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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- February 2018 – present **Program Manager / Senior Researcher**
Center for Research and Policy Making, Skopje, Republic of Macedonia
- December 2014 – May 2017 **State Secretary**
Secretariat for European Affairs, Government of the Republic of Macedonia
- February 2014 – May 2017 **Chair of the Inter-Ministerial Taskforce for Migration Policy**
Government of the Republic of Macedonia
- September 2014 – December 2014 **First Secretary**
Permanent Mission of the Republic of Macedonia to the European Union in Brussels,
Belgium
- September 2013 – September 2014 **Advisor for International Cooperation**
Office of the Prime Minister, Government of the Republic of Macedonia
- December 2013 – March 2014 **Chairperson of the Board of *Vardar Film***
National Film Institution, Skopje, Macedonia
- July 2009 – August 2013 **Freelance interpreter and translator**
Accredited interpreter for the EU institutions since May 2011
- April 2009 – June 2012 **Academic assistant**
Faculty of Philology, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje, Macedonia
- February 2009 – December 2010 **French language teacher**
French Institute, Skopje, Macedonia

EDUCATION

September 2012 – June 2013 **Master in European Political and Administrative Studies**
College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium
Award for Best Master Thesis on EU-China Relations for 2013 by the InBev-Baillet
Latour Foundation – Belgium
Bursary of the College of Europe

October 2008 – December 2010 **Master in Conference Interpretation**
Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje, Macedonia
3rd *Leopoldo Costa* Prize awarded by the European Commission in 2009
Bursary of the European Commission

September 2005 – July 2007 **Specialization Program in Chinese Language and Culture**
Beijing Foreign Studies University, Beijing, China
Award for Best Foreign Student in the academic year 2005/06
Scholarship of the Chinese Government

October 2003 – June 2008 **Bachelor in French and Chinese Language and literature**
Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje, Macedonia
Scholarship for academic achievement awarded by the Macedonian Ministry for
Education and Science.

TRAINING

November – December 2016 **Women Leaders: Promoting Peace and Security**
International Visitors Leadership Program of the Department of State, United States of
America

September 2013 – June 2014 **Mother Teresa School for Public Policy**
School for public policy under the auspices of the Council of Europe
Centre for Research and Policy Making, Skopje, Macedonia

August 2013 **Ivanov School for Young Leaders**
Leadership program under the auspices of the President of the Republic of Macedonia,
Ohrid, Macedonia

July 2012 **Summer University: Peace and Poverty**
International Institute for Peace and Human Rights, Caen, France

July 2010 **Summer University BELC: Les métiers du français dans le monde**
University of Nantes, France

CONFERENCES, RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

- June 2018 **16+1 in the EU-China BIT Talks**
Published by the China-CEE Institute of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
- May 2018 **BRI – potential for economic cooperation between China and the Western Balkans: the case of the Republic of Macedonia**
Presented at the symposium: “The present and prospect of cooperation of the Balkan countries in the context of the Belt and Road Initiative”, organized by the Center for Balkan Studies, Beijing Foreign Studies University
- March 2018 **The influence of different actors in the Western Balkans and their Euro-Atlantic aspirations**
“Skopje Conference Think Tank Debate for European Integration” organized within the framework of the 2018 Skopje Conference
- October 2017 **Understanding the Narrative behind OBOR Connectivity Projects – Traditional Donorship or Modern-Day Partnership?**
Presented at the 3rd China – CEE Conference, Ohrid, Macedonia
Published by the China-CEE Institute of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
- March 2017 **Користење на европските фондови од страна на општините во Република Македонија** (Use of EU funds by the Municipalities in the Republic of Macedonia)
Presented at the Forum “EU Perspectives for the Local Authorities”, Bitola, Macedonia.
Published by the European Association for Local Democracy ALDA
- February 2017 **Female Public Policy Creators, Driving Value and Results**
Presented at the Global Women Leaders’ Summit, Skopje, Macedonia
- November 2016 **开设政府公务员汉语培训班 推动中国-中东欧国家合作** (Establishing Chinese Language Classes for Civil Servants – Promoting Cooperation between China and CEE Countries)
Presented at the China – CEE conference on Chinese studies and Chinese language teaching organized by the Confucius Institute Headquarters (Hanban), Riga, Latvia
- June 2016 **Reconsidering Globalization**
Presented at the VIII High-Level Meeting of the Nizami Ganjavi International Center “Global Forces, Local Voices”, Andorra
- June 2013 **EU - China Partnership and Cooperation Agreement: What went wrong?**
Unpublished Master thesis
- December 2011 **Ressources numériques pour les interprètes franco-macédoniens**

Presented at the Symposium on French Language, Literature and Culture in a Francophone Context organized by the Faculty of Philology, Department of Roman Languages, Skopje, Macedonia
Published in the symposium proceedings

December 2010 **Parameters which influence the quality of simultaneous interpretation**
Unpublished master thesis

TRAINEESHIPS AND VOLUNTEER WORK

November 2017 **NGO Estima Bitola**
Digital Girl of the Year – Project to encourage young girls to undertake a career in ICT

October 2012 – March 2013 **Government for the Future**
European Centre for Government Transformation (joint project of Accenture consultancy and the Lisbon Council)

October 2012 – June 2013 **Europe Outside the Box**
College of Europe Debate Club - founder and member of the organisation board

October 2010 – June 2012 **NGO Francophone circle**
Organization of *Soirées Francophones* to promote French language and culture

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Native - **Macedonian**
Proficient: **English (C2), French (C2), Chinese (C1), Serbian (C1)**
Intermediate: **Italian (B2), Bulgarian (B2), Spanish (B1)**