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Executive Summary:

Experienced diplomat and a medical doctor with a master's degree in health management and international politics. Skilled in European integration, global politics, human rights, and democracy building, as well as managing health institutions and budgets. Currently she is PhD candidate in International Health at Barcelona University.

Professional Experience:

Dean, Heimerer College, Prishtina-Kosovo,

2023 -

Director for International Cooperation and Lecturing Professor, Barleti University, Tirana-Albania, 2022-2023

Ambassador, General Consulate in Strasbourg,

2018 - 2022

- Secured a 60 mil. Euro loan from CEB to support health institutions in Kosovo to fight the COVID-19 pandemic and provide vaccines.
- Obtained a 2 mil. Euro loan for developing small and medium enterprises dedicated to fighting unemployment among women.
- Made a final preparation before Kosovo applied for membership in the Council of Europe. Strengthened the rule of law, democracy, and human rights in Kosovo through close cooperation with the Council of Europe.
- Kosovo incorporated the Istanbul Convention (against domestic violence) in its Constitution.

Minister of European Integration, Kosovo,

2017 - 2018

- Managed a team of 85 employees and a budget between 87-115 mil. Euros, including IPA Funds.
- Planned, lobbied, budgeted, organized, monitored, and implemented the EU agenda, which included all stakeholders such as the government, and parliament.
- Initiated legal initiatives and ensured Kosovo's membership in four EU Programs, including Erasmus+.

Ambassador of Kosovo to the Kingdom of Belgium, EU, NATO, Luxembourg,

2013 - 2016

- Negotiated the first contractual agreement between Kosovo and the EU, Stabilization and Association Agreement.
- Contributed to Kosovo's World Customs Organization and Apostil Convention membership.
- Security Strategy Review on KSF by NATO, paved the way toward transformation into MD.
- Kosovo alliance with NATO against DAESH/ISIS.

Ambassador of Kosovo, Slovenia,

2011 - 2013

- Contributed to the signature of nine bilateral agreements between Kosovo and Slovenia, including the Agreement on using the International code “XK” for Kosovo and +383 international telephone code.
- Facilitated Slovenia's investments in Kosovo's banking system, IT technology, food, and beverage. Slovenia was 3rd direct investor in Kosovo.

Advisor to PM on health and social issues, Government of Kosovo,

2010 – 2011

- Established social and health institutions in Kosovo.
- Connected line ministries, parliament, and government, and kept the PM informed and involved related to legal initiatives, creation of social insurance fund and social scheme, and health issues.

Member of Parliament, Kosovo,

2007 – 2010

- Initiated legal initiatives and actively drafted the first White Paper jointly with NDI and UN on social inclusion.
- Initiated projects dedicated to eradicating illiteracy among women and vaccinating children jointly with UNICEF.
- Contributed to fortifying the flour with folic acid and iron in mitigating anemia and spina bifida among women and children, a joint project with UNICEF.
- Jointly with UNFPA, worked in achieving UNMDG.

Medical Doctor, Dental University Clinical Center, Prishtina,

2004 – 2008

Medical Doctor, Dental University Clinical Center, Kiril Metodij, North Macedonia

2006

Medical Doctor, Dental Private Clinic, Prishtina, (part-time)

2003 - 2020

Advisor to the SRSG in the UN Mission in Kosovo,

1999 – 2002

Researcher at Council for the Defense of Human Rights,

1995 – 1999

EDUCATION

PhD Candidate, University of Barcelona, International Health

2025

Executive Master Degree in International Relations, CERIS-ULB University Brussels

2023

MSc Health Management

2011

A joint project between the University of Pristina and the University of Vienna

Postgraduate studies

2008

Medical Faculty, Dental School, University of Pristina

Undergraduate studies

2003

Medical Faculty, Dental School, University of Pristina

SKILLS, ACHIEVEMENTS AND MEMBERSHIPS:

Results-driven and highly motivated. Demonstrated expertise in international public service. Exceptional leadership and diplomatic skills. Proven ability to solve complex developmental issues. Strong interpersonal and communication abilities.

Languages: Albanian (native); English, Serbian and Croatian (Fluent); French (A2); German (A1)

IT skills: MS Office

MEMBERSHIPS:

Member of the Advisory Board of Heidelberger Gespraech Gesellschaft, Germany, October 2021.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

Prize winner: "The Flame of Peace" Brussels, February 4th, 2016, bestowed by Herta Margarete Habsburg-Lothringen as a President and Sandor Habsburg-Lothringen Vice-President of Flame of Peace Foundation.

CONFERENCES / SEMINARS:

1. Heimerer College, Kosovo, 14 International Conference of Health Sciences. Prishtina, Kosovo 22-23 September 2024.
2. George C. Marshall Center, Southeast Europe Forum - FY22 SEEF, June 2022
3. October 7, 2020, Diplomatic Academy - MFA Kosovo, "Covid-19 and the influence of China and Russia in Eastern Balkan Region."
4. September 2020, George Marshall European Center for Security Studies, Videoconference "Geopolitical Implications of COVID-19 on Great Power Competition"
5. August 2020, George Marshall European Center for Security Studies, Videoconference: "UNSCR 1325, gender equality and women empowerment in promoting security."
8. June 2020, George Marshall European Center for Security Studies, Germany, "The impact of China in Western Balkan Countries".
9. IV Dental Conference, "Dentistry Today and Tomorrow" 23-25 November 2019, Prishtina, Kosovo
10. November 2019, George Marshall Center for Security Studies, "Western Balkans perspective and commitments for 2020.", Budapest-Hungary.
11. March 2019, EU France: "Women and Migration in Balkans" Valance, France.
12. March 2019, EU School for Human Rights Defenders "Human rights as a core value in Kosovo". Strasbourg-France.
13. August 2018, Summer School Kosovo College of Diplomacy & Universum Faculty: "The future of Western Balkan Countries and the EU Integration Process". Prishtine-Kosovo.
14. June 2018: Konrad Adenauer Stiftung and Youth European Federalist: "EU Integration Process and its relevance for the region." Prishtine-Kosovo.
15. June 2018, European Union and Women Network: "Strengthening Women Participation in Politics and Decision Making in Kosovo". Prishtine-Kosovo.

16. George C. Marshall Center, Shared responsibility - a Common Vision for Security, Apr 2018
17. George C. Marshall Center, Senior Executive Seminar (SES)Senior Executive Seminar (SES), June 2017
18. George C. Marshall Center, Senior Executive Seminar (SES)Senior Executive Seminar (SES), Jun 2016
19. Dental Association of Republic of Kosovo with International Participation “Kosovar Days of Dentistry”, Prishtina-Kosovo, 7-9 December 2016.
20. Seton Hall University, Ambassador Study Tour Ambassador Study, May 2012
21. National Albanian American Council, Hope Fellowship Washington Leadership Program, Nov 2011
22. 87th Congress of the European Orthodontic Society, Istanbul-Turkey, 19-23 June 2011.
23. 12. International Parliamentarians Conference, Dubrovnik, Croatia, October 2010
24. United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Nov 2009 Millenium Development Goals, Global Meeting - Istanbul, Turkey
25. U.S. Department of State, Combating Trafficking of Human Beings, Jan 2009
26. Professional Specialisation - "Political debate in Southeastern Europe" Professional Specialisation - Council of Europe, Nov 2008
27. United Nations Office at Geneva, Human Rights Spring Session, 1997

PUBLICATIONS:

Here are some of my publications:

Heidelberger Gespraech Gesellschaft · Jan 18, 2022

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<https://heidelberger-gespraech.org/?p=875>

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The last puzzle piece in the Western Balkans - Kosovo is moving toward full European integration.
<https://perconcordiam.com/the-last-puzzle-piece-in-the-western-balkans/>

Diplomatic Courier - Washington DC: “Covid-19 and the influence of Russia and China in the Western Balkans” – Dr. Suzanne Loftus and me. <https://www.diplomaticcourier.com/posts/covid-19-and-the-influence-of-russia-and-china-in-the-western-balkans>

Sbunker – Kosovo: “In memory of Sergio Vierra de Mellio.” <https://sbunker.net/op-ed/90493/ne-kujtim-te-sergio-viera-de-mello-dhe-misionit-te-tij-ne-kosove/>

EUobserver – Brussels: “Tweaking the EU enlargement process – a view from Kosovo.” <https://euobserver.com/opinion/147417>

Gazeta Blic – Kosovo: “The election of Kosovo Rapporteur in the CoE, the win over Russian member of GRU elite Unit.” <https://gazetablic.com/zgjedhja-e-rapporterit-te-kosoves-ne-kie/>

Srpska Ekonomija – Belgrade, Serbia: “Politics paves the way to economy”. <http://zeri.info/aktuale/209028/ish-ministrja-ahmetaj-flet-per-gazeten-serbe-lidhur-me-kosoven/>

Epicentar Magazine, Sofje-Bulgaria: “Berlin Process and reconciliation in Balkans”.

Diplomat Magazine, BE-NE-LUX: “Kosovo on its 10th Anniversary of Independence”

<http://www.diplomatmagazine.nl/2018/02/03/kosovo-celebrates-10th-anniversary-independence/>

Euinside, Brussels: “Elections in Germany and their impact on the Western Balkans” <http://www.euinside.eu/en/analyses/Elections-in-Germany-and-their-impact-on-the-Western-Balkans>

Euobserver, Brussels: “Serbia should stop comparing Kosovo to Catalonia”. <https://euobserver.com/opinion/139340>

Euobserver, Brussels: “Germany should remain invested in Balkans”. <https://euobserver.com/opinion/139179>
