr. Ahmet for more than 20 years. We have collaborated multiple times at the university, in conferences, and within the CNS Think Tank (Center for Advanced Studies). I highly recommend reaching out to him, as he is very familiar with my expertise on an academic, professional, and organizational level.

Email [ahmetalibasic@yahoo.com](mailto:ahmetalibasic@yahoo.com)

Link <https://www.cns.ba/cns-saradnici/dr-ahmet-alibasic/>

## ● **DRIVING LICENCE**

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**Driving Licence:** AM

**Driving Licence:** B

## ● **COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS**

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### **Search to understand context, listen, share, find common ground**

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I am adept at communicating effectively in various settings, drawing from my extensive experience as a lecturer for over 15 years. I have been frequently involved moderating and speaking at conferences, where I developed strong public speaking skills. Additionally, I have organized and participated in numerous seminars and workshops, enhancing my ability to convey complex ideas clearly and engagingly. My experience as an International Relations Officer involved writing speeches and presentations, further honing my written communication skills. I have also developed excellent writing skills through my numerous academic publications, which cover interdisciplinary research in international relations, history, cultural anthropology and political science.

To continuously develop my skills, I have taken several courses and certifications, such as international training on dialogue and mediation, and interreligious dialogue. These experiences allowed me to meet and work with people from various cultural and professional backgrounds, enriching my ability to communicate and collaborate effectively.

## ● **HOBBIES AND INTERESTS**

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### **Running, hiking, reading, travelling, languages**

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For years I am member of an informal running group. We ran several half marathons together. I like as well hiking in the mountains. Furthermore, I enjoy reading books in different languages to practice my foreign language skills and to read, if possible, the works in the original language. Finally, I am interested in discovering the world, close and distant destinations.

## ● **MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS**

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### **Director of IITB**

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As the Director of the Research Institute IITB, I have demonstrated leadership and management skills. Tasked with revitalizing the institute, I successfully evolved it into a respectable and acknowledged institution by spearheading numerous research projects, organizing conferences and driving a significant increase in publications. I have led interdisciplinary teams, fostering a collaborative environment that encourages innovation and excellence. My strategic vision has driven the institute's growth, securing significant research funding and establishing key partnerships. I prioritize clear communication, setting achievable goals, and providing mentorship to colleagues. My ability to navigate



complex challenges and make data-driven decisions has consistently resulted in the successful completion of high-impact research projects.

## ● VOLUNTEERING

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2013 – CURRENT Sarajevo

### **Journal of interdisciplinary studies CONTEXT**

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I am a member of the editorial board of *Context: Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies*. It is the biannual peer-reviewed journal of the Center for Advanced Studies in Sarajevo. It is committed to the advancement of interdisciplinary research into the most pressing current and emerging social and political issues. These include those of human rights and freedoms; inter-religious encounters; pluralism and diversity; sustainable development; and the implications of accelerated globalization. Context publishes humanities and social science research that contributes to a better understanding of key moral and ethical issues, through the creative cross-pollination of ideas, perspectives, and methodologies. In an effort to bridge cultures, it may occasionally publish translations of significant articles. The journal aims to reach a wide international audience, to which young researchers and academics can present their work and connect with established experts. Write here the description...

**Link** <https://cns.ba/contextojs/index.php/context/about/editorialTeam>

2020 – CURRENT Istanbul

### **Turkish Journal of Diaspora Studies**

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I am a member of the editorial board. The Turkish Journal of Diaspora Studies (TJDS) aims to provide a medium for the publication of original papers covering the entire span of diaspora and migration studies. The editors are particularly eager to publish new and critical works regarding current developments in research and analysis on the subject topics.

**Link** <https://tjds.org.tr/index.php/tjds/editorial-board>

2013 – 2023 Sarajevo

### **Center for Education and Research Nahla**

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I was a member and president of the Steering board of the Center for Education and Research “Nahla”. It is a nongovernment, nonprofit organization founded in 2000 in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. Nahla implements projects and activities at the local level, in the field of adult education and social research, with a special focus on empowering women of all ages through education, networking, counseling and business support, faith and spirituality, health promotion and sports and recreation.

**Link** <https://nahla.ba/english/>

2021 – CURRENT Nairobi, Sarajevo

### **UNEP Faith for Earth Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina**

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After completion of the capacity building seminar at UNEP in Nairobi I was appointed as the Faith for Earth Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina. I organized several conferences about environment protection, the role of FBOs and the importance to meet the SDGs.

**Link** <https://mrv.ba/lat/clanci/vijesti/najava-online-konferencije-znacaj-zastite-okolisa-i-klimatskih-promjena-sa-gledista-vjerskih-zajednica-u-bosni-i-hercegovini/>