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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

February 2018 – present **Program Manager / Senior Researcher**

Center for Research and Policy Making, Skopje, Republic of Macedonia

Implemented projects:

* The impact of Europeanization on the Balkan countries and their potential shift “from the periphery to the center” (donor – China-CEE Institute; ongoing)
* Youth mobility in the context of EU integration: brain drain or brain gain? (donor – French Embassy in Skopje)
* Invigorating policy dialogue on Regional Investment Reform Agenda in the Western Balkans (donor – Regional Cooperation Council)
* Developing and delivering training modules on Gender Mainstreaming and Gender Responsive Budgeting (GRB) and on Public Policy – in classroom and online (client – Foundation for Management and Industrial Research)
* Enhancing the capacities of CSOs for GRB at the local level (donor - UN Women)
* Support to the development of pocket handbook on GRB and Methodology for G-Markers (client - Ministry of Labour and Social Policy of the Republic of Macedonia)
* Developing toolkit for policy making in EU accession chapter 20 – Enterprise and Industrial Policy (client – PSM Foundation)

December 2014 – May 2017 **State Secretary**

Secretariat for European Affairs, Government of the Republic of Macedonia

* Coordinating the twinning project: “Further strengthening the capacities for EU integration”
* Chairing the Stabilization and Association Committee between the EU and the Republic of Macedonia, the National Subcommittee for EU integration, the National IPA Monitoring Committee, the Inter-ministerial Taskforce for Migration Policy
* Coordinating the donor assistance in the context of the migration crisis, the EU’s assistance to cope with the consequences of the floods and the Chinese development assistance
* HR and organizational management of the Secretariat
* Organization and chairing of round tables in the framework of the EU Talks Series with EU officials, MEPs and Macedonian CSOs

September 2014 – December 2014 **First Secretary**

Permanent Mission of the Republic of Macedonia to the European Union in Brussels, Belgium

September 2013 – September 2014 **Advisor for International Cooperation**

Office of the Prime Minister, Government of the Republic of Macedonia

July 2009 – August 2013 **Freelance interpreter and translator**

Accredited interpreter for English and French for the EU institutions since May 2011

**EDUCATION**

January 2019 – present **PhD Candidate in International Relations**

Faculty of Law “Iustinianus Primus”, University “Sts. Cyril and Methodius”, Skopje, Republic of Macedonia

September 2012 – June 2013 **Master in European Political and Administrative Studies**

College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium

Award for Best Master Thesis on EU-China Relations for 2013 by the InBev-Baillet Latour Foundation – Belgium

Bursary of the College of Europe

October 2008 – December 2010 **Master in Conference Interpretation**

Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje, Macedonia

3rd *Leopoldo Costa* Prize awarded by the European Commission in 2009

Bursary of the European Commission

September 2005 – July 2007 **Specialization Program in Chinese Language and Culture**

Beijing Foreign Studies University, Beijing, China

Award for Best Foreign Student in the academic year 2005/06

Scholarship of the Chinese Government

October 2003 – June 2008 **Bachelor in French and Chinese Language and literature**

Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje, Macedonia

Scholarship for academic achievement awarded by the Macedonian Ministry for Education and Science.

**TRAINING**

November – December 2016 **Women Leaders: Promoting Peace and Security**

International Visitors Leadership Program of the Department of State, USA

September 2013 – June 2014 **Mother Teresa School for Public Policy**

School for public policy under the auspices of the Council of Europe

Centre for Research and Policy Making, Skopje, Macedonia

August 2013 **Ivanov School for Young Leaders**

Leadership program under the auspices of the President of the Republic of Macedonia, Ohrid, Macedonia

July 2012 **Summer University: Peace and Poverty**

International Institute for Peace and Human Rights, Caen, France

July 2010 **Summer University BELC: Les métiers du français dans le monde**

University of Nantes, France

**CONFERENCES, RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS**

December 2018 **European Integration and Youth Mobility: how to turn brain drain into brain gain?**

Available at <http://www.crpm.org.mk/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Brochure_Youth_A5_MK_WEB.pdf>

November 2018 **Invigorating Policy Dialogue on the** **Regional Investment Reform Agenda in the Western Balkans**

Available at <http://www.crpm.org.mk/invigorating-policy-dialogue-on-rira-regional-investment-reform-agenda/>

November 2018 **CHOICE Platform - China Observers in Central and Eastern Europe**

Organized by the Association for International Relations in a NED funded-project, Prague, Czech Republic

September 2018 **The creation of a Regional Investment Reform Agenda in the Western Balkans and its implications for Chinese investments: case study on the Republic of Macedonia**

Presented at the 5th High-level China – CEE Think Tank Symposium

Available at http://www.crpm.org.mk/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/MFA\_Blazheska\_Risteska-final-1.pdf

June 2018 **16+1 in the EU-China BIT Talks**

Published by the China-CEE Institute of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Available at https://china-cee.eu/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Ana-BLAZHESKA.pdf

May 2018 **BRI – potential for economic cooperation between China and the Western Balkans: the case of the Republic of Macedonia**

Presented at the symposium: “The present and prospect of cooperation of the Balkan countries in the context of the Belt and Road Initiative”, organized by the Center for Balkan Studies, Beijing Foreign Studies University

Available at http://www.crpm.org.mk/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/China-BRI-Macedonia-FINAL-1.pdf

March 2018 **The influence of different actors in the Western Balkans and their Euro-Atlantic aspirations**

Presented at the “Skopje Conference Think Tank Debate for European Integration” organized within the framework of the 2018 Skopje Conference

October 2017 **Understanding the Narrative behind OBOR Connectivity Projects – Traditional Donorship or Modern-Day Partnership?**

Presented at the 3rd China – CEE Conference, Ohrid, Macedonia

Published by the China-CEE Institute of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Available at https://china-cee.eu/working\_papers/understanding-the-narrative-behind-obor-connectivity-projects-traditional-donorship-or-modern-day-partnership-the-case-of-the-republic-of-macedonia/

March 2017 **Користење на европските фондови од страна на општините во Република Македонија** (Use of EU funds by the Municipalities in the Republic of Macedonia)

Presented at the Forum “EU Perspectives for the Local Authorities”, Bitola, Macedonia.

Published by the European Association for Local Democracy ALDA

Available at http://www.alda-europe.eu/public/doc/Eu-fondovi.pdf

February 2017 **Female Public Policy Creators, Driving Value and Results**

Presented at the Global Women Leaders’ Summit, Skopje, Macedonia

November 2016 **开设政府公务员汉语培训班 推动中国-中东欧国家合作** (Establishing Chinese Language Classes for Civil Servants – Promoting Cooperation between China and CEE Countries)

Presented at the China – CEE conference on Chinese studies and Chinese language teaching organized by the Confucius Institute Headquarters (Hanban), Riga, Latvia

June 2016 **Reconsidering Globalization**

Presented at the VIII High-Level Meeting of the Nizami Ganjavi International Center “Global Forces, Local Voices”, Andorra

June 2013 **EU - China Partnership and Cooperation Agreement: What went wrong?**

Unpublished Master thesis

December 2011 **Ressources numériques pour les interprètes franco-macédoniens**

Presented at the Symposium on French Language, Literature and Culture in a Francophone Context organized by the Faculty of Philology, Department of Roman Languages, Skopje, Macedonia;

Published in the symposium proceedings.

December 2010 **Parameters which influence the quality of simultaneous interpretation**

Unpublished Master thesis

**TRAINEESHIPS AND VOLUNTEER WORK**

November 2017 **NGO Estima Bitola**

Digital Girl of the Year – Project to encourage young girls to undertake a career in ICT (donor – Western Balkans Fund)

October 2012 – March 2013 **Government for the Future**

European Centre for Government Transformation (joint project of Accenture consultancy and the Lisbon Council)

October 2012 – June 2013**Europe Outside the Box**

College of Europe Debate Club - founder and member of the organisation board

October 2010 – June 2012 **NGO Francophone circle**

Organization of *Soirées Francophones* to promote French language and culture

**LANGUAGE SKILLS**

Native - **Macedonian**

Proficient: **English (C2)**, **French (C2), Chinese (C1), Serbian (C1)**

Intermediate: **Italian (B2), Bulgarian (B2), Spanish (B1)**