

LUZ BALAJ – CURRICULUM VITAE

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He is a jurist and a scholar. Currently he is a Teaching Assistant at the University of Prishtina Faculty of Law where he serves as the Secretary of the Constitutional and Administrative Department. At the same time, he is researching and pursuing his PhD in Constitutional Law. Previously he has worked with National Democratic Institute (NDI) in constitutional reforms processes. He trains and participates in the selection of students representing the University of Prishtina at the Harvard National Model United Nations conference. He has participated at the Preparing Global Leaders Academy in Amman, Jordan and continues to cooperate with the organization in nominating and sending Kosovo students in this leadership training program. Mr. Balaj participates actively in projects and initiatives of civil society in Kosovo in promoting and enhancing democracy and rule of law in Kosovo. Further, he has participated in conferences and speaking events in Kosovo as well as abroad. He has published six research papers in the field of constitutional justice

Education

2013- Current- PHD- Cand Constitutional Law Program, University of Prishtina- Faculty of Law

2007 – 2011: **University of Prishtina, Faculty of Law – *Graduated Lawyer (four years system)***. Average grade 8.7/10. Fields of concentration – Administrative and Constitutional Law: Constitutional Law; Philosophy of Law; Administrative Law; Constitutional Justice; Parliamentary Theory and Practice; Local Administration; Positive Constitutional Law.

2011 – 2012: **University of Prishtina, European Commission Program, Faculty of Law – *LL.M*** Fields of Concentration – Administrative and Constitutional Law. (English Program)

Work Experiences

October 2013- Current; Teaching Assistant University of Prishtina- Faculty of Law

June 2012 – March 2013: Program Assistant at the National Democratic Institute (NDI) for the Parliamentary Commission for the amendment of the Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo.

2012-Current Selector of University of Prishtina Official team for Harvard model United Nations Conference (HNMUN)- Faculty Advisor

December 2011 – current: Founder and Director of Programs at the Institute for Constitutional and Parliamentary Studies (ISKP).

January 2011 – June 2011: Intern at the Internship Program at the Assembly of Kosovo in cooperation with the National Democratic Institute (NDI).

October 2009 – October 2010: Coordinator of the students' initiative for the assessment of the performance of the academic staff in the Faculty of Law of the University of Prishtina.

September 2006 – August 2009: Moderator and leader of the youth program at Radio Alba in Klina.

2006 – 2007: Editor at the Magazine "Shpresa".

Scientific contributions, publications, articles and academic conferences

- 2014 Certificated on Leadership- Preparing Leaders Academy-Amman, Jordan
- Retrospective Analysis of the process Kosovo went through until the Ahtisaari Proposal, as the basis for Kosovo's statehood (a publication of Kosovo Chamber of Advocates, Year VII, Nr. 12, 2011) – Coauthor;
- Scientific contributor in the Book "Sistemi Kushtetues i Republikës së Kosovës" (Constitutional System of Republic of Kosovo) – Arsim Bajrami, Prishtina 2011;
- Kosova remains a Parliamentary Republic. (Opinion published in Kosovo daily print and electronic media, May 2011);
- Immunity – what is it? (Opinion published in Kosovo daily print and electronic media, March 2011);
- The possible interpretation and ruling of the Constitutional Court regarding the case of His Excellency Behxhet Pacolli! (Opinion published in Kosovo daily print and electronic media, March 2011, February 2011);
- The "sui generis" Constitution! (Opinion published in Kosovo daily print and electronic media, December 2010);
- The post conformist period of Kosovo jurisprudence! (Opinion published in Kosovo daily print and electronic media, January 2011);
- Same sex marriage in Kosovo – a right or a violation of the Constitution? (Opinion published in Kosovo daily print and electronic media, January 2010);
- Coalitionists don't underestimate the technical dialogue! (Opinion published in Kosovo daily print and electronic media, February 2011);
- Isolated Journalism! (Opinion published in Kosovo daily print and electronic media, January 2010, January 2011);
- 2011: Representative of the Faculty of Law of the University of Prishtina at the "Harvard National Model United Nations 2011", organized by Harvard University (Boston, USA);
- 2009: Representative of the University of Prishtina at the students' conference "Model NATO" (Tirana, Albania);

- 2007 – 2008: Numerous trainings for advocacy and policy making;
- 2006: Trainings for debate, public speeches, policy making and leadership, organized by SFERA – Institute For Policy and Social Studies, Prishtina, Kosova;
- 2004: Representative from Kosovo in the debate “The influence and role of religion in the development of the state” (Paris, France);

Languages

- Albanian – Native tongue;
- English – Fluent proficiency.

Skills

- Scientific research, scientific thinking and academic writing;
- Work under pressure and within short time limits;
- Computer skills, Microsoft Office and research on Internet;
- Managerial and leadership skills.