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EDUCATION

- PhD in Economics, University of Sarajevo, 2017
 - *Thesis title: The Effects of Enlargement on Convergence – How the Enlargement of CEE Countries Affected the Real and Structural Convergence Process in the European Union*
- MA in International Economy and Business, Corvinus University of Budapest, 2012
Specialization: International Economic Analysis
- BA in Economics, University of Sarajevo, 2010

KEY POSITIONS

- 2025 – present - Adjunct Professor, Sarajevo School of Science and Technology
- 2024 - present - Associate Research Fellow, Institute of Advanced Studies Kőszeg (iASK), Hungary
- 2022 – 2024 - Assistant Professor, Corvinus University of Budapest
- 2019 – 2022 - Assistant Professor, International University of Sarajevo
- 2018 – 2023 - Associate Research Fellow, Hungarian Institute of International Affairs

PUBLICATIONS

Šiljak, D. (2025). “Crises Around the World Have Been More Frequent and Deeper” – But How Do They Impact EU Convergence? *Economies*, 13(8).

Šiljak, D., & Nielsen, K. L. (2025). Growth Without Development: Institutional Barriers to Convergence in EU Candidate States. *Eastern Journal of European Studies*, 16(1), 13–36.

Šiljak, D., & Nielsen, K. L. (2025). Integration Maturity of Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine: Has DCFTA Helped Prepare Them for the EU Accession Process? *East European Politics and Societies*, 39(1), 208–234.



Šiljak, D., & Nagy, S. G. (2023). Patterns of the Western Balkans' Convergence towards the EU since 2004. *Regional Statistics*, 13(6), 1145–1168.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Economic convergence in the European Union
- EU enlargement and integration maturity
- Economic populism and political economy
- Institutional economics and development
- Critical raw materials and development
- Applied econometrics

COURSES TAUGHT

- Advanced Econometrics
- Introduction to Econometrics