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### WORK EXPERIENCE

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01/11/2022 – CURRENT Tirana, Albania

**FULL TIME LECTURER** MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITY OF ALBANIA

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Currently, I am working as a full-time professor at a private university in the country. My subjects are statistics, advanced statistics, computer science and data analysis.

01/09/2022 – 31/12/2022

**STATISTICS AND SURVEY NON KEY EXPERT** GDSI LIMITED

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As a non-key expert in survey and statistics, I have been working on the implementation of the EU Project for the technical assistance to Civil Society Organization (EU TACSO 3) in the Western Balkans and Turkey. My role as a statistician was to provide technical assistance in the first assessment against the Revised Civil Society Guidelines 2021-2027.

More specifically my duties involved: designing and testing an online survey using Survey Monkey; Ensuring the survey was well translated into local languages (Albanian, Serbian, Bosnian, Montenegrin, Macedonian, Turkish); Promotion of the survey through TACSO channels (email, social media, etc.) and TACSO partners in the region; Organisation of data storage, structuring, and coding as necessary; analysis of questionnaire data, including preparation of relevant and high-quality charts, tables and other data visualizations; Collection of regional data from secondary sources linked to indicators, preparation of charts, tables and other relevant data visualisations; Contribution to report writing, including preparation of specific sections, reviewing and commenting. h) Participation in team workshops and data validation sessions; Supporting finalization of report; Supporting finalization of detailed methodology guide.

**Link** <https://tacso.eu/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/EU-Guidelines-for-Support-to-Civil-Society-in-the-Enlargementregion-2021-2027-1.pdf>

12/01/2020 – 01/11/2022

**HEAD OF OPINION RESEARCH UNIT** IDRA RESEARCH AND CONSULTING

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As a head of opinion research department I have managed many complex projects, multi-market and opinion research projects including independently drafting detailed questionnaires, setting up advanced analytical requirements and checking for data accuracy. I have maintained client relationships by liaising effectively with clients on project-related information and progress updates. I have been in charge of conducting data analysis including using sophisticated, multivariate techniques when appropriate and independently producing results, using statistical packages such as SPSS, etc. Visualize data through different tools into charts, graphs and maps. Translate data into meaningful information findings and insights that clearly communicated within the project team and to external stakeholders or clients. Help and work with company executives to make results known to clients. Effectively manage multiple projects at once and anticipate potential problems and how to prevent them. Keep abreast of current trends within the market and opinion research and develop expertise in chosen areas of research.

31/12/2017 – CURRENT Tirana

**PROFESSOR OF STATISTICS (PART-TIME)** CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY “OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNCIL”

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As a professor of statistics I am responsible for preparing and conducting lectures for the student in the subject of Statistics;

- Prepare and conducting lectures about statistics
  - Prepare exercises of statistics in line with the lecturers;
  - Carry out laboratory works on learning skills on SPSS and Microsoft Excel with students;
- Supervising and assisting students on different assignments and/or projects;

31/07/2011 – 11/01/2020 Tirana

**HEAD OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT STATISTICS INSTITUTE OF STATISTICS OF ALBANIA**

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Responsible for collection, analysis, interpretation and presentation of quantitative information in social statistics. Worked in the field of gender statistics, crime, education, culture and health statistics. Data collection implies working with administrative data, surveys and census, as the main statistical data sources for the analysis to ensure that the collection procedure was done in line with the international recommendations. Developing the appropriate questionnaires in order to get the desired and required feedback for the sake of the production of specified indicators.

30/09/2014 – 06/07/2020 Tirana

**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF STATISTICS (PART-TIME) UNIVERSITY OF TIRANA, FACULTY OF ECONOMY, DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED INFORMATICS AND STATISTICS**

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Conducting seminars lessons on the subject of Statistics;

- Conducting exercises of statistics based on the lecturers;
- Conducting laboratory works on learning skills on SPSS with students;
- Supervising and assisting students on different assignments and/or projects;

31/07/2009 – 30/07/2011 Tirana

**SPECIALIST OF POPULATION STATISTICS INSTITUTE OF STATISTICS OF ALBANIA**

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As a specialist in the population sector, I have worked with all the necessary administrative data for vital statistics like births, deaths, and migration. I have been responsible to analyze the data and guaranteeing the quality in order that they can be used after as a main input for calculating the population estimates. I have worked with population estimates which calculations are done every year. Another important task that I have done is the calculation of population projections. They have been calculated after the Census of Population and Housing in Albania, 2011

## ● EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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2012 – 2021 Tirana, Albania

**PH.D. IN MANAGEMENT AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS IN ECONOMY** University of Tirana, Faculty of Economy

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**Address** Faculty of Economy, University of Tirana, Tirana, Albania

2011 – 2014 Tirana

**MASTER'S IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION** University of Tirana, Faculty of Economy

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**Address** Faculty of Economy, University of Tirana, Tirana

2004 – 2009 Tirana, Albania

**BUSINESS INFORMATICS, INTEGRATED DIPLOMA OF THE SECOND LEVEL** University of Tirana, Faculty of Economy

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**Address** Faculty of Economy, University of Tirana, Tirana, Albania

09/2009 – 12/2009 Geneva, Switzerland

**TRAINING ON POPULATION STUDIES, FERTILITY, MORTALITY, MIGRATION ANALYSES AND POPULATION PROJECTIONS ESTIMATES** University of Geneva

**Address** Geneva, Switzerland

24/09/2018 – 27/09/2018 Budva, Montenegro

**REGIONAL TRAINING ON MEASURING AND ASSESSING ORGANIZED CRIME IN THE WESTERN BALKANS**  
UNDOC

**Address** Budva, Montenegro

10/09/2018 – 14/09/2018 Istanbul, Turkey

**INTERNATIONAL TRAINING ON GENDER-BIASED SEX SELECTION** UNFPA

**Address** Istanbul, Turkey 06/2015 –

08/2015 Prague, Czechia

**POPULATION PROJECTION AND FORECAST TRAINING** UNFPA, Charles University,

**Address** Prague, Czechia 13/12/2010 –

16/12/2010 Malta

**INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME IN DEMOGRAPHIC ASPECT OF AGING AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR SOCIO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, POLICIES AND PLANS** UNFPA

**Address** Malta

**LANGUAGE SKILLS**

Mother tongue(s): **ALBANIAN** Other

language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
<b>ENGLISH</b>	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
<b>ITALIAN</b>	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1

*Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user*

**DIGITAL SKILLS**

Microsoft Excel | Microsoft Word | Outlook | Google Docs | Google Drive | Microsoft Powerpoint | LinkedIn | Zoom  
Microsoft Office | Internet user | Gmail

**Statistic applications**

R | IBM Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) - Utilizador Independente

**Social media**

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Twitter

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PUBLICATIONS**

### **[Analysis of Gender-Responsive family friendly policies in Albania](#) – 2020**

This publication does a gender analysis of various component such as fertility, time use, labor force in order to evidence potential gender differences and obstacles that might face women and men during their career aspirations and making a family. This analysis is enriched with a further analysis for the current situations of the existing laws in the country in order to evidence potential gaps and future interventions.

### **[First Wave Survey Study on Youth Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices with regard to Human Trafficking in Four Regions in Albania](#)**

– 2020

The aim of this report is to present a baseline about knowledge, attitudes and practices of young population, 15-29 years old, regarding Human trafficking. The report present the situation in four regions of Albania, previously identified as hotspots regarding human trafficking's in the country, Tirana, Shkodra, Dibra and Kuksi. The results will serve to UNICEF Albania to build a communication strategy to increase knowledge among young population living in Albania regarding Human trafficking.

Currently I am working with UNICEF Albania on the second wave of the survey in order to measure the impact of the communication strategy in these four regions of the country.

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### **[Knowledge, Attitude and Practices with regard to Covid-19/Coronavirus among general population in Albania](#)**

– 2021

In the amid of COVID-19 , this study aimed to provide an overview of the level of knowledge, attitudes and practices Albanian residents hold with regard to the disease, as well as other contextual dynamics, such as well-being and financial impact that Covid-19 has had on their life.

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### **[Knowledge, Attitude and Practices with Regard to Covid-19 Among the General Population in Albania; Findings on National Survey of Second Wave](#)**

– 2021

This report presents findings from the second wave (Wave 2) of the national survey, assessing the level of knowledge, attitudes and practices with regard to Covid-19 among the general public in Albania, conducted in April – May 2021. This report follows the first wave in order to measure the impact of UNICEF Albania campaign during this time in increasing the knowledge and awareness among population with regard to Covid-19.

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### **[Quality Dimensions of the 2011 Population and Housing Census 2011](#) – 2014**

This report publish some quality indicators in relation to the data collected during Census of 2011 in Albania, In order to the user to increase the transparency and to have a better understand of the results the report present some main indicators such as coverage, imputation rates and editing rates.

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### **[Population Projections of Albania 2011-2031](#) – 2014**

This report present the calculation about the future dimension of Albania population. Based on assumptions about fertility, mortality and migration the report shows different scenarios about the future evolution of Albania populations. The population projections represent an important tool at the policy makers in order to make the necessary interventions based on demographic future evolutions of the country.

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### **[Advanced Analysis of Albanian Demographic and Health Survey 2008-09 Data; Determinants of Fertility in Albania with Particular Attention to The Role of Emigration](#)**

– 2011

The whole report aims to provide further insight and deeper analysis based on the data of Albanian Demographic Health Survey. My contribution has been on the chapter "Determinants of Fertility in Albania with Particular Attention to the Role of Emigration". This part of the analysis focuses on the factors that might influence the fertility in Albania, with a special focus on migration, as the most important factor that is influencing the population of the country since the end of communist's regime.

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### **[Regional demographic dynamics in Albania](#) – 2010**

This publication based on thematic research presents an important moment in the strengthening of the social statistics in INSTAT through the three-year programme Developing Demographic and Social Statistics in Albania (DESSA). It contains a collection of articles pertaining to most topical issues of social and demographic change in Albania today. Thus, it represents a significant instrument for policy makers and other stakeholders alike: it provides essential information for monitoring the national policies and strategies related to the developments in demography, education and health.

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## CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

15/05/2019 – 17/05/2019 – Neuchâtel Switzerland

**Work Session on Gender Statistics** In this work session I presented under the section Institutional mechanisms to support gender statistics, a presentation about institutional mechanisms to support gender statistics in Albania.

Link <https://unece.org/statistics/events/work-session-gender-statistics>

13/05/2019 – 14/05/2019 – Neuchâtel Switzerland

**Workshop on Gender Statistics** During this workshop I had the opportunity to present the country in identifying gaps - Meeting the needs of policymakers when gender.

Link <https://unece.org/info/Statistics/events/18026>

06/2011 – Tirana, Albania

**1st International Symposium on Computing in Informatics and Mathematics (ISCIM 2011)** In this conference I participated with an article " Application of data mining techniques using SAS software"

06/2014 – Tirana, Albania

**Fifth International Conference 'Information Systems and Technology Innovation: projecting trends to a new Economy'** In this conference I presented a paper about "Error localization and error correction in datasets".

16/12/2020 – 17/12/2020 – Madrid, Spain

**MIRDEC 10 th - International Academic Conference "Contemporary Issues and Social Science Studies"** Due to Covid-19 this conference was organized online. I presented an paper on " |Trade of between data confidentiality and transparency".

Link [https://1750f93d-2eec-4060-afbe-6c7b440a30e7.filesusr.com/ugd/f279ca\\_a19d11e1e2184c318e86c08715fe992b.pdf](https://1750f93d-2eec-4060-afbe-6c7b440a30e7.filesusr.com/ugd/f279ca_a19d11e1e2184c318e86c08715fe992b.pdf)

09/11/2020 – Lisbon, Portugal

**IICSNS-X 2020- Tenth International conference on "Social and Natural Sciences -Global Challenge 2020'** Due to Covid-19 this conference was organized online. I presented an paper about "Addressing quality dimensions in surveys implementation".

Link <http://iipccl.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Lisboa-ICSNS-X.pdf.pdf>

## PROJECTS

06/2022 – CURRENT

**National research for the study of Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices on Violence Against Children in Albania.** The overall purpose and objectives of the KAP survey is to understand: The knowledge among Albanian adults as to what constitutes violence against children. How the adults understand their legal responsibilities vis-à-vis witnessing and/or practicing violence against children. The perception of the prevalence of violence against children in communities.

**Main responsibilities: Project coordinator and Research analyst.** My main responsibilities in this project include: Elaboration of a sound sampling methodology (for the research protocol and final report), including the limitations. - Finalization of the survey questionnaire in collaboration with UNICEF Albania and an international researcher. - Coordinate the data collection field work. - Data cleaning and analysis (including preparation of tables, graphs, infographs, and drafting of narrative findings). - Presentation of findings.

01/2020 – CURRENT

**Human trafficking in and from Albania** The purpose of this project was to contribute towards an overall increase in the prevention and reduction in the prevalence of human trafficking in and from Albania. The Project's goal was to tackle human trafficking in and from Albania. Given the unfavorable socio-economic background offering limited opportunities to the Albanian population, past political volatility and harmful social norms enhancing gender-based violence, Albania is a potential country of origin of victims of human trafficking – next to being, to a lesser extent, a country of transit and destination. In order to reduce this plight, UNICEF's Albanian CO was awarded the lead in this complex and cross-sectoral Project, involving multiple partners on all levels.

**Main responsibilities:** Project coordinator, “Human trafficking in and from Albania” Contribute towards an overall increase in the prevention and reduction in the prevalence of human trafficking in and from Albania. Main role in this project is to lead the conduction of two surveys (one baseline and on end-line) in order measure the level of knowledge and attitude around human trafficking in selected municipalities, to understand which channels of communication and format about human trafficking led to positive change. The findings of these studies will feed the communication campaign of UNICEF on how to reach the targeted population and on how to shape customized messages about human trafficking in Albania.

08/2021 – CURRENT

**Regional Project Expanding Choices: Gender-Responsive Family Policies in the Western Balkans and Albania, in 2020-2022** The overall goal of the project was for both women, men and children to benefit from gender responsive family policies and initiatives that are offered by private sector companies and promoted by the government. To achieve this initially one of the objectives of the project was to conduct a public policy scan and analyses legal, economic and social data to understand (i) the Albanian governmental and private business environment for family friendly policies, (ii) the potential and entry points for improving and implementing such policies, and (iii) the institutional, cultural and behavioral changes that are needed to support more family friendly policies and actions. The findings will be used for an ongoing public advocacy and awareness campaigns to increase knowledge, evidence and tools to support family friendly policies.

**Main responsibilities: Researcher and Data analyst**

Conduct data analysis to identify the current legal, economic and social context and the potential to support and achieve an enabling environment for family friendly policies in the private businesses and within legal framework in Albania.

Review leading documents such as Gender Scorecards, Men and Women, TUS, DHS, LFS etc to identify, collect

Analyze data that provide an understanding of the economic and social context on Albania in supporting family friendly policies.

Develop the methodology for a national survey in order to measure the situation of the implementation of family friendly policies among public and private sector. Present the result to the stakeholders and provide the necessary information and insights from the survey and other data for a preparation of a policy paper with concrete interventions in the law for the improvement of the situation of the implementation of family friendly and gender policies in the country.

01/2019 – 12/2019

**Gender Equality Index of Albania** GEI is a standardized index which involves the calculation of other 31 indicators from other domains like work, money health, education, time use and power.

**Main responsibilities: Focal point for developing the Gender Equality Index of Albania**

Produce the Gender Equality Index for Albania according to the international methodology in collaboration with EIGE (European Institution for Gender Equality).

05/2019 – 12/2019

**European Health Interview Survey implementation in Albania** EHIS is a European standardized survey which was the first time implemented in Albania.

**Main responsibilities: Project Manager**

- Closely worked with Eurostat experts in order to meet the required methodology and guidelines of the survey
- Sharing it with all the stakeholders and reflecting their needs for data and further analysis to be reflected in the questionnaire

05/2018 – 12/2019

**Implementation of International Crime Classification for Statistical purposes (ICCS)** ICCS in the international classification of crime statistics developed by UNODC and recommended by Eurostat to implement during the collection, analyze and report of crime statistics.

**Main responsibilities: Project Coordinator**

My role has been to coordinate the work with different stakeholders of crime statistics in the country like Police, Prosecution, Courts, Prison and academics in order to map the Penal Code of Albania to a scandalized classification for crimes in line with UNODC recommendations.

08/2018 – 05/2019

**Survey on Violence Against Women and Girls in Albania** **Main responsibilities:** • To develop the questionnaire • To train the field staff, working in the field with the enumerators and supervisors • Data analyzing • Prepare the final report for the users and presenting the results to the main stakeholders • When developing the questionnaires among measuring the prevalence of different types of violence (controlling behaviors, physiological, physical and economical and sexual) another important objective was measuring the gender indicators for monitoring Goal 5 under SDG indicators for Albania

07/2009 – 05/2013

**Census of Population and housing of Albania 2011** **Main responsibilities: Data methodologist**

- Develop the questionnaire in line with the UNECE recommendations

- Train the field staff
- Data cleaning
- Data imputation techniques
- Data analysis
- Report writing and presenting the result

08/2009 – 12/2010

**DESSA project** The project aimed to improve periodicity, quality, reliability and comparability of data and indicators on demography, health and education in Albania; re-enforcement of the geographical–statistical support in the country in order to improve the quality of sampling, support the conducting of censuses and synchronization of results with reference territories; further development of indicators and data analysis on important social issues that concern policy makers both nationally and internationally, as well as improvement of dissemination of indicators and accessibility of data ; improvement of performance of INSTAT in terms of project management, data collection and cooperation with ministries and other institutions, as well as with the regions.