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● WORK EXPERIENCE

11/2020 – CURRENT – Tirana, Albania

DIRECTOR OF INTEGRATION, COORDINATION, AGREEMENTS AND ASSISTANCE – Ministry of Finances and Economy

- Coordinates the implementation of the obligations deriving from the Stabilisation and Association Agreement.
- Oversees the process of alignment of the domestic legislation with the *acquis communautaire*.
- Prepares progress reports for the European Commission.
- Coordinates negotiations for trade agreements and memoranda of understanding.

2019 – CURRENT – Tirana, Albania

LECTURER – Logos College

- Courses taught: Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Introduction to Economics and Introduction to Sociology.

09/2018 – 11/2020 – Tirana, Albania

DIASPORA EXPERT – National Agency of Diaspora

- Wrote press releases, op-eds, articles, and reports related to Albanian migration.
- Engaged in migration data analysis and policy analysis.
- Engaged with policymakers and Albanian associations abroad for partnership development.
- Coordinated and monitored implementation of the National Diaspora Strategy.
- Led the social media team of the State Minister for Diaspora.

12/2017 – 09/2018 – Tirana, Albania

DIASPORA EXPERT – State Minister for Diaspora

- Wrote press releases, op-eds, articles, and reports related to Albanian migration.
- Engaged in migration data analysis and policy analysis.
- Engaged with policymakers and Albanian associations abroad for partnership development.
- Led the social media team of the State Minister for Diaspora
- Drafted documents concerning project design and implementation.

09/2017 – 07/2018 – Tirana, Albania

RESEARCHER – Albanian Institute for International Studies (GIZ project)

- Conducted qualitative analysis on the reintegration of returnees in Albania.
- Organized and conducted research interviews.
- Prepared results and compiled recommendations for reports, publications and presentations.
- Researched and wrote policy briefs, articles and op-eds.

2016 – 2018 – Tirana, Albania

LECTURER – Agricultural University of Tirana

- Courses taught: Macroeconomics and History of Economic Thought

12/2015 – 06/2016 – Tirana, Albania

INTERN – International Organization for Migration

- Drafted documents concerning project implementation, such as project concept notes, work plans and reports.
- Identified, collected and analyzed policy-related, relevant information and data.
- Represented IOM at conferences and meetings.

03/2013 – 12/2014 – Stanford, United States

RESEARCHER – Stanford Graduate School of Business

- Oversaw the administration of a research project that assessed the cognitive and emotional characteristics of CEOs.
- Identified and invited CEOs to participate in the study, assisted participants through the assessment and assisted with evaluating results.
- Prepared correspondence, documents and reports.

09/2012 – 03/2013 – Stanford, United States

CONSULTANT – World Bank

- Research and data analysis on the media market for designing a Global Partnership for Entertainment Education.
- Compiled recommendations regarding the participation of countries, organizations, and IT firms in the entertainment education project.

2008 – 2011 – Atlanta, Georgia

TEACHING ASSISTANT – Emory University

- Prepared slides, held office hours, and helped with a variety of non-instructional duties.

● **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

2015 – 2018 – Brighton, United Kingdom

PH.D., MIGRATION STUDIES – University of Sussex

- This research study examined the dynamics and features of transnational entrepreneurship phenomenon among migrants and returnees who are doing business in/with Albania.

Stanford, United States

M.A., INTERNATIONAL POLICY STUDIES – Stanford University

- Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law

Atlanta, United States

B.A., ECONOMICS; B.A., SOCIOLOGY – Emory University

- Minor in Italian

06/2020 – 06/2020 – Linköping, Sweden

SUSTAINABLE E-GOVERNMENT FOR RESILIENT AND INNOVATIVE DEMOCRATIC PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION – The SI Summer Academy for Young Professionals - Linköping University

● LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): ALBANIAN

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
ENGLISH	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
ITALIAN	C2	C2	C1	C1	C1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

● PUBLICATIONS

Dikur ata ishim ne!

Balkanweb Portal

<https://www.balkanweb.com/dikur-ata-ishim-ne/#gsc.tab=0> - 2023

Albania: Education and Employment Reforms Linking Professional Education and Labor Market

Research, Policymaking, and Innovation Review. Springer Nature Singapore, pp. 343-361. 2023

Remittances to Albania: Before and after the COVID-19 Pandemic

Remittances Review. London, UK, 6 (1), pp. 41–54. 2021

The Dynamic Nature of Transnational Entrepreneurship Among Albanian Migrants and Returnees

Global Migration, Entrepreneurship and Society. UK, 13. 2021

Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic on Remittances and Transnational Entrepreneurship

Dita Newspaper

<http://www.gazetadita.al/ndikimi-ipandemise-te-remitancat-dhe-siperarrjet-transnacionale/> – 2020

Migrants' stigmatization in the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Dita Newspaper

<http://www.gazetadita.al/stigmatizimi-i-emigranteve-nga-pandemia/> – 2020

Remittances, PPP and Diaspora

Panorama Newspaper

<http://www.panorama.com.al/remitancat-ppp-te-dhe-diaspora/> – 2019

The Albanian Diaspora and its contribution to the development of Albania

Periodiku Diaspora Shqiptare.

<https://online.flippingbook.com/view/46864/> – 2019

Exploring transnational entrepreneurship among Albanian migrants and returnees.

Doctoral thesis (PhD), University of Sussex.

<http://sro.sussex.ac.uk/id/eprint/83907/1/Barjaba%2C%20Joniada.pdf> – 2019

Albanian diaspora across the world.

Athens Journal of Mediterranean Studies. 5 (3), p. 173-184.

2019

A Contemporary View of Classical Sociologists.

Tirana: UET Press.

2018

The potential impact of migration-generated transnational entrepreneurship: Case of Albania.

Itinerari di ricerca storica. 31 (1), p. 185 – 190.

2017

From Failure to Success: Return Migration in Albania.

Africa e Mediterraneo. 86 (7/17), p. 22 – 27.

2017

Cooperation with Diaspora: From Romanticism to the Markets.

Mapo Newspaper

<https://www.mapo.al/2017/10/bashkepunimi-me-diasporennga-%20romantizmi-te-tregjet/1> – 2017

Engaging Albanian Communities Abroad: One on One Mentoring.

Transnational Press London

<http://www.tplondon.com/books/tmc2017papers> – 2017

The impact of transnational enterprises in the development of Albania.

In: Barjaba, K. (ed). Rimodelimi i zhvillimit në kontekstet lokale. Tirana: The Academy of

Sciences 2016

Embracing Emigration: The Migration-Development Nexus in Albania

Migration Policy Institute

<http://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/embracing-emigration-migration-development-nexus-albania> – 2015

Transnationalism delay as a result of development delay.

In: Barjaba, K. (ed). Asimetritë e zhvillimit. Tirana: The Academy of Sciences of Albania.

2015

Transnationalism delay in the social and democratic development in the Balkans and Albania.

Tirana: UET Press.

2015

Weak dissidence as a factor affecting Albania's development.

In: Armento, V. D. (ed). Etnografia del dissenso.

2014

