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SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

Articles

- “EU – Western Balkans Relations: The Many EU Approaches”, (2008) in *IUIES Journal on International Studies* – Fourmonthly Journal on International Issues, special issue on “The Mediterranean as the new center for Europe: On the waterfront of European policies”, number 1
- “Rreth shkaqeve apo faktorëve që lidhen me korupsionin: Rasti i Shqipërisë” (On the causes or factors related to corruption: the case of Albania), (2008), *Polis*, Vol. 6, pp. 31-41
- “On Parties and Party System in Albania: What Implications for Democracy”, (2008) in Gergely Karácsony & Péter Smuk (ed.) *Central European Case Studies*, Vol. 2, pp. 85-103, (UNIVERSITAS-GYŐR Nonprofit Kft.: Győr)
- “Understanding the ‘EU democratic deficit’: A two-dimension concept on a three level-of-analysis” (2008), *Politikon: The LAPSS Journal of Political Science* 14(1): 61-74
- “(Necessary and Sufficient) Conditions for Reforming Pensions Schemes in Eastern Europe: Slovenia vs. Macedonia” (2007) *South-East Europe Review for Labour and Social Affairs* 10(3): 107-120

Articles under review

- “Understanding Violent Conflicts: A Reflection on the Western Balkans”
- “Review Essay on Rawlsian concept of Public Reason”
- “From *Balkanization* to *Europeanization*: The stages of Western Balkans Complex Transformations”

Work in Progress

- “The *Whys* and the *When* enlarging to the Western Balkans”

CONFERENCES ACTIVITIES, WORKSHOPS, AND OTHER EVENTS

Conferences with selection and presenting a paper

- “The *Whys* and the *When* enlarging to the Western Balkans” paper at 2nd ECPR (The European Consortium for Political Research) Graduate Conference, Barcelona – Spain, 25 August 2008
- “Albania in searching its New Identity - Tradition or Modern Myths?” paper at BASEES (British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies) Annual Conference, Cambridge - UK, 3 April 2006
- “What causes corruption? The Albanian case” paper at BASEES Annual Conference, Cambridge - UK, 1 April 2006

Conferences, round tables or other public discussions

- "Global Transformations: Integration, Transition and Development"*, 4th CEU Graduate Conference in Social Sciences, Central European University, Budapest – Hungary, 20-22 June 2008
- "The Qualities of Old and New Democracies"*, Central European University, Budapest – Hungary, 18-19 June 2008
- Expanding Citizenship in an age of Migration?*, Open-Forum by Citizens of Europe, Berlin - Germany, 25-27 January 2008
- European Policy Summit: Balkans Crossroads*, Friends of Europe, Brussels - Belgium, 4 December 2007
- “Let us be the ‘Master’ of knowledge and do not let the ignorance to ‘Master’ us”, speech at the conference *Raising Awareness on the CEI UniNet among Students from Central and South-Eastern Europe*, CEI – UniNet, Trieste - Italy, 30 May 2006
- Chair of the Panel *"Population Migration and Family Change"* at BASEES Annual Conference, Cambridge - UK, 2 April 2006
- Approaches to training in Germany and Europe. Against violence and racism*, BAG EJSA, Berlin - Germany, 9-12 October 2003
- 3rd LMU Private Equity Conference*, Munich - Germany, 8 November 2003

UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

Central European University, HUNGARY

Doctoral Support Program of the Department of Political Science, May 2008 –September 2008

University of Milan, ITALY

Graduate School in Social, Economic and Political Sciences

Ph.D. Student, Department of Political and Social Sciences 2006 – 2009

Bologna University, ITALY

Interdisciplinary Master in East European Researches and Studies (**MA. MIREES**), 2004-2006, Graduation mark: 110/110

Title Thesis: “Enlarging EUrope to the Western Balkans: Theoretical Aspects, EU Strategies and the Western Balkan Situation”

University of Ljubljana, SLOVENIA

MIREES exchange student, September 2005 – February 2006

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, GREECE

Bachelor of Economy (**BA.**), 1999-2004

“Preca College”, Korce, ALBANIA

Two last years performed under **IB** (International Baccalaureate)
Diploma of High School, 1994-1998

SUMMER SCHOOLS AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Széchenyi István Egyetem - Batthyány Lajos Szakkollégium
Central European Intensive Course, Győr – Hungary, 25 – 29 February 2008

Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz
State – Society – Religions: Levels of European Identity, Seggau – Austria, 2-16 September 2006

TRANSCEND Peace University
Non-violent Tools and Philosophy, on-line, October 2005 – April 2006

University of Ljubljana
Slovenian Language for foreigners, Ljubljana – Slovenia, January – February 2006

Consortium: University of Oldenburg, European University Institute, ELIAMEP and Churches'
Commission of Migrants in Europe
POLITIS: Training and Participation in Qualitative Research Analysis, Villigst – Germany 13-17 July 2006 &
Delphi – Greece 12-17 July 2005

CLIRO – University of Bologna
Italian Language, Bologna – Italy, September – December 2004

American University In Bulgaria
Balkan Parliament Assembly, Blagoevgrad – Bulgaria, 2003

DiploFoundation
Knowledge Management, September-November 2003

Georgetown University
International Institute for Political and Economic Studies (IIPES), Chania – Greece, July-August 2002

World University Service - Austrian Committee
The Balkan Case Challenge (BCC), Sarajevo – Bosnia and Herzegovina, November 2002
Aristotle University of Thessalonica
Greek Language, 1998 – 1999

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Member of IAPSS - International Association for Political Science Students, May 2008

Research Student on POLITIS Project (funded by DG Research of the European Commission), July 2005 – July 2006

Editorial Team of the Alternative - The Journal for Culture and Science (Albanian Cultural Association), Slovenia, November 2005

Researcher on Internet Governance project (DiploFoundation), April 2005 – May 2006

Voluntary Translator for European Roma Information Office (ERIO), September – December 2004

Internship at Center for Democracy and Reconciliation in South East Europe (CDRSEE), Thessaloniki, May – August 2004

Internship at DiploFoundation, June 2003 – March 2005

Translator at ALBA-SERVICE, Thessaloniki, January – June 2004

Article Writer for The “Prestige” Magazine, Thessaloniki, 2001 – 2004

Traineeship in Spain through EMFACE – Leonardo Da Vinci Program, May - October 2003

Organizing Member Committee of “Student Week 2003” at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, September – April 2003

Reception Committee Communication member of AIESEC Thessaloniki, 2002 – 2003

HONORS AND AWARDS

Doctoral Support Program at Central European University, May- September 2008

Ph.D. scholarship from the University of Milan, 2006-2009

M.A Scholarship from CEI (Central European Initiative), 2004-2006

Scholarship from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy, 2004-2006

“Europass” Training Passport, 2003

Winner of the prize “Teodor Keko” for the best novel, Thessaloniki, 2003

Scholarship from the Fund for American Studies, 2002

Scholarship from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece, 1999-2003

Winner of the Straight Talk live web cast competition, organized by Procter & Gamble, 2003

Certificate of participation in the events of the “Student Week 2002”, 12-25 April & 18-26 May 2002

LINGUISTIC PROFICIENCIES

Albanian – mother tongue

English – fluent

Greek – fluent

Italian – intermediate

Serbo-Croatian / Slovenian – basic

Spanish –basic