

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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OCCUPATIONAL FIELD/
CURRENT POSITION

PhD Candidate, Political Studies (POLS), Network for Advancement of Social and Political Sciences (NASP), University of Milan

WORK EXPERIENCE

2012-2016

Programme Director (2014-2016); Researcher (2012-2014)

Institute for Democracy "Societas Civilis" – Skopje (IDSCS), Kragujevacka 2, Skopje, Republic of Macedonia. www.idscs.org.mk, contact@idscs.org.mk

September 2015-December 2015

Rapporteur of Working Group on Use of Languages, Ohrid Framework Agreement Review on Social Cohesion

OSCE Mission to Skopje and Secretariat for Implementation of Ohrid Framework Agreement (SIOFA), Government of the Republic of Macedonia. **Preparation of analytical paper with recommendations** on the state of affairs and policy options in the field of use of languages in Macedonia for the period 2001-2015.

ACADEMIC EDUCATION

2016-present day

PhD Candidate, Political Studies (POLS)

Network for Advancement of Social and Political Sciences (NASP), Graduate School for Social and Political Sciences, University of Milan, Italy

2008-2013

M.Sc. in Political Science

Faculty of Social Science, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia. **Master thesis: "Language policy in Macedonia"** (full text available at: http://dk.fdv.uni-lj.si/magistrska/pdfs/mag_bliznakovski-jovan.pdf). Average mark 8.83 (of 10.00).

February-May 2008

One semester study-stay

Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic (European Politics Master's Program).

2003-2007

BA in political science

Faculty of Law "Iustinianus Primus", University "ss. Cyril and Methodius", Skopje, Republic of Macedonia. Average mark 8.92 (of 10.00).

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Mother tongue(s)

Macedonian

Other language(s)

English
Serbian / Croatian / Bosnian
Slovenian

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
Serbian / Croatian / Bosnian	C2	C2	C1	C1	B2
Slovenian	B2	B2	B1	B1	A2

Levels: A1/2: Basic user - B1/2: Independent user - C1/2 Proficient user
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Publications-Authorship**
- Bliznakovski, Jovan (2016) *From Bill to Law: Policy Making and Civic Engagement in the Republic of Macedonia*. Institute for Democracy "Societas Civilis" – Skopje (IDSCS), Skopje, April [English and Macedonian]
- Bliznakovski, Jovan (2015) *In Quest of an Effective Discussion: Key Constraints about the Freedom of Speech Exercised from the Parliamentary Stand (policy brief)*. Institute for Democracy "Societas Civilis" – Skopje (IDSCS), Skopje, October [English, Macedonian and Albanian]
- Bliznakovski, Jovan (2015) *Book review: Strategies of Symbolic Nation-Building in South Eastern Europe, edited by Pål Kolstø, 2014, Farnham, Surrey: Ashgate. Studies of Transition States and Societies, Vol. 7/Issue 1, 2015* [English]
- Bliznakovski, Jovan (2014) *Local Language Policies for the Non-Majority Communities: Possibilities for More Effective Implementation (public policy study)*. Institute for Democracy "Societas Civilis" – Skopje (IDSCS), Skopje, April [English, Macedonian and Albanian]
- Bliznakovski, Jovan (2013) *Symbolic Aspects of Nation-Building: The Story of Three Versions of the Preamble of the Macedonian Constitution*. Political Thought no. 44, pp. 115-122. Konrad Adenauer Foundation in the Republic of Macedonia and Institute for Democracy "Societas Civilis" – Skopje (IDSCS), Skopje [English]
- Bliznakovski, Jovan (2012) *Linguistic Competence as a Factor of Civic Participation in the Republic of Macedonia – Local Level Policies*. Political Thought, no. 40, pp. 81-89. Konrad Adenauer Foundation in the Republic of Macedonia and Institute for Democracy "Societas Civilis" – Skopje (IDSCS), Skopje [Macedonian]
- Bliznakovski, Jovan (2011) *Local Language Policies for the Communities under 20%: Gostivar and Kumanovo cases*. Ohrid Framework Agreement – Case studies. pp. 55-60. Macedonian Center for International Cooperation, Skopje [Macedonian]
- Bliznakovski, Jovan (2011) *Normative Framework for Minority Linguistic Rights in Macedonia – as established with the Ohrid Framework Agreement*. Eurodialogue Vol. 14. pp. 133-152. 'Studiourm' – Centre for Regional Research and Cooperation, Skopje [Macedonian]
- Publications-Co-authorship**
- Bliznakovski, Jovan; Popovikj, Misha and Troshanovski, Marko (2016) *What kind of situation is this?! Public opinion survey on the current political events in Macedonia. May 2016*. Institute for Democracy "Societas Civilis" – Skopje (IDSCS) [English, Macedonian]
- Bliznakovski, Jovan and Hristijan Petrushev (2015) *How to Improve the Involvement of CSOs as Service Providers? State of Affairs, Challenges and Opportunities*. Institute for Democracy "Societas Civilis" – Skopje (IDSCS)
- Bliznakovski, Jovan and Misha Popovikj (2015) *Public Opinion on the 'Wiretapping Scandal': Public Opinion Survey Report*. Institute for Democracy "Societas Civilis" – Skopje (IDSCS), Macedonian Center for International Cooperation (MCIC) and Telma TV [Macedonian and English]
- Bliznakovski, Jovan (ed.) (2015) *Conflict of Interest and Corruption at the Local Level: Collection of Research and Monitoring Studies*. Institute for Democracy "Societas Civilis" – Skopje (IDSCS) [Macedonian]
- Bliznakovski, Jovan and Misha Popovikj (2015) *Perceptions on Macedonia's EU Integration. Public Opinion Survey Conducted in February and March 2015*. Institute for Democracy "Societas Civilis" – Skopje (IDSCS) [Macedonian and English]
- Bliznakovski, Jovan and Misha Popovikj (2015) *Conflict of Interest and Corruption at a Local Level. Public Opinion Survey Conducted in February and March 2015*. Institute for Democracy "Societas Civilis" – Skopje (IDSCS) [Macedonian and English]
- Mangova, Ilina; Jovan Bliznakovski and Ivana Kiprijanovska (2014) *The Republic of Macedonia's 2013 Presidential Elections Handbook*. Konrad Adenauer Foundation in the Republic of Macedonia and Institute for Democracy "Societas Civilis" – Skopje (IDSCS) [English, Macedonian, Albanian]
- Barbieri, Sara; Roska Vrgova and Jovan Bliznakovski (2013) *Overcoming Ethnic-Based Segregation: How to Integrate Public Schools in Macedonia and Bosnia and Herzegovina (policy brief)*. Institute for Democracy "Societas Civilis" – Skopje (IDSCS) and UG "Zašto Ne" – Sarajevo [English, Macedonian]
- Mangova, Ilina; Jovan Bliznakovski, Aleksandar Talimidzioski and Aleksandra Murgoska (2013) *The Republic of Macedonia's 2013 Local Elections Handbook*. Konrad Adenauer Foundation in the Republic of Macedonia and Institute for Democracy "Societas Civilis" – Skopje (IDSCS) [English, Macedonian, Albanian]
- Misev, Vladimir and Jovan Bliznakovski (2012) *Ratings of Political Parties and Pre-Election Coalitions*. Institute for Democracy "Societas Civilis" – Skopje (IDSCS) and Macedonian Center for International Cooperation (MCIC) [Macedonian]

Selected conference presentations

(with Misha Popovikj) "Pissing Contest: Political Populism and Public Opinion Polling" (14 November 2015, Skopje, Macedonia). Conference: Populism in Macedonia and Serbia – Business as Usual or Threat to Liberal Democracy?, organized by Macedonian Centre for European Training and the Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies of the Balkans (Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Belgrade), 13-25 November 2015 [English]

"Accounts on Language Policy Implementation in the Republic of Macedonia after the Ohrid Framework Agreement: Focus on Local Level Policies" (21 November 2014, Paris, France; Université Paris Ouest Nanterre-La Défense). Conference: Multilingual Situations and Politics Towards Multilingualism in Europe, organized by Université Paris Ouest Nanterre-La Défense, Paris, France, 20-21 November 2014 [English]

(with Darko Stojanov) "Between History and Politics: Understanding the Myth of Antiquitas in Macedonian History Textbooks" (24 October 2014, Tirana, Albania). Conference: "Myths in South-East European Textbooks", organized by Georg Eckert Institute, Brunschweig, Germany and University of Tirana, Albania, 22-24 October 2014 [English]

"Symbolic Aspects of the Resolution of the Official Language Problem in Macedonia" (10 May 2014, Rijeka, Croatia; Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities in Rijeka). International scientific conference: "Strategies of Symbolic Nation-Building in South Eastern Europe", organized by the Department for Cultural Studies, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Rijeka and the Research Council of Norway, 8-10 May 2014 [English]

"Languages in conflict: Reflections on the 2001 Armed Conflict in Macedonia" (5 November 2013, Skopje, Macedonia; University "ss. Cyril and Methodius"). International scientific conference: "The Balkans: people, war and peace", organized by the Institute for National History – Skopje, University "ss. Cyril and Methodius" [Macedonian]

Selected panel discussions and round tables

Speaker: "Blueprint for Urgent Democratic Reforms". Event organized by the CSO Blueprint initiative, Skopje, 19 July 2016 [Macedonian]

Speaker on panel discussion: "Interest groups and lobbying in Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro", with Aneta Cekikj, Mile Boshkov and Drage Jovanovski. Event organized by the Institute for Sociological and Political-Legal Research, Skopje, 15 June 2016 [Macedonian]

Speaker on panel discussion: "Could the negotiation process be more opened towards the citizens?", with Marjan Zabrcanec, Biljana Bejkova and Vasko Popetreski. Event organized by the Macedonian Center for European Training (MCET). "Public room" Skopje, 24 March 2016 [Macedonian]

Presenter: "In Quest of an Effective Discussion: Key Constraints about the Freedom of Speech Exercised from the Parliamentary Stand", with Misha Popovikj and Marko Troshanovski. Closing conference of the project "Parliament Watch! Strengthening the Democratic Debate and Deliberative Discourse". Event organized by the Institute for Democracy "Societas Civilis" Skopje (IDSCS). "Holiday Inn" Hotel, Skopje, Macedonia, 29 October 2015 [Macedonian]

Speaker: "Alternative Societal Models for Development in the Balkans". Conference organized by Institute for Regional and International Studies and the Polish Institute Sofia. Polish Institute, Sofia, Bulgaria, 2 July 2015 [Macedonian/Bulgarian]

Speaker on panel discussion: "Macedonian Identity and European Citizenship", with Nano Ruzhin and Ivanka Dodovska. Event organized by the "Young Peace Ambassadors". FON University in Skopje, Macedonia, 18 November 2014 [Macedonian]

Moderator of public debate: "Macedonia on the Road Towards the European Union: Current Perceptions of Citizens" with Vladimir Misev, Ivan Damjanovski, Julija Brsakoska Bazerkoska and Malinka Ristevska Jordanova. Event organized by the Institute for Democracy "Societas Civilis" Skopje (IDSCS). "Queens" Hotel in Skopje, 22 May 2014 [Macedonian]

Presenter: "Language Policies for the Non-Majority Communities: Possibilities for More Effective Use" with Nenad Markovikj, Atulla Kasumi and Vladimir Misev. Event organized by the Institute for Democracy "Societas Civilis" Skopje (IDSCS). EU Info Centre Skopje, 30 April 2014 [Macedonian]

Moderator of discussion: "Anti-nationalism in the Balkans: Theory and Practice", with Tchavdar Marinov, Ivana Dragshikj and Misha Popovikj. Event organized by the Center for Research of Nationalism and Culture, Skopje, Macedonia. Menada, Skopje, 1 February 2014 [Macedonian]

Presenter: "Language Policy and Language Status in the Republic of Macedonia" (16 October 2013, Skopje, Macedonia). Public debate: "Language Planning in the Republic of Macedonia – Status and Perspectives", organized by the Institute for Macedonian Language "Krstev Misirkov" – Skopje, University "ss. Cyril and Methodius" [Macedonian]

Selected media appearances

"False myths on the danger of bilingualism" [opinion piece], Deutsche Welle in Macedonian, 26 October 2016

Top Tema, TV talks show, Telma TV, 8 July 2016

Top Tema, TV talk show, Telma TV, 22 April 2016

360 Degrees, TV talk show, Alsat-M TV, 25 January 2016

Top Tema, TV talk show, Telma TV, 14 January 2016

360 Degrees, TV talk show, Alsat-M TV, 30 October 2015

"The faith of the Przhino Treaty is in the hands of the Government", Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty in Macedonian, 29 October 2015

Radio show "Otvoreno", Macedonian Radio Chanel 1, 9 June 2015

"How and when the language of the 'other' should be studied in Macedonia?", Deutsche Welle in Macedonian, 31 May 2015

"DUI insists on bilingualism in the army and the police", Deutsche Welle in Macedonian, 24 April 2015

"Survey: Macedonia stagnates towards the EU", Telma TV, 1 May 2015

"Public opinion survey on Macedonia's EU integration", 24 Vesti TV, 1 May 2015

Memberships in professional networks

TRAIN Alumni Network