

Curriculum Vitæ

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PERSONAL DATA:

Date of Birth	July 23, 1981
Citizenship:	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Home Address:	Trg sabora bosanskog 32, 71000 Sarajevo, BiH
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Transnational Migrations: Challenges and Blind Spots

2010 - 2017 **Lecturer**
Department of Political Science and International Relations
University Sarajevo School of Science and Technology, BiH

June 2016 **Visiting scholar**
Department of Political Science, *University of Naples “L’Orientale”*,
Naples, Italy

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2023** **Consultant, *International Organization for Migration***, Sarajevo, BiH
- 2021** **Consultant, *Forum of Federations***, Language Policy in Federal and Devolved Countries: Current Debates and Potential Changes, Ottawa, Canada
- 2020** **Consultant, *Regional Cooperation Council***, Sarajevo, BiH
- 2018** **Consultant, *International Republican Institute***, Washington D.C., United States
- 2008 – 2009** **Export Officer for the Countries of North Africa and CEFTA Region**
BHEPA, Foreign Trade Chamber of Bosnia-Herzegovina, BiH
- 2006 - 2008** **European Union Affairs Adviser**
Embassy of Italy in Bosnia-Herzegovina, BiH and Italy
- Sept - Dec 2005** **Project Leader**
County of Parma *Agency for Internationalization and Economic Development*, Parma, Italy

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

- 2025** **Jean Monnet Module**
EUMIG - European Union Migration and Governance
Project co-coordinator
- 2024** **COST Action “Blue Rights”**
National coordinator
WG3 member “Right to Health at Sea”
- 2023 - 2025** **Erasmus + Capacity Building Project**
Homo Digitalis – Digital Education in Social Sciences
SSST Project Coordinator
- 2023** **COST Action “Transnational Family Dynamics”**
WG1, WG2, WG4, WG 5 member

- 2022 - 2025 Horizon Europe Project Framework**
EDIRE – Equality, Diversity and Inclusion for Research in Bosnia and Herzegovina
Researcher and project team member
- 2021- 2025 Jean Monnet Module**
EUPHAM – European Union Public Health and Migrations
Project Coordinator
- 2021- 2025 UNIGEM (funded by the UK Government)**
University Gender Mainstreaming
SSST Researcher and Board Member
- 2018 - 2022 Jean Monnet Network**
MAPS “Migration and Asylum Policy System”
SSST team lead
- 2017 - 2020 Jean Monnet Network**
“Democratization and reconciliation in the Western Balkans”
SSST team member (overtaking lead from 2018)
- 2015 - 2017 Erasmus + Capacity Building Project**
SSST Project Coordinator
Curriculum Development (joint European Political Science MA)
SSST Project Coordinator
- 2015 - 2017 Erasmus + Capacity Building Project**
Work package leader - International Relations Module
- 2012 - 2013 Public Policy Development Project**
Principal Researcher
Open Society Fund BiH
Cultural Policy in BiH

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2025** “Too Far from Home?”: Explaining Motivations for the Participation of Bosnians in Austrian Political Parties. *Nationalities Papers*. Cambridge University Press (with V. Repovac-Nikšić).
- 2024** “Populism in Bosnia and Herzegovina: “Folksy” Politics in an Ethno-Nationalist Partocracy”. In: Heinisch, R., Cekikj, A. and Koxha, K. *Perspectives on Populism – Diverse Voices from the European ‘Periphery’*. Nomos.
- 2024** “Book Review: Handbook of transnational families around the World”, *European Journal of Social Work*. Vol. 27, no. 6. Taylor and Francis.
- 2023** “Standby Youth?”: Informal Youth Political Participation in Bosnia and Herzegovina during Covid-19 Pandemic." *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*. University of California Press.

- 2023** “Pan-Slavism among South-Slavic Diaspora Communities in Europe”. In: Suslov, M., Čejka, M. and Đorđević, V. *Examining Pan-Slavism: Conceptual Approach, Methodological Framework, and State of the Art*. Oxford University Press. (with J. Hasić)
- 2022** “Outsourcing and Cooperation with Third Countries”, eds. Gavouneli, M., Nikodinevska-Krstevska A., and Savić-Bojanić, M. Editoriale Scientifica, Napoli.
- 2022** “*Understanding an Unremitting Challenge: Environmental Migration in the Mediterranean Region*“, ed. Gabriela Oanta, Editoriale Scientifica, Napoli.
- 2021** “Solidarity or Crisis? How Personal Migration Experiences Shape Popular Perceptions on Migrants in Bosnia and Herzegovina”. *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies*. Routledge. (with J. Jevtić)
- 2021** “Why Small Ethnic Minorities Participate in Politics: Comparing Jews and Poles in Bosnia and Herzegovina”. In: Gherghina, S. et al. *The Promises and Boundaries of Political Participation in Post-Communist Countries*. *European Societies*. Routledge.
- 2021** “Memory and Art as Reconciliation Tool? Re-Thinking Reconciliation Strategies in the Western Balkans”. In: Kalemaj, I. and Savić-Bojanić, M. (eds.). *Introduction. Southeastern Europe*. Brill.
- 2021** “Examining Formal Political Participation of Jews in Post-Dayton Bosnia and Herzegovina: What Types of Participants? In: Sujecka, J. (ed). *The Balkan Jews & the Minority Issue in South-Eastern Europe. Colloquia Balcanica*, Vol 7.
- 2020** “The Role of European Integration in the Western Balkans”. In: Meka, E. and Bianchini S. *The Challenges of Democratization and Reconciliation in the Post-Yugoslav Space*. Southeast European Integration Perspectives: Nomos Publishing.
- 2019** “Ethno-National Populism in Post-Conflict and Post-Transition Society – The Case of Bosnia and Herzegovina”. In: Nikolov, S. E., Hong, D.S. (eds). *Post-communism - reload or revert: Case studies from Balkans, Central Asia, and Russia. Sociological Problems*. (with V. Repovac-Niksic)
- 2019** “The Question of Ethnic Identity in the Case of Bosnian Diaspora in the United States”, In: *New Diversities*. Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity. (with J. Jevtić)
- 2019** “Life Practices and the “Intergenerational Twist”: Re-Visiting Identity among Muslim Communities in Tower Hamlets and Stari Grad”. In: Susko, Dz. (ed.) *Both Muslim and European: Diasporic and Migrant Identities of Bosniaks. Muslim Minorities*, Vol. 30. Leiden: Brill. (with J. Jevtić).
- 2017** “Migration at the Other Side of the Mediterranean: Location Choices of Balkan-Bound Migrants”. In: M. Pace, G. Cataldi, A. Liguori (eds.) *Migration in the Mediterranean Area and the Challenges for “Hosting” European Society*, Editoriale Scientifica, Napoli.

- 2015** “Minority Discontent as an Internal Destabilization Factor: The Issue of Territorial Minorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina”. In: *Balkany Zachodnie w systemie bezpieczeństwa euroatlantyckiego*. Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Łódzkiego, Łódź.
- 2014** “In Search of Rights to Political Participation. The Emerging Voice of National Minorities in BiH in Light of EU Integration. In: *Studia Juridica et Politica Jaurinensis*, Volume 1.
- 2008** “Constitutional Changes in Light of EU Integration: The Political Society and the Issue of Social Treaty in Bosnia and Herzegovina”. In: *Central European Case Studies*. Vol 2.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- September 2022** [Sociolinguistic Policies and their Contestation in Bosnia and Herzegovina.](#)
Forum of Federations – The Global Network on Federalism and Devolved Governance.
- September 2013** [Capacity Building in the Public Cultural Sector: Improving Cultural Management in Professional Performing-Arts Institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina \(PAI BiH\).](#) *Open Society Fund Bosnia and Herzegovina*
- October 2012** [Depicting the Roma – Europe’s Pariahs and French Public Enemy](#)
United Explanations
- June 2012** [From a Computer Screen to the Streets: How social networks influenced the Arab Spring](#)
United Explanations
- April 2012** [Kuwait’s Stateless and Repressed: The Story about the Bidoon](#)
United Explanations
- March 2012** [The Spirit Divide: Past and Present of Communism in the Czech Republic](#)
United Explanations

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS, GUEST LECTURES, INVITED PRESENTATIONS, AND MEDIA ENGAGEMENT (SELECTED)

- 2025** Panelist, “I Exist Too Forum”, Malta, COST Blue Rights, May 2025
- 2024** Lecturer, “Minority Policies in the Western Balkans, Open University for Ukraine, Central European University, March 15, 2024
- 2023 - present**
- Lecturer, “Multiculturalism: A Model for the Future”, Forum of the Left Initiative, Bosnia and Herzegovina, June 16, 2023
- 2022**

Lecturer, “Youth Camp: Strengthening Political and Media Literacy among Youth, Media Centar, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, November 10, 2022

Panelist, “Migration and Border Management: Challenges and Perspectives for Reform, University of Malta, Valetta, Malta, March 25, 2022

Al Sharq Virtual Panel, “The Bosnian Crisis”, January 31, 2022

2021 Session Leader, “Political Participation of National Minorities in BiH”, Humanity in Action, November 2021

Main organizer and discussant, Special Session: Migrations and Public Health Challenges, under the auspices of *Dubrovnik Talks – Mediterranean Forum*, 5th edition, October 30, 2021.

Speaker, “Irregular Migrations in Europe: A Perspective from the Sea Basins”, University of A Coruña, A Coruña, Spain

Panelist, “Outsourcing and Cooperation with Third Countries: Deconstructing the Formal and the Informal in Migration and Asylum Policies Conference “University “Goce Delčev”, Štip, North Macedonia

Session Leader, Humanity in Action Sarajevo Fellowship

Lecturer, Jean Monnet Module EU-Western Balkans Cooperation on Justice and Home Affairs, 2nd edition, April 15, 2021 (on-line)

Session leader, “Progressive Politics in Western Balkans 3”, project by Centre Party International Foundation, Olof Palme International Centre from Sweden and five NGO’s from Western Balkan countries, April 9-14, 2021 (on-line)

2020 Guest lecturer, #gamEscape – Youth in Reconciliation, organized by Humanity in Action, November 15, 2020 (on-line)

Keynote speaker, Roundtable “Dayton Accords: 25 Years Later”, organized by International Catalan Institute for Peace November 11, 2020 (on-line)

Main organizer and discussant, Expert Conference: Human Migrations in Times of Global Change, under the auspices of *Dubrovnik Talks – Mediterranean Forum*, 4th edition, October 24, 2020 (on-line)

Guest lecturer, “Progressive Politics in Western Balkans 2”, project by Centre Party International Foundation, Olof Palme International Centre from Sweden and five NGO’s from Western Balkan countries, October 10, 2020 (on-line)

Guest lecturer, “Chance for Us – Youth in Politics”, project by USAID, IOM – UN Migration, BHRI – Bosnia and Herzegovina Resilience Initiative, ‘Boris Divković Foundation, September 5, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Lecturer, Jean Monnet Module EU-Western Balkans Cooperation on Justice and

Home Affairs, 1st edition final conference, June 23, 2020 (on-line)

Guest lecturer, International Winter School “Democratization and reconciliation strategies in South-East Europe: redefining ineffective policies”, University of Dubrovnik, Croatia

2019 Panelist and discussant, “Facilitating Dialogue in Divided Societies”, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Presenter “Political Participation of Jews and Poles in BiH: What Type of Participants”, Södertörn University, Stockholm, Sweden

Panelist, “Migration and Asylum Policy Systems: The case of BiH”, University of Naples “L’Orientale”, Naples, Italy

Invited speaker, International Summer School “Engagement for Friendship: Changing Political Culture in the Balkans”, Belgrade, Serbia

Guest lecturer, invited presentation, the 13th *Balkantage*, Munich, Germany

2018 Invited speaker, International Winter School “Creating Territorial Cooperation: The Impact of the Intercultural Dialogue and Migration Flows in South-East Europe”, Cesenatico, Italy

Panelist, “Political Participation during Times of Repression: Political Engagement of Bosnian Jews from 1879 until 1939”, 11th Congress of the European Association for Jewish Studies, Krakow, Poland

Guest lecturer, invited presentation for *Auf dem Weg in eine europäische Zukunft Spurensuche in Sarajevo, Migration to and from Bosnia and Herzegovina*”, Sarajevo, BiH

Lecturer for MStrat 5 Balkans Program, “The Fall of Yugoslavia and the Bosnian War”, University of Exeter, Strategy and Security Institute, Sarajevo, BiH

2017 Keynote Panelist for Summer School “Migration, (Sea) Border Control and Human Rights”, June 14-22, Naples, Italy

2013 The Ottomans: “Europe’s Last Emperors”, *BBC Documentary*, filmed interview on Ottoman legacy in BiH

Speaker, “Minorities and Destabilization: The Case of Bosnia and Herzegovina”, University of Lodz, Poland

“Political Participation of National Minorities in BiH: The EU Integration Perspective”, *Batthyány Lajos College of Law*, Győr, Hungary

2010 Lecturer, “The Caucasus Crisis in a Global Context”, *Peace Support Operations Training Center BiH*, International Relations Course

2007 Lecturer, “Bosnia-Herzegovina in the Process of European Integration”, *University of Mostar*, Graduate level course on European Union studies

GRANTS, HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2024** “Student Award 2024”, University award for best teacher as voted by students, Sarajevo School of Science and Technology
- 2023** Sodertorn University Stockholm, full research grant (June 2023)
- 2023** Erasmus+ Academic Staff Mobility Grant, Visiting Scholar grant, *Friedrich-Alexander University Nürnberg-Erlangen* (Germany)
- 2022** Erasmus+ Academic Staff Mobility Grant, Visiting Scholar grant, *University of Buckingham* (United Kingdom)
- 2022** Erasmus+ Academic Staff Mobility Grant, Visiting Scholar grant, “Teacher Academy”, *University of Salzburg* (Austria)
- 2022** Erasmus+ Academic Staff Mobility Grant, Visiting Scholar grant, “Teacher Training”, *Metropolitan University of Prague* (Czech Republic)
- 2021** “Student Award 2021”, University award for best teacher as voted by students, Sarajevo School of Science and Technology
- 2021** Sodertorn University Stockholm, full research grant (November 2021)
- 2021** Erasmus+ Academic Staff Mobility Grant, Visiting Scholar grant, “Teacher Academy”, *University of Salzburg* (Austria)
- 2020** “*Ex Solo Ad Solem*”, for outstanding contribution to university development in the period of 10 years, University Chancellor Award – recipient, Sarajevo School of Science and Technology
- 2018** European Association for Jewish Studies, Full congress travel grant
- 2017** Erasmus+ Academic Staff Mobility Grant, Visiting scholar grant
- 2017** Research and Development Award for outstanding contribution to R&D development at the institutional level awarded by the University Rector, Sarajevo School of Science and Technology
- 2012** Open Society Fund Fellowship, Research grant
- 2006** Full Fellowship for the *Mare Europaeum Summer School* (Humboldt University of Berlin)
- 2005** Full Postgraduate Scholarship of the *Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy*
- 2004** Mortar Board Sherri Jo Luft Memorial Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement
Distinguished Senior Leadership Award

University Honors for highest academic achievement and thesis of an outstanding quality

TRAINING AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

2008 Research Seminar on Central European Issues, February 2008
Batthyány Lajos College of Law

Visegrad Summer School, July 2008
Villa Decius and the Visegrad Summer School
Certificate in: *Euro Atlantic Cooperation*

2007 Batthyány Summer School, Győr, July 2007
Batthyány Lajos College of Law
Certificate in: *Central Europe and the European Union*

2006 Mare Europaeum Summer School
Humboldt University Berlin (Germany), University of Copenhagen (Denmark),
University of Turku (Finland), University of Tartu (Estonia)
Certificate in: *Baltic Sea Region Studies*

2005 CEI International Summer School of Cervia “Beyond the Enlargement: The Wider Europe and the New Neighborhood”
Certificate in: *Economic Transition, Enlargement Process and Globalization*, Cervia,
University of Bologna and Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Final paper: “Four Reasons for Poor Economic Development in Bosnia and Herzegovina”

HONORS AND MEMBERSHIPS

[Anna Lindh Foundation](#) - National Advisory Council Member Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina

[Phi Beta Delta](#) International Honor Society

[Golden Key](#) International Honor Society

[Phi Sigma Iota](#) - the highest academic honor in the field of foreign languages

LANGUAGES

Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian (BCS) ...speak, read, and write with native competency

English.....speak, read, and write with native competency

Italianspeak, read, and write with native competency

Frenchspeak, read, and write with near native competency

Macedonianreading competence, intermediate conversation skills

Spanish.....reading competence, intermediate conversation skills

OTHER INFORMATION

- Developed a full master's degree program in Diplomacy in 2010-2011. This program has been fully accredited in the UK and BiH since 2011.
- Participated as an external and internal board member for program accreditation and re-accreditation for two UK accredited programs at University SSST.
- Government-appointed international expert member for *Quality Assurance for Political Science and International Relations Higher Education Study* programs in Montenegro.
- Familiar with *Course and Program Development* both at institutional and quality assurance level.
- International experience with *Master's Program Development* in the UK (QAA) and Austria (AQ).

- Reviewer for:
 - Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies, Tylor and Francis (Q1)
 - Nationalities Papers, Cambridge University Press (Q1)
 - Southeastern Europe, Brill (Q1)
 - Criminal Justice and Criminology, Routledge (Q1)
 - Global Networks: A Journal of Transnational Affairs (Q1)
 - Treaties and Documents, Journal of Ethnic Studies (Q2)
 - HE Politics, Oxford University Press

CITIZENSHIP

Bosnia and Herzegovina