

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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WORK EXPERIENCE

01/07/2019–Present

Researcher - SDG Mapping

YMCA World, Geneva (Switzerland)

- Collect and analyse data
- Input information into a database
- Contacting the national movements
- Research on the Sustainable Development Goals

01/02/2016–31/07/2017

Executive Director

Albanian Forum for the Alliance of Civilizations, Tirana (Albania)

Albanian Forum for the Alliance of Civilization is the Albanian Head of Network of Anna Lindh Foundation

- Coordination of the Albanian Network
- Supervision of activities with the Members of the Network
- Trainer in Human Rights; Gender Issues; Youth/women empowerment.
- Part of the research team: Teaching of the Civic Norms within the Religious Educations Institutions in Albania - Medrasah

01/03/2014–Present

Freelance Researcher and Trainer

YMCA Albania-Young Man's Christian Association, Tirana (Albania)

- Trainer and Peer Educator on Human Rights, Democracy, Good governance, Youth Empowerment, Gender Issues and Gender Equality
- Country Research Leader: One Million Voices, Country Report on Youth and Employment, Health, Environment, Spiritual Values and Civic Engagement (Research conducted by YMCA World Alliance)
- Part of the research team: "European Citizens - so Far, so Close!". Research on attitudes, expectations and perceptions of young people in Albania regarding the European Union and Albania's Candidate Statuses
- Drafting of a Training Manual: "Young Leaders - Active Citizens" (supported by European Youth Foundation)
- Part of the team for drafting policies for young people and women empowerment.
- Member the Albanian Youth Policy Group for YMCA Europe about education, employment and peace and justice.

10/01/2014–15/06/2016

Social Worker/Researcher

Aksion Plus, Tirana (Albania)

- Counselling, supervision and drug tests for offenders with drug problems
- Researcher - "The impact of treatment and needs for qualitative improvement of the services to drug user offenders in Probation Service." In collaboration with the Probation Services and the support of the European Commission

01/01/2012–30/07/2016

Social Worker; Information Management - Part time

Gynecological Clinic "Gliozheni", Tirana (Albania)

- Management of the process of In Vitro Fertilization (IVF)
- Creation and maintenance of the database for IVF patients (MediTEx-IVF) as well as other patients (ASTRAIA-Obstetric and gynaecological database)
- Training new mothers or mothers to be on issues such as motherhood/parenting; psychological and psychomotor development of the baby; postpartum depression; physical and psychological changes during and after the pregnancy, etc.

01/03/2011–25/12/2013

Trainer; Project Coordinator; Part of the research team

Associazione Rete Donne-Lavoro, Albanian Branch "Orkidea", Tirana (Albania)

- Part of the working group for: Evaluating services/policies/legislation on the rights of women and young girls and other gender issues in Albania
- Drafting of the Manual on gender education in pre-university school cycle and university cycle
- Training Course with parents, teachers, educators, social worker and psychologists on gender education

15/06/2009–15/06/2010

Internship - Part of the MA Programme "Human Rights and Democracy in South East Europe"

Human Rights Center of the University of Prishtina, Prishtina (Kosovo)

- Assistance for the staff on research activities in the field of human rights at national and international level
- Conducting research for my MA thesis ("The Balkan Ghetto: Kosovo and its Struggle Toward Integration and Statehood")

01/01/2007–31/12/2007

Project Coordinator/Office Administrator

Gender Alliance for Development Center, Tirana, Albania

Coordinator; Trainer; Facilitator

- Follow up and implementation of projects
- Develop, coordinate and oversee the implementation of work plans
- Maintain collaborative working relationship and fostering dialogue with donors and partners
- Responsible for the library and for the services offered to students

05/10/2002–05/10/2003

Social Worker/Facilitator-Part time

Children's Right Center of Albania, Tirana, Albania

Social Worker; Facilitator

- Evaluation of children's needs
- Meetings with supervisors of Governmental Structure and other NGOs
- Facilitation of the Children's-Introducing and teaching the articles of the Children's Right Convent
- Implementation of activities with children at risk of abandoning school

01/11/2001–20/12/2006

Social Worker and Trainer

Action Plus (Harm Reduction Center), Tirana, Albania

(Professional Practice - Part of MA curricula - 01.11.2001-31.04.2002)

Social Worker, Trainer/Peer-Educator

- Drafting of a training manual for HIV/AIDS/IST, drug use, psychological and physical dependence, safe sex and reproductive health
- Training of IDU (Intravenous Drug Users) on safe injection and safe sex, drug use physical and psychological dependence, etc.
- Trainer for Trainers - training of young people for Peer Educators
- Needle Exchange and Harm Reduction programme for IDU

2009–Present

Freelance Translator English-Albanian-EnglishNovember 2018 - Ongoing: Fidel Softech India (<http://www.filose.com/site/>)

01 September - 10 October: Publishing House Albas, Tirana, Albania, translation from English to Albanian of "Further Along the Road Less Traveled" - M. Scott Peck;

01/11/2016 - Ongoing - Volunteer translator for Terre des Hommes, ChildHub: Children Rights and Protection

06/12/2016–10/12/2016 - Translator for SWAN-Sex Workers' Rights Advocacy Network, Budapest (Hungary) Regional Training on Community Mobilization and Media training;

2010-2011 - Klik Ekspo Group Company, Tirana, Albania (Organizes international trade fairs, exhibitions, festivals and congresses) - Translations English-Albanian/Albanian-English of documents and brochures for/of participating companies; Logistics, etc.

2009-2010 - English-Albanian for the University of Prishtina; Journal of Human Rights and Policy

Other short-term/volunteering jobs/positions

September 2016-April 2017 - Volunteer for SWAN-The Sex Workers' Rights Advocacy Network - translator, human rights consultant and interviewer during the process of writing of the Report on the situation of sex workers in Albania, in particular of the trans-gender community.

22/11/2015–24/11/2015 - Expert HIV/AIDS Albania European Commission, Luxembourg (Luxembourg) Meeting of the HIV/AIDS Civil Society Forum

23/06/2013–24/06/2013 - Interpreter OSCE-ODIHR, Tirana (Interpreter) Interpreter/Part-time observer for the election process in Albania

01/03/2008–30/06/2008 - European Volunteering Service - International Coordinating Team Citadara is funded by the Youth in Action programme, hosted by Life Youth Foundation, Oradea, Bihor County, Romania -Administrative competences: Management of participants and volunteers; Management of working camps and activities implemented by the volunteers; etc.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

25/09/2017–Present

GEMMA - Master's Degree in Women's and Gender Studies (University of Bologna, Italy and University of Oviedo, Spain)

Bologna (Italy)

GEMMA is a two years joint interdisciplinary Master's Degree Programme in Women's and Gender Studies in Europe, supported by the European Commission. It is a Consortium, which represents seven different institutions from six European countries: University of Granada, University of Bologna, Central European University (Budapest), University of Hull, University of Lodz, University of Oviedo and University of Utrecht.

02/11/2008–02/11/2009

MA Degree in Human Rights and Democracy in South East Europe

Center for Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Studies of the University of Sarajevo in cooperation with the University of Bologna through its Istituto per l'Europa Centro - Orientale e Balcanica, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Philosophy of Human Rights; Democracy; Nationalism, Ethnicity and Religion; Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; Mechanisms of Human Rights Protection

15/09/1998–25/06/2002

BA+MA-Social Work

University of Tirana, Albania, Faculty of Social Sciences

Social work with children and families; Reproductive health; Domestic violence; Children's rights and children's abuse; Mental health; Introduction to psychological and medical treatment; Research Methods, Psychology of Development; Practice of Social Work with Individuals; Gender Mainstreaming; Social Policies; Constitutional Law; etc.

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Albanian

Foreign language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
Italian	C2	C2	C2	C2	C1
Spanish	C1	B2	B2	B1	B1
French	A2	B1	A1	A1	A1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user - B1 and B2: Independent user - C1 and C2: Proficient user
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Work Published:

"Do not disappear for ever", fiction novel, author
March – August 2006 – Printing –Office "DUDAJ", Ed. Prof. Dr. KALLULLI, Adriatik

"Education: One of the main actors in creating or minimizing gender role models and gender stereotypes" - Human Rights and Policy Journal of the University of Prishtina, nr. 3 December 2009, published by the University of Prishtina and by the Euro-Mediterranean Women's Foundation, 23.02.2017 (<https://associations.euromedwomen.foundation/pg/en/documents/view/6701/education-one-of-the-main-actors-in-creating-or-minimizing-gender-role-models-and-gender-stereotypes>)

"The Impact of Treatment and Needs for Qualitative Improvement of the Services to Drug User Offenders in Probation Service" - Research, Action Plus and Probation Services with the assistance of the European Commission; Tirana, Albania 2015

(Editing process: The Balkan Ghetto: Kosovo and its struggle toward integration and democracy - Peace, Human Rights, Governance, Padova University Press

One Million Voices - A global research programme of YMCA World: A report on a survey of young people in 60 countries worldwide on employment, health, religion, civic engagement and environment: Desk researcher and expert for Albania. (September 2017 - January 2018)

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