

CURRICULUM VITAE

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7. Education Degree:		
<i>Institution:</i>	Clemson University, South Carolina, U.S.A	
<i>Degree Date:</i>	PhD Candidate 2014 - Present	
<i>Degree :</i>	PhD (International Family and Community Studies)	
<i>Institution:</i>	Catholic University of Leuven, Faculty of Laws, Leuven, Belgium	
<i>Degree Date:</i>	2010-2011	
<i>Degree/ Master :</i>	LL.M - Master of Laws – Honored - “Cum Laude”	
<i>Institution:</i>	University of Prishtina, Faculty of Laws	
<i>Degree Date:</i>	2005-2008	
<i>Degree / Doctorate :</i>	BSc Law	
8. Academic Degree:		
<i>Institution:</i>	LLM – Master of Laws	
<i>Degree Date:</i>	2011	
9. Scientific Publications:		
Scientific journal		
<i>Title of paper</i>	<i>Journal name</i>	<i>Year / Volume / Pages</i>
“An Empirical Study of the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in a Post-Conflict Country: The Kosovo Case”	Balkan Social Science Review	2015, Volume 6, 201-220
“The Impact of Jus Cogens Norms in the International Legal Order”	Journal for Judicial and Social Science ‘LAW’	2014, Nr. I-4, 168-184
Legal Obstacles facing Kosovo towards its integration to the EU” - (An analysis of the legal obstacles facing Kosovo on the road to accession to the EU)	Catholic University of Leuven, Master Thesis	Defended the master thesis in 2011; Available at the Catholic University of Leuven Library

Abstracts from the International and National Conferences		
<i>Title of paper</i>	<i>Journal name</i>	<i>Year / Volume / Pages</i>
<i>Engaging non-state actors towards building a post-war stable state - the Kosovo case</i>	First Balkan Summer University, University Paris Ouest, Nanterre La Defense dhe University of Prishtina	2014
<i>“Kosovo’s institutional framework efforts for respect of Copenhagen political criteria”</i>	Second Balkan Summer University, University Paris Ouest, Nanterre La Defense dhe University of Prishtina	2015
Other publications		
<i>Title of paper</i>	<i>Journal name</i>	<i>Year / Volume / Pages</i>
<i>“Non-Governmental Organization’s Impact in Protecting Women’s Rights in Humanitarian Crises” - The Kosovo Case,</i>	Clemson University, Legal Paper	06/2016
Author of translating from English to Albanian language the textbook: <i>“International Law”,</i> by Malcolm D Evans, Oxford University Press	British Council, United Kingdom’s International Organisation for Cultural Relations and Educational Opportunities, Universum College	2016
<i>“From victims to actors: Mobilizing victims to drive transitional justice process A Community-Based Participatory approach for raped women within 1999 Kosovo-Serbia war”</i>	Clemson University, Legal Paper	2015
Co-author of translating from English to Albanian language the textbook: <i>“Compliance and the enforcement of EU Law”</i> – by Marise Cremona	British Council, United Kingdom’s International Organisation for Cultural Relations and Educational Opportunities, Universum College	2013
<i>The International Court of Justice Advisory Opinion on Kosovo’s Declaration of Independence and the changes brought after it</i>	Catholic University of Leuven, Legal Paper	2011
10. Work experience record:		
<i>Dates:</i>	2013-Present	
<i>Location:</i>	Prishtina	
<i>Name of the Institution:</i>	Faculty of Law, Public University of Prishtina	
<i>Position:</i>	Teaching Assistant	

<i>Description:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisting in exercises of lectures in the field of international law (International Public Law and International Human Rights Law) • Assisting in observing and assessing students progress towards the subject-matter • Substantial knowledge of the lecture and legal cases in which it teaches • Other related subjects as requested by the Department
<i>Dates:</i>	2014-2016
<i>Location:</i>	Prishtina
<i>Name of the Institution:</i>	Norwegian and Law Faculty Project: Transitional Justice “The role of the University in addressing past issues”
<i>Position:</i>	Administrative Assistant
<i>Description:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performs administrative and office support activities as requested by the Project team leader • Prepares, drafts reports for up-coming lecturers who present before students on specific related topics • Creates presentations for upcoming lectures
<i>Dates:</i>	2012-2013
<i>Location:</i>	Government of the Republic of Kosovo, Prishtina
<i>Name of the Institution:</i>	European Young Cell Alumni Association - Kosovo (EYCA-Kosovo)
<i>Position:</i>	Director
<i>Description:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Association of Kosovo youngsters who have finished their master’s degree abroad and voluntarily work for the promotion of European values in the Republic of Kosovo, promotion of high quality education, professional formation and research in Kosovo • Informing the citizens of the Republic of Kosovo about the European Union core values
<i>Dates:</i>	2012-2013
<i>Location:</i>	Prishtina
<i>Name of the Institution:</i>	Government of the Republic of Kosovo, Prishtina
<i>Position:</i>	Senior Officer, Acting Director of the Department of European Integration and Policy Cooperation, Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport
<i>Description:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination of the process of European Integration, foreign assistance, strategic planning and policy development • Assisting in developing the capacity of the ministry in the context of the initiation of reforms and their impact assessments, in the drafting process and improvement of policies in the EU context; • Participate in the working groups established by local institutions for

	drafting respective legislation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimate and ensure compatibility of the proposed legislation with the EU legislation, standards and international practices and if necessary provide legal advice with regard to EU legislation • Responsible for the approximation and harmonization of the proposed legislation with the EU <i>acquis</i>, a duty performed in close cooperation with the Ministry of European Integration • Draft memorandums; give opinions regarding agreements of cultural centers with foreign states; • Intersect and liaise the work as needed with other coworkers; 			
11. Education and training:				
	<i>Dates:</i> 09-2015/01-2016			
	<i>Title of qualification awarded:</i> Certificate for successfully translating the textbook “International Law” by author Malcolm D Evans from English to Albanian			
	<i>Principal subjects/occupational skills covered:</i>			
	<i>Name and type of institution providing education and training:</i> British Council, United Kingdom’s International Organisation for Cultural Relations and Educational Opportunities, Universum College			
	<i>Level of national and international classification:</i> National classification			
	<i>Dates:</i> 02-2011 / 06-2011			
	<i>Title of qualification awarded:</i> Certificate for finishing Human Rights Advocacy and practice of G. Mattioli-Zeltner			
	<i>Principal subjects/occupational skills covered:</i> Avocation and practice in relation to human rights protection			
	<i>Name and type of institution providing education and training:</i> Law Faculty of Catholic University of Leuven, Leuven, Belgium			
	<i>Level of national and international classification:</i> International classification			
12. Additional information:				
	<i>Organizational skills and competences:</i> Qualified competencies			
	<i>Computer skills and competences:</i> MS Word, MS Excel, SPSS,			
<i>Language skills: (1 to 5: 1 lowest - 5 fluent)</i>				
	<i>Language.</i>	<i>Speaking</i>	<i>Writing</i>	<i>Reading</i>

Albanian	5	5	5
English	5	5	5
<i>Awards and Membership:</i>			
09/2014- 06/2015	Participation in the Program “Transitional Justice: The Role of the University in dealing with the Past University of Prishtina, Norwegian Embassy, Community Building Mitrovica		
09/2014 – 09/2014	Certificate for participation and presentation in Balkan Summer University <i>University Paris Ouest, Nanterre La Defense and University of Prishtina</i>		
04/2012 – 05/2012	Introductory Training on International Trade Policy European Union Office in Kosovo		
02/2012 – 02/2012	Negotiation Process for Membership in EU Ministry of Public Administration, Kosovo Institute for Public Administration		
06/2010 – 08/2010	Successful completing the internship at the Ministry of European Integration Ministry of European Integration, Government of the Republic of Kosovo		
12/2009 – 03/2010	Legal English United States of America Embassy/American Corner Prishtina		
10/2008 – 11/2008	Basic Banking Course Turkish Economy Bank in Kosovo		
1999 – 2000	Certificate of Promotion for completing the course of studies of VIth grade Fort Lee Public School, Fort Lee, New Jersey, U.S.A		