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WORK EXPERIENCE

15/04/2025 - CURRENT - SOFIA, BULGARIA

RESEARCHER DEPARTMENT OF BALKAN ETHNOLOGY, INSTITUTE OF ETHNOLOGY AND FOLKLORE STUDIES -BAS

Researcher in social and everyday life history in Southeastern Europe, with a focus on social protection systems, welfare policies, ideologies, and lived experiences during the twentieth century..

Website: https://iefem.bas.bg/

01/08/2022 - 30/11/2025 - SOFIA, BULGARIA

RESEARCHER INSTITUTE OF ETHNOLOGY AND FOLKLORE STUDIES WITH ETHNOGRAPHIC MUSEUM AT BAS

Research fellow- ERC Synergy Project “European Leviathan: The Legacy of Post-War Medicine and the Common Good” [H2020 ERC -2019-SyG; GA ID: 854503 (Leviathan), financed by ERC Synergy Grant, Horizon 2020] as part of part of the Sofia Team at Institute of Ethnology and Folklore Studies, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

Website: https://leviathan-europe.eu/

01/12/2020 - 30/06/2021

RESEARCHER YAD VASHEM VISUAL CENTER

The main tasks were to research and catalog Holocaust films, documentaries, and testimonies related to Albania. Writing summaries and keywords and updating the Visual Centre's catalog.

01/09/2019 - 28/02/2020

ASSISTANT IN A PROJECT TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL (CZECH SESSION)

Supervising Western Balkan media and writing reports and articles in Czech Transparency International about news connected with financial crimes, abuse of power, corruption, and nepotism. Focusing on the 2019 electoral campaign of Kosovo, and coauthor of a publication about the development of that campaign with relevant recommendations.

01/09/2019 - 28/02/2020

PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSISTANT ALBANIAN EMBASSY IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Public relations, maintaining the official site, writing reports about Czech-Albanian relations, and assisting the ambassador and general consul in their public duties.

10/01/2018 - 30/06/2018

INTERN ALBANIAN PARLIAMENT, COMMISSION OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Assisting members of parliament in their daily work, making research, and reviewing bills.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

01/05/2023 - 21/10/2025 - SOFIA, BULGARIA

PHD IN ETHNOGRAPHY- INSTITUTE OF ETHNOLOGY AND FOLKLORE STUDIES WITH ETHNOGRAPHIC MUSEUM, BULGARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

Thesis title “Ageing between home and institutions: Albania and Italy in the second half of XX century,” Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Daniela Koleva.

Conducted within the ERC Synergy Project
“European Leviathan: The Legacy of Post-War Medicine and the Common Good” [
H2020 ERC -2019-SyG; GA ID: 854503 (Leviathan), financed by ERC Synergy Grant, Horizon 2020]

Level in EQF: 8

01/06/2024 - 30/06/2024 - FLORENCE, ITALY

VISITING DOCTORAL RESEARCHER - EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE

01/07/2023 - 31/08/2023 - BOGIS-BOSSEY , SWITZERLAND

CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED STUDIES IN INTERRELIGIOUS STUDIES- ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE AT BOSSEY, UNIVERSITY OF GENEVA

01/10/2020 - 04/12/2023 - HAIFA, ISRAEL

MASTER OF ARTS IN "HOLOCAUST STUDIES"- UNIVERSITY OF HAIFA

The program focused on the history of the Holocaust period and WWII as well as courses on psychological aspects of trauma, the anthropology of memory, genocide and crimes against humanity, international law, museum studies, Holocaust education, and cultural expressions of the Holocaust in film and literature.

Final grade: Graduated with "Cum Laude"

01/10/2021 - 30/06/2022 - KRAKOW, POLAND

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP ABOUT HOLOCAUST - JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY, CENTRE FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES IN THE HUMANITIES

Researching Holocaust history and the political use of Holocaust memory under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Jolanta Ambrosewicz-Jacobs.

01/10/2018 - 30/09/2020 - PRAGUE, CZECHIA

MASTER OF ARTS IN "EUROPEAN POLITICS AND SOCIETY"- CHARLES UNIVERSITY, FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

A multidisciplinary two-year Joint Master's degree linking the fields of European politics, contemporary history and culture, economy, international relations, and policymaking.

15/09/2016 - 26/06/2017 - ANKARA, TÜRKIYE

EXCHANGE STUDENT FOR AN ACADEMIC YEAR- MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

01/10/2014 - 05/07/2018 - TIRANA, ALBANIA

BACHELOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE- UNIVERSITY OF TIRANA, FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

PUBLICATIONS

The Dialect. of Marx. and Neo-Freud.: Ideolog. Dogmatism and the Limits of Criticism in Soc. Alb. 2025 Balkanistic Worlds Vol. 1, Issue 3, pp. 59-80.

Unravelling the Criticism: Socialist Albania’s Examination of Freudian and Neo-Freudian Theories 2024 Contradictions: A Journal for Critical Thought 8 (2) pp. 65-87.

From War Wounds to Welfare: Caring for Albania's Elderly in the Transition to Socialism (1945 -1948) 2023

Balkanistic Forum. 3, pp. 240-263.

Establishment and Operation of the First Elders' Care Institution in Albania 2023

Bulgarian Ethnology. issue 1, 66-82.

The electoral success of the (Northern) League in Italy (2008-2018), is the economic decline the main reason for it? 2023

Studia Politica, Romanian Political Science Review. vol. XXIII, no. 1.

Interpretation of the Stone Flower Monument, and the discourse about Jasenovac camp in Socialist Yugoslavia, Serbia and Croatia 2022

Politikja 1-2 2021, Department of Political Science, University of Tirana, Albania.

Article: "Leftist dissent against state socialism in Albania: How the 20th Congress of the Communist Partyof the Soviet Union influenced the left-wing dissent in Albania." 2021

Journal: Contradictions 5 (2), Institute of Philosophy, Academy of Science of Czech Republic.

Coauthor: "Innovations of monitoring methods for campaign in Kosovo." 2019

Transparency International – Prague, Česká republika, o.p.s.

Book review: "From Stalin to Mao: Albania and the Socialist World by Elidor Mëhilli." 2019

Politikja, 1/2018. Journal of Depart. of Political Sciences, University of Tirana. ISSN: 2225-6458.

CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

29/10/2025 - 31/10/2025 Sofia

Department of Balkan Ethnology, IEFEM-BAS 7th International Conference "Between the Worlds: Crossroads, Dialogues and Stories." Presented paper: Between Welfare and Control: A Microhistory from Nursing Home in Socialist Albania.

25/09/2025 - 27/09/2025 Graz

Centre for Interdisciplinary Research on Ageing and Care, University of Graz SEE Aging Graz 2025: Transforming Representations of Aging in Southeast European Literature and Film. Presented paper: "From Reactionaries to Guardians of Wisdom: The Representation of Older People in Albanian Socialist Cinema (1960s–1970s)."escription

27/06/2024 - 29/06/2024 Regensburg, Germany

Getting Old in Eastern Europe. Social, Political and Economic Dimensions of Ageing in the Past and Present Presented paper: "Elders Care Institutions in Socialist Albania: Establishment and Organizational Framework (1948-1961)

13/05/2025 - 16/05/2025 Velingrad

Sixth Interdisciplinary PhD Forum, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences Poster presentation: "Unravelling the Criticism: Socialists' Examination of Freudian and Neo-Freudian Theories."

03/10/2024 - 04/10/2024 Sofia

CE Europe and the Balkans: Historical Perspectives, Cultural Bridges, and New Horizons Organized by: Institute for Historical Studies – BAS and the Center for East European Studies at the University of Warsaw. Presented paper: "Contacts and influence of Albania and in Polish Communists after 1961."

27/05/2024 - 30/05/2024 Sofia, Bulgaria

Transformations of postwar Europe: Medicine, Bodies, and Technologies Presented paper: "Eldercare in

Socialist Albania: An institutional Analysis during the Consolidation of the Regime."

09/06/2023 - 10/06/2023 Hamburg, Germany

Beyond Binaries: Gender, Sexuality, and Medicine Across Post-War Europe, 1945-1991 Presented paper: "Gendering the Care in Socialist Albania."

03/11/2022 - 04/11/2022 Prague, Czech Republic

The League of Nations: The First Global Peacekeeping Organization in the Changing World – Interdependences and Reflexions Presented paper: "International and local actors: The work of Red Cross under Health Organization in organizing hospitals, orphanages, and health system in Albania."

30/09/2022 - 01/10/2022 Warsaw, Poland

Transforming State Socialism in East-Central Europe. Historical Sociology of the Long Change Presented paper: "The transformation of the socialist economy, and its social and political implications in Albania in the 1990s, with a special focus on social care for elders."

06/04/2022 - 07/04/2022 Belgrade, Serbia

Conference: "The Right-Wing Parties and Intellectuals in Interwar South Eastern Europe: Between Conservatism and Fascism," Institute for Balkan Studies, Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts. Presented paper: "The Real Albanian Is Only the One Who Is a Loyal Citizen of the Empire! The Discourse of Albanian Political Leaders during the Italian Occupation, between Albanian Nationalism and Fascism."

24/09/2021 Brussels, Belgium

Conference: Central and Eastern Europe Football Fans' Identities: What Happened over 30 Years? Université Libre de Bruxelles Presented paper: "The identity of the Partisan team fans in Albania. From the regime favorites to today's emancipatory potential."

22/06/2021 - 24/06/2021 Akko, Israel

Conference: "Between War and Mass Murder: 80 Years to Operation Barbarossa," Western Galilee College Presented paper: "The impact of the German Attack on the Soviet Union, in the Antifascist Resistance Movement in Albania."

26/01/2022 Wroclaw, Poland

Conference: "Minority rights in Central and Eastern European states," University of Wrocław Presented paper: "The Greek minority in Albania, between the legal rights and the reality of their implementation."

SKILLS

Microsoft Office | Microsoft Word | Microsoft Excel | Microsoft Powerpoint | Outlook | Zoom | Google Docs | Google Drive | LinkedIn | Good listener and communicator | Organizational and planning skills | Team-work oriented | Decision-making | Motivated | Written and Verbal skills | Reliability | Critical thinking | Responsibility | Creativity | Internet user | Analytical skills

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): **ALBANIAN**

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
ENGLISH	C2	C2	C1	C1	C1
ITALIAN	C1	C1	B2	B2	B2

GREEK	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2
SPANISH	B2	B1	B1	B1	A2
SERBIAN	B2	B1	B1	B1	
BULGARIAN	B2	B1	A2	A2	A1

NETWORKS AND MEMBERSHIPS

01/01/2026 - CURRENT Austria

European Network in Aging Studies - ENAS The European Network of Aging Studies (ENAS) aims at prompting a thorough reflection on the ways in which we experience age and aging, on the cultural meanings of the aging process, and on theories and policies on aging. ENAS facilitates sustainable international and multi-disciplinary collaboration among all researchers interested in the study of age and aging, most notably from the humanities and social sciences. Through fostering collaboration and networking, promoting interdisciplinary approaches, and supporting researchers at an early stage of their career, ENAS enhances intersectional visibility and stimulates conversations between academia and the general public.

01/09/2024 - CURRENT United States

Society for Albanian Studies The Society for Albanian Studies (SAS), founded in 1973, is an international interdisciplinary academic organization based in the United States of America dedicated to promoting the professional study, criticism, and research of all aspects of Albanian culture, society and politics.

It is an affiliate organization of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES).