

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Gerti Sqapi

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Sex Male | Date of birth 31/03/1987 | Nationality Albanian

WORK EXPERIENCE

01/05/2013–Present

Associate Professor, Member of Applied Social Sciences Department. Faculty of Law, Political Science and International Relations. European University of Tirana.
European University of Tirana, Street "Xhanfize Keko", Nd. 56, Tirana, Albania.

- Teaching Introduction to Sociology, Introduction to Political Science; Transition and Democratization in Central and Eastern Europe; Political Sociology, Political Ideologies, Academic Writing, Research Methods, New Political Movements.

- Scientific Research.

20/03/2012–20/04/2012

Internship in the Department of Strategy and Donor Coordination, Council of Ministers.

Council of Ministers, Boulevard "Dëshmorët e Kombit" No.1, 1000, Tirana (Albania)

- Knowing the overall functioning of the department and its collaborations with other units of government.

- Performing specific tasks.

08/04/2011–08/05/2011

Interviewer in surveys and exit polls

"Gani Bobi" Institute / Center for Humanistic Studies, Tirana (Albania)

- Field interviewer

- Collection and processing of data from interviews

- Reporting

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

21/09/2023

Associate Professor of Political Sciences. Academic title granted by University of Tirana (Albania).

03/2013–29/10/2016

Dr. in Political Science and International Relations

European University of Tirana, Tirana (Albania)

Advanced Research Methods I & II; Advanced Debates in Political Sciences, Contemporary Social Theories I & II.

10/2010–10/2012

MSc in Political Science

European University of Tirana, Tirana (Albania)

Contemporary Political Theory, Political Philosophy, Compared Politics and Governance Systems, Political Ideologies and Movements, Integration and EU Enlargement Process, Advanced Research Methods, etc.

09/2007–09/2010

BA in Political Science

European University of Tirana, Tirana (Albania)

Introduction to Political Science, Introduction to Sociology, Comparative Politics, Research Methods, Modern Political Thought, Contemporary Political Thought, Theories of Democracy, Theories of Representation, Political Parties and Electoral Systems, Modern and Contemporary History etc.

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Albanian

Foreign language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C1	C1	B2	B2	C1
IELTS					
Italian	C1	B2	B2	B2	B1

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

Communication skills Good Social and communication skills, positive outlook and energetic

Job-related skills Energetic, willingness to learn, can work under pressure.

Digital skills Competent with computer programs that include the use of Internet, Microsoft Office Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Publications

Books

Sqapi, Gerti (2017), *“Demokratizimi: Kushtet dhe Faktorët që Kushtëzojnë Suksesin e Tij”*. Tiranë: UET Press.

Journal Articles

- Sqapi, Gerti. (2015), *“Pluralism and Liberalism: Could there be a common relationship of support and connection between them?”*. Slovakia: Journal of Education, Psychology and Social Sciences: Volume 3, Issue 1, pp. 8-11.

- Sqapi, Gerti (2015), *“Lobbying in the United States of America and European Union: A comparative Approach”*. Rome: Mediterranean Journal of Social Sciences, Vol. 6, No. 2, Supl. 2, pp. 103-108. (Scopus Indexed).

- Sqapi, Gerti (2016), *“Modernizimi dhe Demokracia: Një Vlerësim Kritik ndaj Teorisë së Modernizimit në Studimin e Demokratizimit”*. Tirana: Polis, Vol. 15, p. 102-112.

- Sqapi, Gerti & Tonin Gjuraj & Roland Lami & Klementin Mile (2018), *“Çfarë të bëjmë me lobimin në Shqipëri”*. Revista Kuvendi nr. 20, pp. 30-39.

- Sqapi, Gerti (2019), *“Stateness Before Democracy? A Theoretical Perspective for Centrality of Stateness in the Democratization Process: The Case of Albania”*. Eastern Journal of European Studies, Volume 10, Issue 1, pp. 45-65 (Scopus Indexed).

- Sqapi, Gerti (2020), *“Who Needs Ideologies in Albanian Politics”*: Polis, Vol. 19, pp. 57-67. <https://doi.org/10.58944/hmrk5161>

Sqapi, Gerti (2021), *“The Dark Social Capital as an Effective Way in Getting Things Done: Explaining Dark Sides of Social Capital in Albania”*: Polis, Vol. 20, pp. 95-110. <https://doi.org/10.58944/jcmc5222>

- Mile, Klementin & Gerti Sqapi (2022), *“The Environment of Political and Legal Processes: Reconceptualizing European Integration for Aspiring Countries”*. International Journal of Ecosystems and Ecology Science, Vol. 12 (2): 419-426. <https://doi.org/10.31407/ijees12.2>
- Sqapi, Gerti (2022), *“Holding “Free and Unfair Elections”: The Electoral Containment Strategies Used by Incumbent Political Parties in Albania to Secure their Grip on Power”*: Revista Jus & Justicia Vol 15, pp. 78-92.
- Sqapi, Gerti & Mile, Klementin (2022). *“State Capture, Party Patronage and Unfair Electoral Processes: The Typical Case of Election Conduct in Albania”*. Acta Politologica. Vol. 14, no. 3, pp. 1–22. (Scopus Indexed) https://doi.org/10.14712/1803-8220/31_2021
- Sqapi, Gerti (2022), *“Interest Articulation and Lobbying in Unregulated Legal Contexts: The Case of Albania”*. Economicus, Vol. 22. Tiranë: UET Press, pp. 172-183. ISSN: 2223-6295 <https://doi.org/10.58944/uckf7388>
- Sqapi, Gerti, (2023), *“Value Pluralism and Liberalism: A Conflictual or a Supportive Connection between Them?”*. Studime Sociale (Social Studies), Vol. 17, No. 1 (61), pp. 119-125. ISSN 2309-3455 <https://www.sociology.al/sites/default/files/Vol.%2017%20No%201%20%2861%29%202023.pdf>

Conferences

- Sqapi, Gerti. (2014). *“Transition Paradigm as Explanation for the Democratization Processes”*. Referred in Central Bohemia University International Conference, Prague, Czech Republic.
- Sqapi, Gerti. (2014). *“Kultura Politike dhe Procesi i Demokratizimit: Një Vështrim Mbi Rastin e Shqipërisë”*. Referred in the International Conference "Albanian Studies Days I", European University of Tirana, Tirana, Albania.
- Sqapi, Gerti (2015). *“Lobbying in the United States of America and European Union: A Comparative Approach”*. Referred in 4th International Conference on Social Sciences, Bucharest, Romania.
- Sqapi, Gerti (2015). *“The Impact of Albanian Political Culture Features on Democratic Consolidation”*. Referred in the International Conference for PhD Candidates and Young Academic Researchers, Lask, Republic of Poland.
- Sqapi, Gerti (2015). *“Tranzitologjia: Një Kritikë Anti-teleologjike”*. Referred in the International Conference "Albanian Studies Days II", European University of Tirana, Tirana, Albania.
- Sqapi, Gerti (2016). *“Shpjegimi i Demokratizimit në Qasjen e Sociologjisë Historike: Një vlerësim Kritik”*. Referred in the International Conference "Albanian Studies Days III", European University of Tirana, Tirana, Albania.
- Sqapi, Gerti (2017), *“Democratic Consolidation as a Teleological Concept in the Study of Post-Authoritarian Regimes”*. Referred in the International Conference "Albanian Studies Days IV", European University of Tirana, Tirana, Albania.
- Sqapi, Gerti (2019), *“Why It Should be Regulated and Which System of Lobbying Regulation for Albania?”*. Referred in the International Conference "Albanian Studies Days VI", European University of Tirana, Tirana, Albania.
- Sqapi, Gerti (2021), *“Does the Communist Mentality Explain the Behaviour of Albanian Politicians During the Transition Period”*. Referred in the International Conference “Albanian Studies Days VIII”, 29-30 April 2021. European University of Tirana. Tirana, Albania.
- Sqapi, Gerti (2021), *“The Missing Role of Civil Society in the Democratization Process of Albania”*. Referred in “International Balkan and Near Eastern Congress Series on Economics, Business and Management”, 29-30 May 2021. Plovidid,

Bulgaria.

- Sqapi, Gerti (2021), *“Features of Albanian Political Culture and Their Impact on Democratization Processes and the Functioning of Rule of Law in Albania”*. Referred in 7th International Mardin Artuklu Scientific Researches Conference, 10-12 December 2021. Mardin, Turkey.

- Previously, I had teaching experiences under the Erasmus+ program at the University of Genoa (Italy), University of Roma Tre (Italy), University of Aveiro (Portugal), University of the International Studies of Rome (Italy), and University of Valladolid (Spain).

Projects

- Health in All Policies project - Consultation for the preparation and conducting of surveys - Ministry of Health.

- KAP'ECO project - Monitoring of the Eco Tirana service for the cleaning of the capital - Coordinator for the field survey - Implemented by the European University of Tirana and financed by Lëviz Albania.

- National research project won as project leader by the National Agency for Scientific Research and Innovation in Albania (NASRI), entitled: *"Social Basis of Voting in Albania: The Impact of Social Structural Factors and Political Fractures in Determining the Vote of the Albanian Electorate"*. The project is being implemented since September 2023.

Additional information

I have had short-term teaching experiences within the Erasmus+ mobility program at the University of Genoa (Italy), the University of Roma Tre (Italy), the University of Aveiro (Portugal), the University of International Studies of Rome (Italy) and the University of Valladolid (Spain).

- During my studies at the university, as a result of my meticulous work and dedication to learning and achieving high results, I was awarded five (full) consecutive Excellence Scholarships by the European University of Tirana as a.

- I have obtained various certificates after trainings in teaching.

- I have obtained IELTS certificate as proof of English language.