

# VEDRANA DURAKOVIĆ

## CV

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### EDUCATION

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**GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY**, Department of Government  
**Master of Arts in Conflict Resolution**  
Summer Program, Queens University in Belfast, N. Ireland

Washington, DC  
May 2011

**UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON**, Jackson School  
**Bachelor of Arts in International Studies**, *magna cum laude*  
Track in Foreign Policy, Diplomacy, Peace and Security  
Study Abroad in Cape Town, South Africa

Seattle, WA  
June 2008

### EXPERIENCE

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#### OSCE BiH

##### National Programme Officer- Human Rights

Tuzla, BiH  
March 2015- June 2015

- Monitor systematic human rights concerns, especially in the areas of economic and social rights, equality and non- discrimination, minority rights, returns, human trafficking, domestic violence as well as bias related incidents and prepare respective advocacy strategies for different levels of government.
- Analyze legislation, policies and practices to ensure domestic compliance with international human rights law and standards.
- Conduct research and collect data to determine the extent to which a right is realized in relation to the international standard and to identify the most important obstacle to its realization.
- Providing recommendations as to how ineffective administrative or judicial remedies may be improved in order to make them accessible to all persons whose rights may have been violated.
- Write and edit reliable regular and focus reports on the human rights situation and trends in the Area of Responsibility (AOR).
- Coordinate activities with other Sections of the Human Dimension Department at the field office level, as well as with international and national human rights organizations throughout the AOR.

#### NIJAZ DURAKOVIĆ FOUNDATION

##### Co-Founder and President

Sarajevo, BiH  
October 2014- Present

- The Foundation aims to protect, promote, and assert human and citizen rights, as well as rights for those who are marginalized, with a special emphasis on youth (those with physical and mental disabilities, children with special needs, people living below the poverty lines, minority groups such as Roma and juvenile delinquents, etc.) through the organization of interactive educational workshops for youth and adults, mentoring programs, support in gaining employment for unemployed youth and vulnerable populations, as well as through provision of scholarships for youth.
- Write grant and project proposals; draft financial plans and planned activities.
- Implement and manage projects. Coordinate and oversee volunteers and members of the Board of Directors.

#### SARAJEVO SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

##### Lecturer

Sarajevo, BiH  
March 2013- Present

- Lecture in the Political Science and International Relations Department on the following subjects: Multi-Ethnic States, International Organizations, Nationalism, and Transitional Justice.

- Grade and assess students on projects, papers, and examinations.

## **SARAJEVO SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

Sarajevo, BiH

### **Executive Assistant to the Rector**

October 2011- October 2014

- Assisted the Rector/Chancellor in overseeing staff, projects, programs and international contacts/ partners
- Coordinated the Research and Development Committee
- Managed and coordinated staff and department heads
- Planned events (planned, organized and carried out various conferences, panel discussions, visits from international contacts, and lectures; some events had 100+ guests)
- Wrote government letters, policies and memorandums on the political position of the rector
- Conducted research, wrote project proposals, managed projects

## **SOUTHEASTERN EUROPEAN TIMES**

June 2011-January 2012

### **Contributing Writer/Reporter** for Bosnia and Herzegovina

- Wrote articles and features on top news in Bosnia, particularly concerning the political, security, and socio-economic situation.

## **U.S. INSTITUTE OF PEACE**

Washington, D.C.

### **Research Associate**, Conflict Management and Peacebuilding

Sept. 2009- August 2011

- Conducted research for curriculum and project design as well as books and publications.
- Created presentations, case studies, and simulations for USIP trainings in conflict resolution.
- Developed on-line courses using multimedia and Moodle.

## **MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA**

Sarajevo, BiH

### **Administrative Associate**, *Bilateral Relations*

March-Aug.2009

- Compiled country profiles, involving research, translation/interpretation, and analysis of information.
- Corresponded with ambassadors, composed letters to embassies and ministries around the world, and maintained bilateral relations.
- Supported official visits from diplomats and institutions.

## **AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

Sarajevo, BiH

### **Distance Learning Coordinator**

Oct. 08- March 2009

- Facilitated three distance-learning classes, with more than 90 students, using advanced Internet and communications technology. Managed student issues and academic programs.
- Designed and led English classes for 30 students.

## **SKILLS**

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Languages: English (fluent) Bosnian (fluent); Farsi (proficient); Spanish (basic); learning French

Computers: Microsoft Office Suite; Versed in Apple (Mac); Social Media Tools

Drivers' license (category B)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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- Text in Bosnian printed magazine *KORAK* issue 26, 2012.
- "No Future for Bosnia without the International Community." *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*. Web. January 2012.<<http://journal.georgetown.edu/2012/01/31/no-future-for-bosnia-without-the-international-community/>>
- Various opinion pieces in the University of Washington *Daily* as well as the Georgetown *Hoya*.