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<b>YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	1981	Development of Law in transitional countries
<b>POSITION, TITLE</b>	Assistant lecturer, Graduated Lawyer	Criminal Law
<b>DISCIPLINE</b>	Multicultural seminars	Comparative Criminal Law
<b>INSTITUTION OF EMPLOYMENT</b>	South East Europe University - Tetovo	International Criminal Tribunals
		Principles of Humanitarian Law
		Human Rights Law
		Philosophy of law
		Law Principles
		International Criminal Law



#### RECENT RESEARCH INTERESTS

As I am the youngest participant in your program, you probably can assume that I don't have a rich experience in research. My academic works were usually essays that we were asked to write about different parts of Law and depending of the year of study. Therefore, my work until now did not concentrate on a specific part of the Law. I have studied different topics, such as Introduction to Law, Constitutional Law, Political Systems, Roman Law, Family Law, European Union Law, Philosophy of Law, etc.

During my first year of studies I had a chance to organize two lectures for the students of my group at the subject *Introduction to Law*. The first was about the concept of Republic as a form of state organization, and the other was about the origin and essence of the concept of Law. It was my duty to present those topics to my colleges in form of lectures. In the research in preparation for the lectures, I used information found mostly in the internet, in encyclopaedias, in Plato's "State", Rousseau's "Social Contract", Montesquieu's "The soul of Laws", etc. I analysed the development and the roots of the concept of the Republic, and in the second lecture, the concept of Law, and compared the various contemporary situations of their application.

Writing my diploma work, I dealt with the Roman Law. The topic was "The legal heritage in Roman Law". I compared the Roman Heritage Law with the Albanian traditional inheritance law known as the *Cannon of Leka Dukagjini*, and also with the Mesopotamian principles of legal inheritance. It was interesting to make this analysis of the impact of tradition in this important part of the law, and also to see its development through time and in geographically distant places.

I also wrote essays at the courses Constitution Law and Political Systems. I wrote about the role, and the development of democratic political systems. It was a research about the development of democracy as compared to various systems of autocracy and totalitarianism, and reflecting upon the advantages and disadvantages of democratic systems.

At the subject Family Law, my academic work dealt with the origin, historical development and the role of family. I reviewed the types of family that are known to the science of family law, such as psindiasmical marriage, polygamy, monogamy, and the occurrences of promiscuity.

At the subject European Union Law, I researched the role of the Commission as one of the institutions of European Union.

My latest academic work addresses the Philosophy of Law within Renaissance philosophy. It was a study intended to compile background materials I use at the lectures that I hold now at the SEE University were. In this work, I analysed the period of Renaissance as one of the crucial times in human history. I took time analysing the political, economical and cultural reality of that time in order to gain a contextualised picture. Reviewing the political scene of the time, I studied the ideas of Nicolo Machiavelli and Thomas Moore. Studying the cultural context, I concentrated on Dante Alighieri, Da Vinci, Michelangelo, Raffaello, etc. Since the subject I am assisting at addresses questions of philosophy of political systems, this research helped me a lot in my work.

During my work in the Parliament of Macedonia as an intern, together with other members of my team, we researched multicultural and multilingual countries, and studied the regulation of the public use of diverse languages; the process of decentralisation, the laws on nationality (citizenship), etc.

Since I took two academic years in one, I had to concentrate on my studies and exams, and had little time to pursue my central interest: Criminal Law. This legal field will be the subject of my Master studies that I am to begin in November 2003. That's why I think that this project will give me a chance to make some serious studies and research in Criminal Law. I want to study comparative Criminal Law, and analyse the impact that socialism had had in the development of the Criminal Law of the countries in transition. In the postsocialist period, there are very interesting phenomena occurring in this field. The problem of war crimes and terrorism are very pressing and I would like to work on this part of the social reality.

COURSES TAUGHT		RECENT TEACHING EXPERIENCE, PRACTICE, METHODS
1.	Assistant Lecturer in the subject of Multicultural seminars in SEEU, Faculty of Methodological and pedagogical studies	<p>My most recent teaching experience is what I do now. I assist at the subject <b>Multicultural seminars</b> and I hold the tutorials with students of the Faculty of Methodological and Pedagogical Studies. During those activities, we analyse in more detail what has been said at the lectures, and I help the students understand the material they are studying.</p> <p>While still a student, I took part as an instructor in some seminars organized by NGOs where we lectured about democracy, its development and principles.</p> <p>As I mentioned above, I held two lectures to my classmates at the Faculty of Law in Skopje, in the course Introduction to law.</p>

#### MAJOR PUBLICATIONS IN LAST FIVE YEARS

1. Shenime mbi marrezite e luftes – Notes about the madness of war, published in the weekly Lobi, 2002
2. Veshtrim mbi vepren Carrere Patria, mungesa e atdheut te Migjen Kelmendit– Review of the essay Lack of homeland from the author Migjen Kelmendi, published in the daily Fakti, 1999
3. Veshtrim mbi poezine Vdekja e Nositit the Lasgush Poradecit – Review of the poetry of Lasgush Poradeci, published in the daily Fakti, 1998