

Curriculum Vitae



Personal information

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Work experience

Head of Social Applied Sciences Department
Faculty of Law, Political Sciences and International Relations
The European University of Tirana
Tirana, Albania
1 October 2022 – Present

Lecturer

The European University of Tirana
01 November 2020- Present

Courses taught:

- Leadership in Organization (MA)
- Project Management & Evaluation (MA)
- Theories of Political Behaviour (MA)
- Research Methods (MA)

Advisor/LEAD Albania Fellow

Prime Minister's Office
Tirana/Albania
01 November 2019– 30 October 2020

Lecturer

The European University of Tirana
Tirana/Albania
March 2010-October 2019

Former Courses taught:

- Research Methods (2013- Present) (MA, BA)
- New Political Movements (2016-2018) (MA, BA)
- Political Parties and Electoral Systems (2011 - 2018) (BA)
- Comparative Foreign Policy (2014-2016) (MA)
- Comparative Politics (2012-2014) (MA)
- Albanian Question and Albanian Foreign Policy (2011-2013) (BA)
- Academic Writing (2011 – Present) (BA)

Administration Manager/Orphans' Programme Coordinator

Islamic Relief Worldwide-Albania Office

November 1997-December 2007

Education and Training

2016 – Dr. in Political Science

Party System - Structure and Organization of Political Parties in Albania

The European University of Tirana

2010- Master of Arts in European Politics

University of Sussex, UK

2009 - BA in Political Sciences

The European University of Tirana

Executive Courses

Leadership and Character in Uncertain Times

6 July – 7 August 2020

Harvard Kennedy School

Navigating Change – Module 2

9-11 March and 10-12 June 2020

Centre for Creative Leadership, Brussels, Belgium

August 2009: Open Society Institute and Bilgi University, Istanbul, Turkey

Summer Programme: Western Political Ideologies

Publications

Xhaferaj, A. (2022) Making and breaking friends – discursive strategies of Party of Labor of Albania in making and breaking alliances during communism. *Southeast Europe Yearbook "Memory Cultures since 1945: German-Southeast European European Entangled History"*, Volume 47. Peter Lang.

Xhaferaj, A. (2022) A Discourse Analysis of Strategies Pursued by the Party of Labor of Albania to Eliminate its Enemies in the Early Years of Communism in Albania. *SEEU Review 17(2)*, pp.19-33. (with Alban Reli).

Xhaferaj, A. (2022) Measuring Intra-Party Democracy in Political Parties in Albania. IDM. (Available at: <https://idmalbania.org/study-measuring-intra-party-democracy-in-political-parties-in-albania/>)

Xhaferaj, A. (2022) PUBLIC POLICY AT TIMES OF PANDEMIC- Policies on teleworking as a tool to achieve territorial redistribution of human resources and narrow down unequal distribution of wealth and development. *Economicus (21)*.

Xhaferaj, A. (2018) Incentives and practices of mass-party membership in Albania. In Sergiu Gherghina, Alexandra Ionascu and Sorina Soare (eds.) *Party Members and their Importance in non-EU Countries: A Comparative Analysis*. Routledge.

Xhaferaj, A. (2015) Media Influence on Political Parties in Albania. *Advances in Social Sciences Research Journal*, Vol. 2 (6), pg. 163-172

Xhaferaj, A. (2015). The Role of Public Funds on the Political Parties in Albania. *Economicus*, Vol.12.

Xhaferaj, A.(2013). 'Appointed Elites in the Political Parties – Albania Case', *Academic Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies*, Vol.2, No.3, pp.307-318.

Xhaferaj, A. (2012). *Party Structure and Organization in Post-Communist Albania – Explaining the Centre Right Party Success*, *Polis* 11, pp.42-60.

Academic Conferences

10-11 November: The Paradox of External Assistance in Establishing Civil Society: A Case Study of Albania. Paper presented at the 18th International Conference "Social Capital and Public Sphere in Contemporary Society. University of Vlora, Albania.

13-15 July 2023:EU Migration Policy and National Sovereignty. VIII- European International Conference on Interdisciplinary Scientific Research. Rome, Italy. Available at: https://www.eucongress.org/files/ugd/614b1f_17855f6dec42401e93b5e8749e164325.pdf

18 February 2022: "The Myth of Volunteering in the Albanian Literature of Socialist Realism". Communist Myths in Albania, Before and After the System Change Conference organized by Institute for Democracy, Media and Culture. Tirana, Albania (with Alban Reli).(<https://idmc.al/en/communist-myths-in-albania.html>)

13-15 December 2021 -A Discourse Analysis of Strategies pursued by the PLA to Normalize People Disappearances in Albania during Communism. Transitional Justice Conference "Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances in dictatorship and authoritarian past and contemporary settings: a social, legal and historical appraisal of transitional and transformation policies and mechanisms" organized by The OSCE Presence in Albania and the Centre for Justice and Transformation/ Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Tirana.

4-8 October 2021: Making and breaking friends – discursive strategies of Albania during Communism. *Memory Cultures since 1945: German-Southeast European Entangled History*. Southeast Europe Association. Akademie für Politische Bildung. Tutzing, Germany.

17 May 2019: Permanent Revolution: The Image of Class Enemy in the Albanian Literature of Socialist Realism. International Scientific Conference "The Image of the People's Enemy" organized by the Albania Authority on Access to Information on the former State Security. Tirana, Albania.

6-8 October 2017: 'A Mother (in-law) Land Approach to the Social Movements in Kosovo in 1997' with Irena Myzeqari at the International Conference 'Dealing with the past: social movements in Kosovo during socialism and the 1990s'. Pristina, Kosovo. Organized by Alter Habitus and Centre for Southeast European Studies of the University of Graz, Austria.

07-11 June 2016: Final EuroPS Conference "Bridges within Europe" organized by the EuroPS Consortium and Monica's Erasmus Network in Political Science. Sarajevo, BiH.

September 2014: 'Which Parties Count? The Effective Number of Parties in the Albanian Party System', International Conference on Social Sciences, organized by European Center for Science Education and Research, 19-20 September 2014, Bucharest, Romania.

March 2013: 'Appointed Elites in the Political Parties – Albania Case', 41st ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops: Workshop on 'Political Parties and Recruitment of Appointed Elites in Contemporary Democracies' – Johannes Gutenberg - University of Mainz, Germany, 11-16 March 2013

24-25 September 2012: 7th South East European Doctoral Student Conference: 'Party Structure and Organization in Post-Communist Albania – Explaining the Centre Right Party Success', organized by South East European Research Centre at City College, International Faculty of the University of Sheffield, Thessaloniki, Greece.

November 2011: Post – Communist Political Parties in Albania: Conference organized by the European University of Tirana. Paper presented: Explaining the Centre Right Party Success in Albania – The Case of the Democratic Party of Albania.

Books Translated

Michels, R. (2021) *Political Parties: A Sociological Study of the Oligarchial Tendencies of Modern Democracy*. Tiranë: UET Press (forthcoming)

Campbell, A. (2015). *Winners: And how they Succeed?* London: Arrow Books. (Translated into Albanian. Published by UET Press).

Hill, C. (2014). *Outpost-Life on the Frontlines of American Diplomacy: A Memoir*. Simon & Schuster (Co-Translated into Albanian). Tirana: UET Press).

Guest lecturer

University of Minho, Portugal/School of Economics and Management: 28 November-02 December 2022.

Klaipeda University of Applied Sciences, Lithuania/ :19-23 September 2022.

Warsaw University, Poland/ Institute of International Relations: 03-07 April 2017

Newspaper Articles

A mund të ofrohen zgjidhje për të ardhmen me filma portmonto? (Can portmanteau movies offer solutions for the future? (A note on the participation of Albania at the Venice Architecture Biennale 2021). 07 June 2021. Liberale Newspaper: <https://liberale.al/a-mund-te-ofrohen-zgjidhje-per-te-ardhmen-me-filma-portmonto/>

Partia, lideri dhe dilemat organizacionale (The Party, the leader and the organizational dilemmas). 31 May 2021. Liberale Newspaper: <https://liberale.al/partia-lideri-dhe-dilemat-organizacionale/>

Fushata me dy zëra e PS dhe parcelizimi i elektortit (Open and covert campaign of SP and the parcelization of the electorate) 12 May 2021. Liberale Newspaper: <https://liberale.al/fushata-me-dy-zera-e-ps-dhe-parcelizimi-i-elektortit/>

Fleta e Votimit dhe emri apo numri qe duam? (The Ballot Paper and the Candidate Name or Candidate Number we Want). 04 April 2021. Liberale Newspaper: <https://liberale.al/fleta-e-votimit-dhe-emri-apo-numri-qe-duam/?fbclid=IwAR2DaGM1MT-8RlccuPloMHKlw5jgBEY2tJOTBIFK9lw9G48sp2NcqM3Wzw>

Gratë ne Zgjedhje – Tavani apo Shkëmbi i Qelqtë (Women in Elections – Glass Ceiling or Glass Cliff (29 Mar 2021). Liberale Newspaper: <https://muslimania.al/grate-ne-zgjedhje-tavani-apo-shkemi-i-qelqte/>

Për kë do votojmë në 25 prill: Strategjitë e kandidatëve dhe partive (Whom will we vote on 25th April: the strategies of candidates and parties). 22 March 2021. Liberale Newspaper: <https://liberale.al/per-ke-do-votojme-ne-25-prill-strategjite-e-kandidateve-dhe-partive/?fbclid=IwAR2QHDsV7HpWMk5iNMS9wqiElv1OHWZMXrM3qoKgun4LhPWNkXjuvEL2iXU>

- Kush nuk do të votojë më 25 prill? (Who will not vote on 23 April?) 08 March 2021. Liberale Newspaper: https://liberale.al/kush-nuk-do-te-votoje-me-25-prill/?fbclid=IwAR1h6v_pu_cav12l46NYp8BkDsNqdfVHzJHbDLwsw0eN9gHRD2wSxIwJRqI
- Sezoni i gjetise (Open season). 22 Feb 2021. Liberale Newspaper: https://liberale.al/sezoni-i-gjuetise/?fbclid=IwAR1sTnS2BtznvZNntI2hl_mc9zo4SG-cBOxzZmpwKaruwNyCOgMmh29T2J8
- A do të jetë më mirë sistemi shëndetësor tani? (Will we have a better health care system now?) 18 Jan 2021. Liberale Newspaper: <https://liberale.al/a-do-te-jete-me-mire-sistemi-shendetesor-tani/?fbclid=IwAR1PRiGtMUaoHmwReDuXADigyfl7kMetAtbmT2Sv5NW0fSzocwGzuyh2K0>
- Qeveria dhe Ministrat si CEO (Government and Ministers like CEO). 05 Jan 2021. Liberale Newspaper: <https://liberale.al/qeveria-dhe-ministrat-si-ceo-t/>
- Krishtlindjet dhe a mund të ofrojë shteti lumturi? (Christmas Celebrations and Can the State Offers Happiness?). 24.12.2020. Liberale Newspaper: <https://liberale.al/krishtlindjet-dhe-a-mund-te-ofroje-shteti-lumturi/>
- Pse feja nuk inspiron parti politike në Shqipëri? (Why religion does not inspire the creation of political parties in Albania?) 24.06.2019. Gazeta Liberale: <https://liberale.al/pse-feja-nuk-inspiron-parti-politike-ne-shqiperi/>
- Mbi koalicionin PD-LSI (On DP-SMI Coalition) (27 korrik 2018). Gazeta Mapo, <https://gazetamapo.al/mbi-koalicionin-pd-lsi/>
- Kopshti dhe ca leksione mbi shtetin (The kindergarten and some lessons on the functions of State) (7 shtator 2017). Gazeta Mapo. <http://www.mapo.al/2017/09/kopshti-dhe-ca-leksione-mbi-shtetin/1>
- Mbi konceptualizimin e anëtarësisë në partitë politike shqiptare (On the conceptualization of party membership in Albania) (12 korrik 2017). Gazeta Mapo. <http://www.mapo.al/2017/07/mbi-konceptualizimin-e-anetaresise-ne-partite-politike-shqiptare/1>
- Listat e PD dhe Fytyrat e Partisë (DP Lists and the Two Faces of Power) (01 qershor 2017) Gazeta Mapo. <http://www.mapo.al/2017/06/listat-e-pd-dhe-fytyrat-e-partise/1>
- Sistemi zgjedhor miks më i miri i dy botëve' (Mixed Electoral System – The best of both worlds), Mapo, 30 November 2016: <http://www.mapo.al/2016/11/sistemi-zgjedhor-miks-me-i-miri-i-dy-boteve/1>
- A na duhet një tjetër parti e qendrës së majtë? (Do we need another centre-left party?), Mapo, 14 October 2016: <http://www.mapo.al/2016/10/a-na-duhet-nje-tjeter-parti-e-qendres-se-majte/1>
- President nga populli apo nga parlamenti (A president elected by the People or from the Parliament?), Mapo, 07 July 2016: <http://www.mapo.al/2016/07/president-nga-populli-apo-nga-parlamenti/1>
- Kundër rrymës: Anëtarësia partiake, partitë politike dhe shoqëria në Shqipëri (Against the Mainstream - party membership, political parties and society in Albania), Mapo, 27 May 2016: <http://www.mapo.al/2016/05/kunder-rrymes-anetaresia-partiake-partite-politike-dhe-shoqeria-ne-shqiperi/1>
- A kemi vërtetë nevojë për reformë zgjedhore (Do we need an election reform?), Mapo, 29 January 2016: <http://www.mapo.al/2016/01/a-kemi-vertet-nevoje-per-reforme-zgjedhore/1>
- Bunkerit dhe reforma zgjedhore (The Bunker and the Election Reform), Mapo, 14 December 2015: <http://www.mapo.al/2015/12/bunkerit-dhe-reforma-zgjedhore/1>
- A mund të depërtojnë alternativat e reja politike në sistemin partiak?, gazeta Mapo, dt.15 November 2015: <http://www.mapo.al/2015/11/a-mund-te-depertojne-alternativat-e-reja-politike-ne-sistemin-partiak/1>
- Panel Debate at Ora e Betit – Ora News TV (8 November 2022) Protest and Primaries (political

Participation in TV Debate Programs

analyses). Available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LCXKQiGqS-o&t=11s>

Panel Debate at Spotlight – Vizion Plus (25 April 2022) On Presidential Elections in France. Available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vkz6ERdrQY8&t=8s>

Panel Debate at PolitikOn – RTV Ora (29 March 2021) Arjan Salaj, një hero në shoqërinë e sharlatanëve (Arjan Salaj, a hero in the society of charlatans). Available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=41c6pLlefUE>

Panel Debate at “Opinion” – TV Klan (05 October 2017) A i paragjykojnë muslimanët. (Are Muslims Prejudiced?) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=drilePe05qk>

Panel Debate “Studio e Hapur” – News 24 (qershor 2017) Kush i detyron femrat muslimane të bëjnë plazh të mbuluara. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ONX2wrF0ZJU>,

Panel Debate “Femina” – RTSH (26 April 2017) Gruaja dhe Feja. Femina nw TVSH. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tfE_sewfG8&t=47s

Panel Debate at ‘Top Show’ – Top Channel: The World in 2017 (24 January 2017). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9F5Xrio7m18>

Panel Debate at ‘Opinion’- TV Klan: Ngjarjet e Parisit dhe ISIS: A rrezikohet Shqipëria? 16 nëntor 2015 (Paris Events and ISIS – Is Albania threatened by Islamic Fundamentalism? 16 November 2015) <http://opinion.al/sonte-ne-opinion-ngjarjet-e-parisit-cfare-po-ndodh/>

Panel Debate at ‘Zululand’ – TV Tema: on Islamic Fundamentalism 17 november 2015: <http://www.gazetatema.net/web/2015/11/17/sonte-ne-zululand-m-nano-debaton-me-te-ftuarit-lidhur-me-apostazine-ne-fene-islame/>

Panel Debate at ‘Opinion’ – TV Klan: Dëshira për t’u dukur (On Vanity) – 16 December 2014: <http://tvklan.al/deshira-per-tu-dukur/>

Panel Debate at ‘Opinion’ – TV Klan: Dashuria dhe Kriza e Martesave (Love and Marriage Crises) – 15 shkurt 2013 (15 February 2013): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CXARu2sgXiQ>

Panel Debate at ‘Opinion’ – TV Klan: ‘Pro-Cons Gay Parade’ – 07 April 2012: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GnrFw1E1ZY>

Projects and Trainings

January 2023: STEFORA: STEM for All. An Erasmus + Project (expert).

January 2021- 2022: U-SIA: University to Society as Innomediaries in Albania. An Erasmus+ Project (expert)

April- May 2019: Trainer of Trainers for the Candidates for Municipality Councils: “The Functional Model of Municipality Councils in Albania”, financed by Strong Municipalities, Helvetas and implemented in cooperation with the European University of Tirana.

7-10 November 2017: COORP WORKSHOP ON INNOVATIVE RESEARCH METHODOLOGIES, organized by Institute for Development Studies, Sussex University and PERFORM.

2015 -2016: Part of the European University of Tirana working group for the proposed project Erasmus+ Joint MA in Political Science under the direction of Salzburg University.

2015-2016 – ConSus – Tempus Project: Connecting Science-Society Collaborations for Sustainability Innovations: Teaching Resource – Teacher (Front Page – OpED: <http://consus.allafine.com/en/modules>)

2013: Part of the European University of Tirana working group in the implementation of the TEMPUS

Project 'HEART': Placing Human Rights at the Heart of Higher Education in the Western Balkans, under the direction of the University of Roehampton.

Mother tongue(s)

Albanian

Other language(s)

Self-assessment

European level

English

Italian

Spanish

Understanding				Speaking				Writing	
Listening		Reading		Spoken interaction		Spoken production			
C1	Proficient	C1	Proficient	C1	Proficient	C1	Proficient	C1	Proficient
C1	Proficient	C1	Proficient	C1	Proficient	B2	Independent	B2	Independent
B2	Independent	B2	Independent	B2	Independent	B1	Independent	B1	Independent

Awards

LEAD Programme Fellow: 2019-2020

Holder of UET PhD Scholarship for the academic years 2011-2015.

Holder of OSI/ Chevening Scholarship for the academic year 2009-2010 to follow the studies for MA European Politics at Sussex University.

Holder of The European University Scholarship for Excellence for the academic years 2007-2009 towards a BA in Political Sciences at the European University of Tirana.