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Education and training

- August 2013** **PhD. Degree in Political Science**
 Comenius University, Faculty of Philosophy, Department of Political Science, Bratislava, Slovakia
 Dissertation Title: Driven by Priorities: Foreign Policy of the Central Asian's Presidents
- June 2009** **Master Degree in Political Science**
 Comenius University, Faculty of Philosophy, Department of Political Science, Bratislava, Slovakia
 Master Thesis Title: The Comparison of Central Asian Political Regimes
- May – June 2018** **VIADUCT Teachers' Training Seminar**
 Exchange of Best Practices and Strategies for Courses Dealing with EU-Turkey Relations
 Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University, Prague
- May 2014** **Third Executive Training Programme for Young Professionals: Addressing Energy Challenges at Regional and Global Levels.**
 The Energy Charter Secretariat Knowledge Centre, Brussels, Belgium
- July 2012** **Certificate in Comparative Regionalism**
 Comparative Regionalisms: Changing Forms of Governance in Asia, Africa and the Americas and the Effects on the World Order
 CEU Summer University, Budapest, Hungary

Work experience

- November 2014 – June 2018** **Head of Department of International Relations**
Organization: Faculty of Business and Administration, International University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- September 2014 – June 2018** **Assistant Professor (International Relations)**
Organization: Faculty of Business and Administration, International University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

August 2013- April 2014

Postdoctoral Researcher**Organization:** Faculty of Social and Economic Science, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia**Project:** EUFORPOL: Changing Patterns of EU Foreign Policy Making and the Small Member States**Publications (Selected)****Books and chapters****Kazakhstan after President Nazarbayev - Unclear Future of the Central Asian Success Story.** *Panorama of Global Security Environment 2016.* STRATPOL. pp. 241-250.**Diversity of gas supplies as a key precondition for an effective V4 gas market.** Bratislava: Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association. 2015. With Jan Osička and Veronika Zapletalová.**Surviving and changes of regimes in North Africa, Middle East and Central Asia.** (in Slovak) Bratislava: Comenius University. 2014. With Katarina Pevná.**Peer-review articles****European Two-level Game in Central Asia: Visegrad Countries and Kazakhstan.** *Asian International Studies Review.* Vol. 17, No. 2, 2016. pp. 79-99.**Say 125 Times Yes: Bosnia and Herzegovina in the UN Security Council.** *Epiphany.* Vol. 9, No.1, 2016. pp. 124-138. With Ajla Smaka.**Voting behavior in the European Parliament elections.** (in Slovak) *European Electoral Studies.* Vol. 5, No. 2, 2010, pp. 130-147. With Alexander Karvai.**Visiting appointments and research stays****September – December 2018**

Visiting Professorship

University of Macerata, Italy, University visiting professorship program

March 2018

University of Padova, Italy, Erasmus+ Program

May 2017

John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland, Erasmus+ Program

October 2016

Vilnius University, Lithuania, Erasmus+ Program

November – December 2013

Research stay in Kazakhstan - research focuses on interviews at embassies of the EU's member states and at Kazakh universities

November – December 2012

Visiting Fellow - American University of Central Asia, Central Asia Study Institute, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Research Projects and Grants**September 2017 – August 2018****Researcher****Organization:** Corvinus Centre for Central Asia Research, Corvinus University, Budapest**Granting agency:** International Visegrad Fund**Project:** Enhancing cooperation among Central Asia researchers in the Visegrad Countries

- September 2015 – August 2016** **Researcher**
Organization: Centre of Migration Research, University of Warsaw
Granting agency: International Visegrad Fund
Project: Cross-Border Cooperation at the Time of Crisis on Neighbour's Soil
- August 2014 – February 2015** **Researcher**
Organization: Institute for Stability and Development, Prague, the Czech Republic
Granting agency: International Visegrad Fund
Project: Through Common History towards Common Future
- February 2014 – February 2015** **Principal Researcher**
Organization: Slovak Foreign Policy Association, Bratislava, Slovakia
Granting agency: International Visegrad Fund
Project: Diversity of Gas supplies as a Key Precondition for the Effective V4 Gas Market
- March 2013 – March 2014** **Researcher**
Organization: Institute for Stability and Development, Prague, the Czech Republic
Granting agency: International Visegrad Fund
Project: Regional Cooperation as a Tool of Settlement of Frozen Conflicts
- January 2013 – December 2014** **Researcher**
Organization: Faculty of Philosophy, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia
Granting agency: Slovak Research and Development Agency
Project: INPERNE: Institutional Performance in Europe
- January 2012 – January 2015** **Principal Researcher**
Organization: Faculty of Philosophy, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia
Granting agency: Scientific Grant Agency of the Slovak Republic
Project: Stability of Authoritarian Regimes of Islamic Countries in the Context of Political Crises: Internal and External Aspects

Conferences and Workshops (Selected)

- 2-5th September 2018** **UACES 48th Annual Conference (Bath, United Kingdom)**
 Academic Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES)
 Paper: Kazakhstani European Policy: Economics First, Politics Second
- 31st May – 1st June 2018** **3rd Conference on Teaching and Learning Politics, International Relations and European Studies – EuroTLC.**
 Charles University, Prague
- 2-3rd November 2017** **Whither Liberal World Order? Challenges from Russia, Eurasia, and Beyond. Horizon 2020 UPTAKE workshop (University of Kent, Canterbury, United Kingdom)**
 Paper: From Russia with Love? Spreading of anti-liberal ideas in Central Asia

- 4-6th September 2017** **UACES 47th Annual Conference (Krakow, Poland)**
Academic Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES)
Paper: European Union and Central Asia: One Step Forward, Two Steps Back?
- 23-28th July 2016** **24th World Congress of Political Science (Poznan, Poland)**
International Political Science Association (IPSA)
Paper: From Russia with Love? Spreading of anti-liberal ideas in Central Asia
- 6-7th November 2014** **5th Annual European Border Dialogue: Forum on Cross-Border Cooperation in a Wider Europe (Kirkenes, Norway and Nikel, Russia)**
The Norwegian Barents Secretariat and Institute for Stability and Development

Research interests

- Central Asia** I focus on political regimes and foreign policy of Central Asian Countries: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan from my university studies. I have a broad understanding of the theoretical background as well as particular cases.
- Foreign policy of the EU** Foreign policy of the EU and especially Eastern partnership policy have initialized many changes in internal and foreign policy of the EU's partner countries. In the centre of my research are foreign policies making processes within the EU institutions.
- Central and Eastern Europe** Domestic, foreign and security politics, energy policy, cooperation within the Visegrad four groups, sharing of the transformation experiences, cross-border cooperation and Eastern Partnership.
- Foreign policy analysis** Foreign policy analysis formed the theoretical basis for my dissertation. Since then, I have focused on interconnection between domestic politics and a foreign decision-making process.
- Innovative teaching** Because I spent several years of teaching non-native students in challenging environment of the Western Balkans, it raised my interest regarding innovative teaching methods and active involvement of students into teaching process- from theoretical as well as practical perspective.

Current and future research projects

- **“From Russia with Love (?): Transfer of Values and Ideas to Central Asia”**, conference paper and article in preparation
- **“Good Pupils in the Bad Neighbourhood: The Legacies of Authoritarian Regimes in Kyrgyzstan and Tunisia”**, conference paper and article in preparation
- **“Kazakhstani European Policy: Economy first”**, article in preparation
- **“Building bridges between Visegrad countries and Eurasian Economic Union”** research project in preparation (with Eurasia-Volga Region Research and Information Centre, Saratov)
- **“Education as a Foreign Policy Tool”**. conference paper and article in preparation

Teaching Experience

Undergraduate courses International Organizations, International University of Sarajevo
 Political Geography and Geopolitics, International University of Sarajevo
 EU System, International University of Sarajevo
 Politics in Europe, International University of Sarajevo
 Security Studies, International University of Sarajevo
 Terrorism, Counterterrorism and Irregular War, International University of Sarajevo
 Foundations of International Relations, International University of Sarajevo
 EU Accessions Process, International University of Sarajevo
 Central Asia between East and West, Comenius University in Bratislava

Graduate courses Asia in World Politics, International University of Sarajevo
 Post-Communist Transitions, International University of Sarajevo
 Non-Democratic Regimes, Comenius University in Bratislava

Supervision

Master Thesis Lepic, Senad. *“European Union Image in the Printed Median in Bosnia and Herzegovina.”* International University of Sarajevo.

Preljevic, Hamza. *“In Search of Security: The Integration of Bosnia and Herzegovina into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.”* International University of Sarajevo.

Zacharová, Jana. *“Changes of the Foreign Policy of Uzbekistan.”* Comenius University in Bratislava.

Forkovičová, Anna. *“Colour Revolutions – Revolutions without Results?”* Comenius University in Bratislava.

Administrative and collective duties

Since 2018 Reviewer for the Palgrave Macmillan
Since 2016 Reviewer/evaluator for the Slovak Research and Development Agency

Professional Membership

Member Academic Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES)
Member International Studies Association (ISA)
Member International Political Science Association (IPSA)

Skills and knowledge

Language skills

Mother tongue **Slovak**

June 2014 **Cambridge English level 2 Certificate in ESOL International (Advanced)**
 Certificate in Advanced English, Council of Europe Level C1
 Cambridge English Language Assessment

Other languages

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
Czech	C2	C2	C1	C1	C1
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C1
Russian	B2	B2	B1	B1	B1

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

Other knowledge, skills

work independence, analytical skills, responsibility, self-motivation, open minded, organisational and communication skills

References

Doc. PhDr. Alexander Duleba, CSc.

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Prof. Sencer Yeralan, PhD.

Dean, International University of Sarajevo
 E-mail: syeralan@ius.edu.ba

Mirsad Karic, PhD.

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Prof. PhDr. Darina Malová, PhD.

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