

FULL NAME	VISAR MORINA	FIELDS OF INTEREST, RESEARCH AREAS, FIELDWORK	
YEAR OF BIRTH	1976	Comparative constitutional law	
POSITION, TITLE	M.Sc., Teaching Assistant	Human rights - the legal/constitutional aspect	
DISCIPLINE	Law (Constitutional Law)		
INSTITUTION OF EMPLOYMENT	Faculty of Law, University of Prishtina, Kosovo		

RECENT RESEARCH INTERESTS

My main research area is comparative constitutional law. I focus on the comparative study of constitutions and constitutionalism, democracy, the constitutional aspects of elections and the rule of law. In addition, I am drafting a project proposal for my Ph.D. thesis with regard to the constitutional justice in transitional countries (challenges and perspectives). In this work, particular attention will be paid to the constitutional developments in Albania and its future perspectives as far as constitutional adjudication is concerned.

Secondly, I am involved in the area of human rights mainly from the legal/constitutional aspect. I am particularly attracted to studying the impact of the European Convention on Human Rights and Jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights on the national legislation and judiciary in general. For example, many transitional states today are facing difficulties in applying the recognised European principles of human rights, especially when it comes to the limitations of human rights by state authorities. And, last but not least, freedom of expression and access to information constitute of my favourite subjects within the category of human rights. At least the latter proved to be that when I successfully defended my MA thesis exploring/examining the constitutional aspects of freedom of expression in a comparative perspective.

One of my recent published works is a monograph on the freedom of expression in the Kosovo context. This work is intended to provide an overview of the legal aspects of freedom of expression from both the international and domestic law standpoint. A detailed examination was made on the applicability of Article 10 standards onto the domestic legal system with special regard to the limitations of freedom of expression. It is argued that with the growth of international human rights law, and the development of regional institutions, there is an increasing pressure on all state societies to conform to human rights standards that protect freedom of expression and access to information. The monograph also provides certain recommendations on how to overcome certain difficulties in the present situation regarding the exercising of freedom of expression in Kosovo, and indicates steps which should be taken to achieve the expected standards.

Also, I have recently completed a short research paper on *Models of constitutional justice*. Basically, the paper aims to provide an overview on the differences and similarities between the so-called European and American model of the constitutional adjudication. The article concentrates also on the procedural aspects of the constitutional adjudication procedure in the two models of the constitutional justice.

COURSES TAUGHT		RECENT TEACHING EXPERIENCE, PRACTICE, METHODS
1.	Constitutional Law	I am progressively switching in my teaching methodology to a more participatory approach by applying simulations, group work and visual presentations during lectures. In my recent experience, those methods of teaching proved to increase the level of participation, are more effective and are received favourably by the students. There are, however, certain difficulties which should be mentioned that make the application of those methods limited in certain circumstances. For example, the number of students in the classroom, the availability of teaching equipment, and similar matters.
2.	Human Rights (Freedom of Expression)	

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS IN LAST FIVE YEARS

1.	Monograph on "Freedom of Expression in the Kosovo Context", a research project sponsored by the Finnish Human Rights Project, Prishtina (2002)
2.	Article on "The American and European Model of Constitutional Justice – A Comparative Approach", Journal for Legal and Social issues, Vol. 1-2, (2003), Law Faculty, University of Prishtina
3.	Article on "The Right to Legal Representation", Kosovo Legal Studies, Vol. 2, Prishtina (2002)
4.	Dictionary of Legal Terms (Parliamentary Law Terminology), Project sponsored by the Finnish Government (Forthcoming 2003)

MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS, FORUMS ETC.

1.	Member of the Lawyers Association of Kosovo
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