

<b>FULL NAME</b>	<b>NEVILA KOCOLLARI FURXHIU</b>	<b>FIELDS OF INTEREST, RESEARCH AREAS, FIELDWORK</b>
<b>YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	1969	Psycho-sociology in tourism
<b>POSITION, TITLE</b>	Full time pedagogue	Social capital
<b>DISCIPLINE</b>	Sociology and psychology of business and tourism	Globalisation process
	General Psychology	Tourism and mentalities
<b>INSTITUTION OF EMPLOYMENT</b>	University "Ismail Qemali" of Vlora	NGOs work in social pathology problems



#### RECENT RESEARCH INTERESTS

- I am interested in tourism in its psychological and sociological aspects that I try to introduce to the topics of economy and development. I am enrolled in M.A. studies programme at the University of Tirana.
- My attention is devoted to the importance of psychological and sociological phenomena and the analysis in the field of tourism that is very new in Albania. My concern is how to make people aware of the psychological impact of tourism in their personal and community lives and development. In 2003, I was a member of trainer staff of the Himara region, teaching on the sociological and psychological dimensions of tourism. The project was financed by PASARP, an Italian donor organisation, in collaboration with the Vlora University.
- Two years ago, I was a member of the survey staff determining for the poverty index in Albania.
- Another major interest of mine is exploring and teaching on the subject of social capital. This concept is very new to our students, so I need to give them very broad background knowledge. During the last academic year, upon my own initiative, I taught about this topic to the students of Business School; I found it very difficult, as this school's curriculum is not yet consolidated. I think that the students need to learn more about public benefits, private property and business administration. I got all the pertinent literature in Italy and in consultation with my Italian colleagues. I feel that I myself need to learn more about theoretical concepts, and the scholarly debates pertaining to social capital in all its dimensions.
- I was also studying, and teaching about the process of globalisation, especially the sociological aspects. I find that the lack of literature on the subject in Albania is a good excuse for the students to justify their difficulties in subject assimilation. I am endeavouring to present the impact of the processes and effects of globalisation on family life, broader social changes and in the framework of Albanian culture. This subject is part of the curriculum of the Business Faculty of Macedonia. My colleagues from Macedonia proposed to me that I introduce a course like that at the Vlora University but until now, we haven't had the possibility to obtain relevant literature or the materials to make such a course. I hope to have a chance to formulate a course like that within our project.
- In Albania, there were recently many problems between tourists and locals. This is because the locals are not educated in the ways to organise tourism and all the activities it demands. The rather high prices, the poor services, the detrimental effect of tourism on local traditions, and the lack of tourist-adapted culinary crafts all create big problems for the locals who have a hard time to grasp what creates an attractive touristy programme; the services are always sub-standard. This aspect of tourism in Albania was part of the workshop organised in the Himara municipality in May- June 2003, as mentioned above.
- I have also been engaged in many seminars and workshops organised by the NGO-sector in Albania, on many diverse themes and activities. Among them were seminars on new experiences of youth treatment and youth-oriented services created in the specialised centres. I have also been involved, more than once, in the NGO-s activities addressing some of the more pressing social problems in Albania, such as prostitution, woman traffic, the rights of women; I also have quite a bit of experience in preparing, managing and monitoring such civil projects.

COURSES TAUGHT		RECENT TEACHING EXPERIENCE, PRACTICE, METHODS
1.	Sociology & Psychology in Business (Faculty of Commerce)	<p>I teach at the University of Vlora since 1994. I give lectures of general sociology and psychology at the Commercial Faculty, and at the Business and Tourism departments. We have a programme run by the Tirana University. In my lectures, I use many electronic devices and techniques; in my seminars, I encourage a lot of discussions and debates. At seminars, I use brainstorming, and the method of five-verses.</p> <p>The same techniques I employ in teaching psychology, where I use samples or cases presentation. The cases are situation-specific depending on the subject of the lecture, and make the student more interested and more collaborative. I organise the student work in groups.</p> <p>Also, I have been a trainer at different seminars, and discussant or moderator in round table discussions, mainly on the topic of public participation in decision-making.</p>
2.	Sociology & Psychology in Tourism (Faculty of Commerce)	
3.	General Psychology (Foreign Languages Faculty)	
4.	Social services module as a part of Public Administration course for post-graduate students	
5.	Introduction in Psychology (Pedagogical Faculty)	
6.	Development Psychology (Pedagogical Faculty)	
7.	Social Services Policies – post-graduate	
8.	NGO Sector, Conflict Management, post-graduate	
9.	Development Psychology (Pedagogical Faculty)	
10.	The Theory & Philosophy of Education (P. Faculty)	

**MAJOR PUBLICATIONS IN LAST FIVE YEARS**

1. How to help those who educate and are educated/ *Scientific bulletin* of the University of Vlora, 2002
2. Touristic product. Co-author, 2002.

**MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS, FORUMS ETC.**

1. President of the "Civic chamber of Vlora" foundation
2. Member of the NGO forum of Vlora/Albania
3. Part-time member of staff of the centre "Quo Vadis" - friendly youth services centre in Vlora (UNICEF).