

OTHER RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

A. REVIEWER (on certain volumes of):

Fatos Tarifa

- International Journal of Interdisciplinary Social Science (Common Ground Publishing);
- International Journal of Science in Society (Common Ground Publishing);
- International Journal of Civic, Political and Community Studies (Common Ground Publishing);
- International Journal of Interdisciplinary Cultural Studies (Common Ground Publishing);

Darko Stojanov

1. *Nationalities Papers*, published by Routledge for the Association for the Study of Nationalities (<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cnap20/current>)
2. *Contemporary Southeastern Europe*, published by the Centre for Southeast European Studies at the University of Graz (<http://www.suedosteuropa.uni-graz.at/cse/en>)
3. *Der Donauraum*, published by Böhlau for the Institut für Donauraum und Mitteleuropa (<http://www.boehlau-verlag.com/978-3-205-78571-2.html>) and (<http://www.idm.at/publikationen/der-donauraum>)
4. *Glasnik*, published by the Institute of National History in Skopje (<http://www.ini.ukim.mk/index.php?m=7>)

Agim Mamuti

- Journal of Finance and Accounting ISSN: 2330-7331 (Print); ISSN:2330-7323 (Online)
- Journal of International Relations and Diplomacy, ISSN 2328-2134
- International Journal of Globalization and Small Business, ISSN 1479-3067

Kosta Giakoumis

- Reviewer of the *Journal of Religious History*, published by the Religious History Association, Wiley Journals [<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/%28ISSN%291467-9809>].
- Reviewer of the journal *Politics, Religion & Ideology*, published by Taylor & Francis [<http://www.tandfonline.com/loi/ftmp21#.Vo5ggvkrK1s>].

Ilir Kalemaj

- Problems of Post-communism.
- Reviewer of a grant proposal for the National Science Center Poland: <https://www.ncn.gov.pl/?language=en>

Bralind Kiri

- PLOS ONE- 20. 11.2013-28.11.2013
- Portuguese Economic Journal- 01. 04.2014-07.04.2014

Nertila Gjini

- Albanian Journal of Mathematics
- Journal for Scientific Research and Higher Education Policy

Arjana Kadareja

- International Journal of Monetary Economics and Finance

Enila Cenko

- International Journal of Education

Marsela Dauti

- Global Social Welfare: Research, Policy and Practice
- Social Work and Social Policy
- Journal of Community Practice
- International Social Work
- Community Development Journal
- Journal of Policy Practice

B. EDITORIAL BOARDS:

Fatos Tarifa

- Sociological Analysis (Chief Editor);
- Global Outlook: A Journal of Global Affairs and Comparative International Development (Chief Editor);
- Academe: The Official Journal of the Albanian Academy of Arts and Sciences (Chief Editor);
- Humanus (cO-Chief Editor);
- Journal of Applied Social Science (Member of Editorial Board), SAGE;
- Journal of Social Sciences (Member of Editorial Board);

Petraq Papajorgji

- Editor in Chief: International Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Information Systems (IJAEIS) :<http://www.igi-global.com/journal/international-journal-agricultural-environmental-information/1160>
- Associate Editor of Journal of Biomedical Data Mining: <https://www.omicsonline.com/open-access/editorialboard-biomedical-data-mining-open-access.php>

- Associate Editor of Iberoamerican Journal of Applied Computing: <http://www.revistas2.uepg.br/index.php/ijac>
- Advisory Board Member of Caspian Journal of Mathematics: <http://cjms.journals.umz.ac.ir/journal/editorial.board>

Agim Mamuti

- Editor, Point Journal of Business and Economic Management (PJBEM), ISSN: 2476-8014
- Editorial Member, EUMMAS 2014 International Conference on Marketing, Management and Economics, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Banja Luka

Ilir Capuni

International Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Information Systems (IJAEIS)

Kosta Giakoumis

- - Member of the international advisory board of the annual series of Art Readings published by the Institute of Art Studies, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.
- - Member of the Greek-Albanian Philological Association and editorial board member of its Review *Albanohellenica* (2000-April 2016).

Ilir Kalemaj

- 2016-onward: Associate Editor of Global Outlook: Albanian Journal of International and Political Studies. Vol. 1, No. 1-2. University of New York Tirana Press.
- 2011-2015: Associate and expert affiliated with Centre for European and Security Affairs (CESA) at the Institute for Democracy and Mediation, Albania. <http://www.idmalbania.org/cesa>

Juna Miluka

- 2016-onward: Associate Editor of Global Outlook: Albanian Journal of International and Political Studies.

Marenglen Biba

- International Journal of Social Network Mining (IJSNM) – Inderscience, Switzerland .
- International Journal of Grid and Utility Computing (IJGUC), Inderscience, Switzerland.

Enila Cenko

- Humanus

C. OTHER BOARDS/ COUNCILS:

Petraç Papajorgji

- Member of National Advisory Board of Innovation, Ministry of Innovation, Albania
- Courtesy faculty in University of Ponta Grossa, Ponta Grossa, Parana, Brazil; Center for Applied Optimization; University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, USA.

Ilir Capuni

- Member of National Advisory Board of Innovation, Ministry of Innovation, Albania

Petar Todorov

- Advisory board of the Center for Urban Studies - Istanbul Sehir University (Şehir Araştırmaları Merkez - İstanbul Şehir Üniversitesi) from December 2014.

Azmi Stringa

- Member of working group for drafting the law on Deposit Insurance (2014 the law and 2016 - amendments to the law) and the Law on Bank Resolution (2016)

D. SUPERVISOR OF MASTER THESIS AND DISSERTATIONS:

Fatos Tarifa

(A) More than 30 MA thesis supervisions;

(B) PhD dissertations supervisions:

SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED

- Merlinda Hoço, University of Tirana (Political Sociology);
- Donal Shena, University of Tirana (International Relations);
- Alida Tomja, University of Tirana (International Relations);
- Dorina Zenelaj, European University of Tirana (Sociology);
- Aida Zhupa, European University of Tirana (Sociology);

SCHEDULED FOR DEFENSE (Spring 2017)

- Anisa Proda, European University of Tirana (Political Science);
- Alket Dino, European University of Tirana (Sociology);

IN PROCESS

- Alketa Dumani, University of New York Tirana (International Relations);
- Leida Ruvina, University of New York Tirana (Political Science);
- Ledina Ferhati, University of New York Tirana (International Relations);

Andromahi Kufo

- Jona Pelushi, "Transfer pricing in Albania", June 2016, UNYT
- Mentor Domi, "Lending and non-performing loans in Albania: the effect of government taxes", June 2016, UNYT

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Supervisor of the following in process master thesis:

- Gerta Jakupi, "Corporate governance in the Albanian banking sector", still in process Spring 2017, UNYT

Arben Zibri

- Ujeza Gacaj, MBA (2014): The Impact of Macroeconomic Variables and Bank Profitability Performance Measures on Non-Performing Loans
- Amanda Tasi, M.Sc. in Finance and Accounting (2015): Determining the Accuracy of Altman's Z score in the Albanian Market - An Evaluation of Financial Health for Manufacturing and Non-manufacturing Sectors.
- Arvjola Gjyrezi, M.Sc. in Finance and Accounting (2016): The role of fiscal policy in response to financial crisis.
- Vijola Goga, M.Sc. in Finance and Accounting (2016): Capital Adequacy Ratio in Albania and its Determinants.
- Aristeia Vllahu, M.Sc. in Finance and Accounting (2017): In Process
- Brisilda Kuqo, M.Sc. in Finance and Accounting (2017): In Process

Agim Mamuti

Supervisor of the following defended master thesis:

- Silvana Zalla (UNYT, 2016), *Human Resources Capital and The Possibility of its Inclusion in Financial Statements of Albanian Companies*;
- Evlia Hysa (UNYT, 2016), *Harmonization of National Accounting Standards with the International Accounting Standards, the Case of Albania*
- Edi Mitre (UNYT, 2015), *Impact of the Foreign Direct Investment on the GDP and Employment Level in Albania and Macedonia*;
- Armin Felic (IUS, 2013), *Organizational Structures and Cultures as Assumption for Success of SMEs in Bosnia and Herzegovina*;
- Cenita Oezguener (IUS, 2013), *Impact of Nation Branding on Exports and FDI: Case Study of Bosnia and Herzegovina*;
- Ahmet Sali Kansu (IUS, 2013), *Celebrity Endorsement as a Tool of Branding in Airline Industry, Case Study of Turkish Airlines*;
- Aldijana Birdzo (IUS, 2013), *The Impact of Marketing on Building Product's Image – The Case of Bosnian Sweet Delight "Bosanski Lokum"*.

PhD Co-Supervisor of:

- Chintal Upadhyay (Gujarat Technical University of India, 2016-current), *Customer Satisfaction in Modern Banking*
- Jaya Dakwani (Gujarat Technical University of India, 2016-current), *A study of Financial Distress of Selected Indian Companies*

External PhD Examiner of:

- George Mathew (Anna University – India, 2016), *Business Process Re-engineering of Public Sector Undertakings in Kerala*

- Patel Mahesh Kanubhai (Gujarat Technical University of India, 2016), *A study of influence of religiosity on shopping orientation of consumers in Gujarat*
- Ansa Salim (PRIST University, 2016), *A Study on Long Term Orientation Self Efficacy and Certain Behavioral Aspects of Women with Special Reference to Self Help Group in Kerala*
- S. Nisa (PRIST University, 2016), *A Study on Savings Pattern and Creation of Investment Portfolio for Bottom of the Pyramid Women Self Help Groups in Kerala*

Eriona Shtembari

- PhD dissertation opponent for the student Rudin Beka

Kosta Giakoumis

- Supervising Sajmira Gjapi, Ph.D. candidate of the Aristotlean University of Thessaloniki (Jan. 2016 to date).

Ilir Kalemaj

- Supervising Ramiola Kalemi, Ph.D. candidate of the University of New York Tirana (Jan. 2016 to date).
- Supervising Gent Margariti, Ph.D candidate of University of Tirana (December 2015 to date).

E. AWARDS, RECOGNITION & PRIZES:

Arben Zibri

Pashko” Award, from the Foundation of Economic Liberty (FLE), for the best dissertation thesis in economics with libertarian inspiration, December 2014

Denard Veshi

- Erasmus Mundus Scholarship (9 chosen from ~ 600 applicants)
- One of the first two fellows of the first generation awarded with the title of doctors in LAST-JD (2 out of 10 PhD candidates finished the Ph.D. on time)
- Itinerari Previdenziali Scholarship (2 chosen from ~ 100 applicants)
- Best non-EU student at University of Bologna, School of Law (2010/2011).
- Fourth best student at University of Bologna, School of Law (2009/2010).
- Best intern of the Regional Administrative Court of Bologna (2010/2011).
- ER-GO Scholarships based on merit and incomes (2007/2011).

Suzana Guxholli

The Harald Burmeister Scholarship and price, at the international competition, organized by COS, Center for Organisational Studies, Barcelona, Spain. May 1997, Ass Prof Suzana Pani (Guxholli) and Ass. Prof Vera Xhokaxhi.

Marenglen Biba

- International Award for Best Sociology Research Paper, given by University of Rome at the framework of International Competition on Best Sociology Research Paper, 2014
- National award for the best Humanities Research Paper, given by Ministry of Education and Sports, May 2015.

Enila Cenko

- 2005 Recipient of grant awarded by the Open Society for Albania, Soros Foundation to support the scientific research of Albanian students pursuing a doctoral degree in a foreign university, Tirana, Albania
- 2005 Recipient of Frances L. Hiatt Summer Research Fellowship, Clark University, MA, USA

F. Projects at UNYT

Adriatic IPA, Cross-Border Cooperation, 2007-2016

Assoc. Marenglen Biba, Project Manager 2013-2015
 Suzana Guxholli, Project Manager 2015-2016
 Perparim Dervishi
 Ariana Çela,
 Eriona Shtembari,
 Andromahi Kufo,
 Anisa Vrenozi,
 Nertila Gjini

Fostering quality assurance in all aspect of higher education 2015-2017

Edlira Late
 Suzana Guxholli
 Nertila Gjini
 Brikena Kazazi
 Ariana Çela
 Agim Mamuti

Raising Museum Awareness in Berat, 2015-2016

Kosta Giakoumis
 Ariana Çela

EU Democracy Promotion, 2017

Eltion Meka

Modelet parashikues per sezonin polenik te disa bimeve alergjizuese

Elona Gjebrea

Nertila Gjini

G. Other Projects

Marenglen Biba

Project: STAR (Support to Territorial and Administrative Reform) project supported by UNDP and the Ministry of Local Government of Albania. Contract with UNDP, 2014-2015- National IT Expert

Enila Cenko

- Project: Balkan Epidemiological Study on Child Abuse and Neglect by Institute of Child Health, Department of Mental Health and Social Welfare - Centre for the Study & Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect-GREECE- Expert
- EU 7th Framework Programme FP7-HEALTH-2007-B, 2011

Ilir Kalemaj

Kosovo and Albania: Quo Vadis? By Friedrich Ebert Stiftung- Project coordinator, 2014

Ariana Çela

Cultural Heritage as Integral Part Budgetary Plans of Korça Municipality: Interactive Museums by Leviz Albania- Project Director, 2017