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WORK EXPERIENCES

- 10/2020 - ongoing **University Centre of Excellence Interacting Minds, Societies and Environments**, Toruń (Poland)
Research Adjunct at the Nicholas Copernicus University.
- 07-10/2022 **IED Institute of European Democrats**, Brussels (Belgium)
Independent Research Fellow for the project "Democracy vs Autocracy"
- 2022 Summer fall **Humboldt University**, Berlin (Germany)
Visiting Scholar at the Department of South Slavic Studies
- 05/2018 - 09/2022 **Kosovo Foundation for Open Society - KFOS**, Pristina (Kosovo)
Policy Analyst in the context of 2022 'Kosovo Research and Analysis Fellowship - KRAF'
- 04/2020 - ongoing **Centre for Security Analysis and Prevention**, Prague (Czech Republic)
Research Fellow - Project "Geopolitical Interests in Western Balkans - Focus on Kosovo";
- 01/2017 - 05/2019 **Institute for Islamic Strategic Affairs - IISA**, London (UK)
Non-Resident Fellow at the "Refugee and Border Security Program"
- 10/2017 - 02/2018 **Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"**, Sofia (Bulgaria)
Guest Lecturer at MA Anthropological Studies of the Mediterranean and the Balkans
- 05/2015 - 03/2018 **The Alpha Institute of Geopolitics and Intelligence**, Rome (Italy)
Research Fellow at Balkans and South Caucasus Observatory;
- 02-06/2016 **Caucasus Resource Research Centre - CRRC**, Yerevan (Armenia)
International Fellow
- 06/2014 - 07/2015 **Focus - European Centre for Development** - Pazardzhik (Bulgaria)
Intern for European Voluntary Service & Human Rights Monitoring

OTHER AFFILIATIONS & CONTRIBUTIONS

- 10/2021- 07/2022 **Trajectories of Changes - Forum Transregionale Studien**, Berlin (Germany)
Contributor to the Working Group "In Search of the "Political": Law's (Il)legibility between Violence and Care"
- 07/2021 – 07/2022 **EuroLab21 "Decolonial Encounters" – EU-Russia Civil Society Forum**
Researcher for "Balkans of Colour – A Toolkit for Decolonial Encounters"
- Occasional contribution **Forum for Ukrainian Studies - Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies**, Alberta (Canada)
- 09/2020 – 10/2022 **NGO Forum for Glocal Change**, Gabrovo (Bulgaria)
Coordinator for International Projects and Networking
- 03/2017 – ongoing **Referee** for *Third World Quarter* (Routledge); *In Statu Nascendi-Journal of Political Philosophy and International Relations* (ibidem-Verlag); *Prizren Journal for Social Science* (Kosovo);
- 11/2014 - 05/2015 **Eurasia – Rivista di Studi Geopolitici**, Parma (Italy)
Author for Balkan region

EDUCATION

- 02/2017 - 05/2020 **Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"**, Sofia (Bulgaria)
PhD in Political Philosophy. Dissertation Topic: *Rethinking Subalternity. Identities, Hegemonies and Spaces of Existence of Minority Groups in Eastern Europe*;
- 07/2017-08/2017 **New York Institute - Saint Petersburg University**, Saint Petersburg (Russia)
Advanced Study Programme in Cultural Studies.
- 03/2014-07/2015 **Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"**, Sofia (Bulgaria)
International MA Program in Philosophy. Major in Intercultural Relations
- 09/2009-02/2014 **University of Catania – Department of Social Sciences** (Italy)
BA in Political Science and International Relations

OTHER SCHOOLS

- 04-05/2021 **Getting to Know Nagorno-Karabakh** (online course) Caucasus Institute, Armenia;
- 10/2020 **Rethink1989 School** at The Jan Nowak-Jeziorański College of Eastern Europe, Wrocław, Poland;
- 08/2019 **Summer School as a School at Stacion** at Gërnia Campus, Kosovo;
Course: *Post-Traumatic Space and Society: Radical Observations and Transformation of Violence*;

- 07/2019 **Global Minority Rights Summer School 2019** at Tom Lantos Institute, Budapest, Hungary;
- 07/2019 **“Decolonialising Education”** workshop organised by Bulgarian Platform for International Development under Bridge 47 Project, Sofia – Bulgaria;
- 05/2017 **Spring School Danube Regional Studies** at University of Novi Sad, Serbia;
- 08-09/2016 Summer School **Rethinking Europe. Pan-European Challenges in Ukrainian Perspectives Viadrina University** – Department of Cultural Studies, Frankfurt Oder, Germany;
- 08/2015 Summer School **Muslim Views of Economics: Development, Islamic Banking and Finance** at University of Peloponnese – Department of International Relations, Athens – Greece;
- 07/2015 Summer School **Entrepreneurship and Agribusiness Intentions in the Global Economy** at University of Economic Studies, Bucharest – Romania;
- 03/2015 **2015 BIMUN - Belgrade International Model of United Nations**, Belgrade - Serbia;

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- (9-10 December 2021) **Panellist** at the 3rd *Polish Conference on Memory Studies*, Nicolaus Copernicus University, Torun, Poland. *online participation
- (26 November 2021) **Panellist** at AACaPS – ESAANZ Conference 2021 *“Beyond Borders and Boundaries: Europe, Eurasia and Asia”*, RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia. *online participation
- (18-19 November 2021) **Panellist** at *“Assassins of Memory - Political and legal problems of uncovering, whitewashing and rewriting history”*, Polish Academy of Sciences Scientific Centre in Vienna, Austria;
- (04-08 October 2021) **Panellist** at the International Academic Week 2021 *“Memory Cultures since 1945: Germans-Southeast European Entangled History”*, Sudosteuroopa Gesellschaft - Tutzing, Germany;
- (17 June 2021) **Guest Lecturer** *“Edinstvo and the Oriental: the Duality of the (Post-)Coloniality in Communist Bulgaria”*, at the international conference *“The Balkans and the Post-Colonial World”*, U of Vienna, Austria;
- (27 April 2021) **Lecture** *“Under the Shadow of the Post-s: Semi/Peripheral Epistemologies and Minority Identities from Bulgaria”* for the Inventing Knowledge project at the University Centre of Excellence – Nicolaus Copernicus University;
- (20/02/2021) **Panellist** at International Conference *Postmemory and World Societies*, U of Gdansk, Poland;
- (20/11/2020) **Guest Speaker** in *“The Human Face of Karabakh Conflict”* organised (online event) organised by the Koło Naukowe "Eurazja" student association from the Jagiellonian University, Krakow (Poland);
- (11-14/09/2019) **Panellist** in *“Ethno-Politics in Kosovo: Twenty Years On”* at the 13th Pan-European Conference on International Relations, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Bulgaria;
- (15/06/2019) **Panellist** at *Dialoguing between the Posts 2.0: (Im)Possible Dialogue Between the Progressive Forces of the “Posts”*, U of Belgrade – Department of Political Science, Serbia;
- (5/07/2018) **Panellist** in *“Minority Mobilisation in Local Contexts”* at the 2018 ASN European Conference *Nationalism in Time of Uncertainty*, UniGraz, Austria;
- (18-20/10/2017) **Panellist** at the *2017 Istanbul Human Security Conference*, Kadir Has University, Turkey;
- (28-30/08/2017) **Panellist** in *“The radical – hero or frightening other?”* at the 6th PACSA Conference on *Dynamics of Inclusion and Exclusion*, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands;
- (27-28/01/2017) **Panellist** at *Re-Inventing Eastern Europe* Euroacademia Conference, Belgrade, Serbia;
- (15-17/09/2016) Panellist at *“Political Mobilization of Ethnic Minorities and Anti-Minority Discourse in Europe”* Conference, Babeş-Bolyai University, Department of Political Science, Cluj-Napoca - Romania;
- (30/05/2016) **Presenter**, Topic: *“Ethnic Minorities Issues in the Light of the Armenian Constitution Reforms”* at the Yerevan State University, Armenia.

ORGANISATION OF ACADEMIC CONFERENCES & INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

- (05/03/2021) *“Rethinking post-Pandemic Education in the Western Balkans”* (online event) powered by Kosovo Foundation for Open Society, Pristina;
- (9/11/2019) *“Kosovo and How to Speak About”*, promoted by Forum for Glocal Change, Sofia, Bulgaria.
- (19/11/2018) *“Redefining Multiculturalism: Theory, Critique and Practice”*, workshop organised with NGO Forum for Glocal Change, at the Sofia Goethe Institute, Bulgaria.
- (8/09/2018) *“Languages, Identities, Communities: An Interdisciplinary Perspective from Bulgaria and Kosovo”* at Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Bulgaria (organised with Prof. Georgi Zhechev).
- (09/2017) EU Training on *“Migration and Otherness-Perspective for Change”*, Cascais, Portugal.
- (08/2017) Summer Course *“Bulgaria-Turkey Connecting Borders – Shifting Perspectives on Migration”*, for the United World Colleges (UWC), Sofia and Akurtino, Bulgaria.
- (03/2017) EU Youth Exchange Balkan Myth Busters at Velika Hoča, Republic of Kosovo;
- (07/2016 - 09/2016) Short Term Observer (STO) Election Observation Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina for the Association des États Généraux des Étudiants de l'Europe – AEGEE.
- (11/2014) EU Youth Exchange *“Youth Journey Journalist”* at Vatra Dornei, Romania;
- (10/2014) EU Youth Exchange *Volunteer Today, Employer Tomorrow* at Bucharest, Romania;

PRIZES & AWARDS

- (135.000 Euro) *OPUS22 Grant* at the Narodowe Centrum Nauki, Krakow, Poland – **to be started in October 2022* (three-year research project. Title: “Civic Responses and Cultural Identity Dilemmas of the Second Generation of Balkan Muslims in Time of Illiberal Democracy)
- *Best Essay ‘Getting to Know Nagorno-Karabakh’* promoted by Caucasus Institute. Title: *Rethinking-and-Changing: A Lose-Lose Perspective for the Future of Nagorno-Karabakh and Armenia-Azerbaijan Relations*, 06/2021 [here](#).
- (1.100 euro) *PhD completion award* from Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, May 2020.
- (1.100 euro) *PhD mid-term award* from the Bulgarian Ministry of Education, February 2019.
- *Winner for 2017 Call for Paper* promoted by Forum für Mittelost-und Südosteuropa. Paper title: “*From Ottoman Legacy to Today’s Idiosyncratic Identity. Rethinking the Socio-Political Role of Balkan Islam*”

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Research Papers

- *What would have been my name? The Post-Memory of the Revival Process of the “Generation After” in Bulgaria*, *Contemporary Southeastern Europe*, 9, 1 (2022):47-64;
- Debunking ‘the Great Equalizer’ Discourse. Minority Perspectives from Bulgaria and Kosovo during the First Shockwave of Covid-19 Pandemic, in: *Teorija in Praksa - Interdisciplinary Journal of Social Science*, Vol. 58, (2021): 616-631;
- Theorising Good Personhood in Kosovo. Inconspicuous Coexistence and Local Serb Responses to Security and Identity Dilemma’, in: *Journal of Ethnopolitics and Minorities Issues in Europe*, (2021):78-103;
- Debating (Post-)Coloniality in Southeast Europe. A Minority Oriented Perspective in Bulgaria, *Acta Humana – Human Rights Publication*, 1 (2021):89-103;
- Good Personhood in Kosovo. A Serbian Perspective from Below’, in: *Peacebuilding*, 2021;
- (Im)Possible Tolerance. A Paradox from within Multicultural Society in: *Balkan Journal of Philosophy – Special Issue on “Tolerance and Its Limits”* (2019), 31-40.
- Whose Identity? Rethinking Islam in Contemporary Southeast Europe’, in: *Prizren Social Sciences Journal*, vol. 2, 2, (2018), 114 – 126.
- Francesco Trupia and Piotr Pietrzak, ‘Interview with Francesco Trupia on Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict’, in: *In Statu Nascendi - Journal of Political Philosophy and International Relations*, vol. 1, 2018, ibidem-Verlag, (2018), 117 -129.
- In Armenia’s Traces. Toward A New Armenian Perspective of Reconciliation, in: *Research in Social Change (Journal)*, vol. 10, 1, (2018), 25-42.
- Migrantism and Self-Governing Rights: A New Paradigm for the post-Communist Eastern Europe, in: *Eastern Journal of European Studies*, vol. 8, 1, (2017) 177-195.
- Unfreezing the “Other”: Collective Trauma and Psychological Warfare over the Nagorno-Karabakh Rivalry, in: *Journal of Liberty and International Affairs*, vol. 2, 3, (2017), 30-43;
- The Constitutional Reform and the Position of the Ethnic Minorities in the Republic of Armenia, in: *Journal of Liberty and International Affairs*, vol. 2, 2, (2016), 20-28;

Research Monograph

- *Rethinking Subalternity in Central and Eastern Europe*. London: Transnational Press London (2020), pp.200, ISBN 978-1-912997-45-9.

Chapters in Collective Volumes

- Good Personhood in Kosovo: A Serbian Perspective From Below, in: *Local and International Determinants of Kosovo’s Statehood* - © Kosovo Foundation for Open Society, p. 135-165.
- Kosovo-Serbia: A Territorial Swap for the Éléites – Not to People, in: *In Brief: Takes on Kosovo’s Policy Challenges – 2019* © Kosovo Foundation for Open Society (KFOS), 2019, 8-9.
- Good Personhood: Serb Local Responses to Citizenship Dilemma in Everyday Life, in: *In Brief: Takes on Kosovo’s Policy Challenges – 2019* © Kosovo Foundation for Open Society (KFOS), 2019, 25-27.
- Idiosyncratic Identity of Muslim Turks and the Romani of Bulgaria: Rethinking Human Security through the Prism of Self-Governing Rights’, in: *Reinventing Eastern Europe. Imaginaries, Identities and Transformation* (ed. E. Doğan) Transnational Press London (UK), Chapter 7, (2019):115 -130;

Book Reviews

- *Ethnic Cleansing during the Cold War. The Forgotten 1989 Expulsion of Turks from Communist Bulgaria*, Tomasz Kamusella, New York: Routledge, 2019, 270pp, *East European Politics*, 2021;
- *The Burden of the Past. History, Memory and Identity in Contemporary Ukraine*. Anna Wylegała and Małgorzata Głowacka-Grajper (eds.) Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2020, in: *Harvard Ukrainian Studies*, Vol. 38, n.1-2, (2021):148-150;
- *Ideology and International Institutions* (by Erik Voeten), Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2021, 239 pp, *The Rest – Journal of Politics and Development*, Vol. 11, No 2 (2021): 141-142;
- *The Intermarium as the Polish-Ukrainian Linchpin of Baltic-Black Sea Cooperation* (Ostap Kushnir, ed.) Cambridge: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2019, 180 pp., *East European Politics*, vol.36, 1 (2020), 143-145;

- *EU Enlargement and Civil Society in the Western Balkans. From Mobilisation to Empowerment* (by Natasha Wunsch) Zurich: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018, 171 pp., East European Politics, vol. 35, 3 (2019), 396-399;
- *Ukraine and Russian Neo-Imperialism. The Divergent Break* (by Ostap Kushnir) Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2018, 203 pp., East European Politics, vol. 35, 1, (2019), 113-115;
- *Russian speakers in post-Soviet Latvia. Discursive identity strategy* (by A. Cheskin) Edinburg: Edinburg University Press, 2016, 248 pp., East European Politics, vol. 34, 4, (2018), 503-508;
- *De-Stalinising Eastern Europe. The rehabilitation of Stalin's Victims after 1953* (eds. McDermott, Kevin, and Matthew Stibbe) New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015, pp. , in *Україна модерна*, pp. 300-326

Policy Papers

- Francesco Trupia and Gentiola Madhi, 'Reforming or Reconceptualising Post-Pandemic Education in the Western Balkans? An analysis of Albania, Kosovo and Serbia', for the Kosovo Foundation for Open Society.
- Francesco Trupia, 'Identità, Esclusione e Disaffezione Politica: L'enclave di Velika Hoča' [Identity, Exclusion and Political Dissatisfaction: The enclave of Velika Hoča] (in Italian), in: *Human Security*, 8 (2008):12.14;
- Francesco Trupia and Daniyal Shajar, 'Left Behind in the Balkans. A Cross-Country Analysis of the Post-Balkan Route' © Institute for Islamic Strategic Affairs, London (UK) 2018;
- Francesco Trupia, 'Ghettoization, Insecurity and Destabilization: Refugees Crisis in Southeast Europe and South Caucasus', © Institute for Islamic Strategic Affairs, London (UK) 2017;
- Francesco Trupia, 'Connecting Humanitarian Logistics and Refugee Integration', © Institute for Islamic Strategic Affairs, London (UK), 2017;

Op-Eds & Short Articles

- (2022, 22 July) *Green Education and Environmental Activism in Kosovo*, for *Lossi 36 - Stories from Bishkek to Berlin*, [here](#), *co-authored with Gentiola Madhi
- (2022, 23 June) *Reduce, Reuse and Recycle: Attempts for a Circular Economy in Kosovo*, for the Forum für Mittelost- und Südosteuropa, [here](#), *co-authored with Gentiola Madhi.
- (2021, 4 November) *Europe's amnesia of Revival Process and its Turkish victims*, *Politika News*, [here](#).
- (2021, 12 July) *Quo Vadis, Education? Another lost (pandemic) year in the Western Balkans*, for *Lossi 36 - Stories from Bishkek to Berlin*, [here](#), *co-authored with Gentiola Madhi;
- (2021, 18 May) *The 'Non-Papers Temptation': Neither a Way Out, Nor Forward to the Serbia-Kosovo Reconciliation*, for the CARM – Centrum pre Analýzy, [here](#), *co-authored with Fitore Fejza;
- (2021, 25 February) *Teaching and Parenting: Serbia's Strains and Divides through Pandemic*, for the Forum für Mittelost- und Südosteuropa, [here](#);
- (2021, 23 February) *Debunking Victimhood: short stories of Pomak uprisings in communist Bulgaria*, for *Lossi - 36 Stories from Bishkek to Berlin*, [here](#);
- (2020, 3 December) *Covid-19: the pandemic is testing the Balkan countries' education systems*, for *Osservatorio Balcani e Caucaso*, available in English [here](#), and Italian [here](#). *co-authored with Gentiola Madhi;
- (2020, 1 December) *Brutal as usual? Bulgaria's Communist Heritage and National Postmemory*, for *Lossi 36 - Stories from Bishkek to Berlin*, [here](#);
- (2020, 19 November) *Loosening the Karabakh Knot: Why Peacekeeping Won't Be Enough*, for *New Eastern Europe*, available [here](#); *Article translated in Indonesian, [here](#), and Lithuanian, [here](#);
- (2020, 30 September) "(Re-)Othering the Village", for *Lossi 36-Stories from Bishkek to Berlin*, available [here](#);
- (2020, 14 August) "Conversing Covid with Francesco Trupia", for *The Security Distillery*, available [here](#);
- (2020, 28 July) "The Donbas Conundrum through the Lens of the Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict: A Comparison", for the *Forum for Ukrainian Studies*, available [here](#).
- (2020, 16 May) "Europe's richest states exploit Romanian and Bulgarian migrants before they even start working", for *The Baricade*, [here](#); Available in Romanian [here](#), and Bulgarian [here](#);
- (2020, April) "Covid-19 in Bulgaria" for the *Institute for Politics and Society*, available [here](#);
- (2020, 19 April) "Beyond the North": *Rural Prospects for Reconciliation in Kosovo*, for *Centre for Security Analysis and Prevention*, Prague, [here](#);
- (2020, 11 February) *Living on the Margins: The Case of Bulgarian Bessarabians in Ukraine*, for *Forum for Ukrainian Studies – University of Alberta*, [here](#);
- (2018, February) *Ottoman Heritage in (re-)Making – Bulgaria's Step Forward to the Past – TransConflict*, [here](#);
- (2018, March) *Beyond the "Line of Duty" - Nagorno-Karabakh's rivalry between otherness and social imaginary – TransConflict Think Tank*, [here](#).