

Personal information



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Nationality

Kosovo Albanian

Date and place of birth

05.09.1975, Mitrovica, Kosovo

Gender

Female

Work experience

2003 – present – Professor of English Language and Literature

Faculty of Islamic Studies, Prishtina

Adviser to PDK caucus to the Parliament of Kosovo – Parliamentary Committee on Human Rights, Gender, NonDiscrimination, War Survivors of Sexual Violence and Missing Persons
 2021- 2024 – present

Member of the Parliament of the Republic of Kosovo, Legislature VII 2019-2021

Occupation or position held

Senior lecturer for English Language and Literature - Faculty of Islamic Studies , Pristina

Main activities and responsibilities

Vice dean to the Faculty of Islamic Studies, Prishtina 2014-2018

Name and address of employer

EULEX Mission in Kosovo

Occupation or position held

Senior Translator/Interpreter

Main activities and responsibilities

Translation from/into English-Albanian. Consecutive and simultaneous interpretation. Proofreading and editing of texts and documents.

Dates

Jan.2009 – Aug,2013

Name and address of employer

OSCE Mission in Kosovo

Dates

Jun 2003 – Dec 2008

Occupation or position held

Senior Translator/ Interpreter -Democratization Department

Main activities and responsibilities

Translation from/into English-Albanian. Consecutive and simultaneous interpretation. Proofreading and editing of texts and documents.

Name and address of employer

Radio Television of Kosovo RTK

Dates	2003 – 2019
Occupation or position held	Simultaneous interpreter Albanian- English-Serbian
Main activities and responsibilities	Simultaneous direct and over voice interpretation during direct and other TV shows, news editions, live political debates.
Name and address of employer	University College Dardania
Dates	Oct.2008 – October 2016
Occupation or position held	Part Time Senior lecturer for English Literature, English Drama, British American Civilization Courses
Name and address of employer	Faculty of Islamic Studies – Pristina
	Part time lecturer of English Language
	Oct.2004-June 2012
Name and address of employer	Zass Trade Language Centre
Dates	1995-1999
Position	English Language Instructor
Education	International University of Struga , FYROM
Title of Qualification awarded	Department of Political Sciences - Doctoral Program PhD Department of Political Science `Women, Religion and Politics in Post Conflict Kosovo`
Education	Doctor Degree Department of Political Science
Title of Qualification Awarded	Master of Arts, University of Jordan, Amman Faculty of Graduate Studies , Department of English Literature 2000-2003
Title of Qualification Awarded	Master of Arts in English Literature 2003
Title of Qualification Awarded	University of Prishtina – Faculty of Philology Faculty of English Language and Literature , BA 1995-1999
	BA in English Language and Literature

Personal skills and competences

Mother tongue(s)
Other language(s)
Self-assessment
European level ()*

Serbian
English
Arabic
Turkish
Italian

Albanian

Understanding				Speaking				Writing	
Listening		Reading		Spoken interaction		Spoken production			
C2	Proficient	C2	Proficient	C2	Proficient	C2	Proficient	C2	Proficient
C2	Proficient	C2	Proficient	C1	Proficient	C1	Proficient	C1	Proficient
C2	Proficient	C2	Proficient	C2	Proficient	C2	Proficient	C2	Proficient
C2	Proficient	C2	Proficient	C2	Proficient	C2	Proficient	C2	Proficient
B2	Independent User	B2	Independent User	B2	Independent User	B2	Independent User	B2	Independent User

(*) *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages*

**Publications/Published
papers /author/co-
author/Editor/Translator**

Being a women and a Muslim in Kosovo – Reflections on encounters between atheism and secularism, presented in “Post atheism in South East Europe Conference” Arizona State University, USA (to be published in 2014).

- Women Insanity: A breakdown or a Breakthrough? (Women, society and literature – Conference University of Jordan, Amman, May 2002).
- - The Depiction of the Image of Muslim Women in Kosovo Media -Conference organised by Islamic Community of Kosovo “ Islamic Printed Media through times among Albanians” - May 2003, Prishtina, Kosovo.
- - Femme Oriental - Femme Fatal - Conference organized by “Jehona Study Center” on “Orientalism and Albanians” - 16 July 2005, Prishtina, Kosovo.
- - Kosovo Women and EU Integration - Conference on “EU Integration and Albanians” organized by the Muslim Forum of Albania, Kavaja, Albania - November 2008.
- - Portrayal of Women in Kosovo Schoolbooks - ISEEF Conference on Educational Systems in SEE, Sarajevo, March 2009.
- - Being a woman and a Muslim in Kosovo – Reflections on encounters between atheism and secularism, presented in “Post atheism in South East Europe Conference” Arizona State University, USA, February, 2013.
- - The Mosque and Kosovo Women, presented in “Islamic Education in Europe”, University of Vienna and Faculty of Islamic Studies of Sarajevo. January, 2010.
- - Muslim Religiosity in Practice: Women views and visibility – Kosovo case, presented in "Islam in Europe through the Balkan Prism". ReligioWest project (EUI) and the University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo. October 2013.
- - Reading and Analyzing Civic Education Books in Kosovo, presented in “Citizenship, Education and Islam”. Faculty of Philosophy and Education, Department of Education, University of Vienna, University of Tirana and Bedër University, Tirana, Albania. November 01-03, 2013.
- - `Prophet Muhammad and women` - Paper presented during Mawlood Month January 2015, Gjilan
- - `We refuse to give up on love` - paper speech presented during Interfaith Conference – Prishtina <http://interfaithkosovo.org/prishtina-conference-2015/930/we-refuse-to-give-up-on-love/?lang=En>
- - `Women of faiths and Peacebuilding in Kosovo`- lecture held in University of Howard, September 2015, Washington DC, USA
- `Interfaith and Women in Kosovo` – Georgetown University, Berkley Interfaith Center, September 2015, Washington DC, USA.
- `Gender reflections in Albanian Translation of Quran` - Islamic Community of Kosovo, 2016
- `Role of Women in Shaping Albanian Islamic Thought` - Tirana, 2016
(Paper public in Scientific Journal `Univers` January Edition 2017)
 - Yearly reporter on muslim women rights to European Yearbook of Muslims, to US Human Rights and Religion oversears. International Parliamentarians for Freedom of Religion etc.

Trainings and other postgraduate courses and schools completed:

- Completed training in Advanced Management Skills – OSCE (2003)
- Completed training in Gender and Peacebuilding I –OSCE (2003)
- Completed Training in Gender and Peacebuilding II OSCE (2003)
- European Integration School –KFOS and KCSF (2006)
- Advanced Simultaneous Interpretation skills, OSCE (2008)
- Completed intensive three-week seminar “Faith Communities and Civil Society” US Department of State bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs –Arizona State University, Tempe, Phoenix.(2009)
- Completed three months postgraduate course on “International Relations and Diplomacy” at Albanian Diplomatic Academy (2010)
- State Ceremonial Protocol Albanian Diplomatic Academy, Tirana, Albania(2011) - Prishtina
- Conflict Resolution Online Course (OSCE) 2012 – Prishtina
- Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights – Fellowship Summer Program Karamah DC July-August 2015
- The President Challenge Annual Interfaith Convention , September 2015
- NDI – Interfaith and Community led projects (June –December 2015)
- The President Challenge Annual Interfaith Convention September 2016 ,
- GeorgeTown University, Interfaith Berkley Center, Washington DC – Interfaith and Women Training Conference 2016.
- Interfaith Women Network –Empowering Women – Religious Institutions Regional Conference, Sarajevo 2017.
- Islamic Higher Education Institutions – Challenges and the Fututre Vision , Tirana 2018
- Specialization on Minority Rights – OSCE Vienna, Austria 2018
- Understanding Dialogue as a Tool to Cohesion – KAICIID 2019, Austria
- NDI Political Party Integrity – TOT 2022.
- Vital Voices – Women in Polical Leadership

Consultancy

IOM Consultant on **Youth and PVE Regional Program**

Jan 2017 – December 2017

Gender Advisor Political Party Caucus of PDK

Political Party Integrity Consultant

OSCE Mission in Kosovo trainer Preventing Violent Extremism 2018

Fellowships

- Muslim Women Lawyers Fellow – Karamah 2015
- **EWI** - Fellow researcher 2017
- **KAICIID** Fellow 2019
- **Vital Voices** Fellow 2022

Post Graduate Study Program

SUSI Scholar - The Seattle University - The Study of US Institute for Scholars for Religious Pluralism in United States of America. 2022