

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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EDUCATION AND TRAININGS

- May 2015 to now **Associate Professor PhD**
 University of Tirana, Faculty of History and Philology, Department of Geography
- 2007 – 2011 **DOCTOR of Geography**
 University of Tirana, Faculty of History and Philology, Department of Geography
Municipality Divjakë – Commune Qendër: The demo-social, economic and environmental developments (comparative analyze)
- 2003 - 2005 **MASTER OF SCIENCE in Human Geography**
 University of Tirana, Faculty of History and Philology, Department of Geography
Final Thesis: Divjakë – Karavasta area. Characteristics of the socio-economic and environmental developments.
- 1995 - 1999 **DIPLOMA in Geography**
 University of Tirana, Faculty of History and Philology, Department of Geography
Final Thesis: The role of Albania as a gateway between West and East
 Geography Teacher for High Schools

WORK EXPERIENCE

- From November 2004 to now **Lecturer/Researcher (full time)**
 University of Tirana, Faculty of History and Philology, Department of Geography
- March 2004 – November 2004 **Assistant of the teaching process**
 University of Tirana, Faculty of History and Philology, Department of Geography

September 2000 – March 2004

Teacher of Geography

Secondary school “Kongresi i Lushnjes”, Lushnje, Albania

TRAININGS

- 06 – 07 October 2023 **SECOND TRAINING OF TRAINERS OF THE PRINCIPAL SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION**
Organized by Skills4Jobs, Tirane, Albania
- 02 – 05 October 2023 **TRAINING OF THE TRAINERS PROGRAM (ToT), MASTER SCHEDULE**
Organized by Center for School Leadership & Skills4Jobs, Tirane, Albania
- Oct. 2022 – Feb. 2023 **DIGITAL IMAGING AND THE PERSERVATION OF TANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE (Advanced course)** Organized by The International Unit and the Department of Photografic Communications. Hadassah Academic College, Jerusalem, Israel. (Distance learning course)
- 20-21 October 2022 **ORGANIZING DIGITALIZATION AND IMPLEMENTING INSTURCTIONAL DESIGN IN UNIVERSITIES**
Organized by UN e-SEA, Nantes Universite, France. (Distance learning course)
- 18-19 August 2022 **THE ROLE OF PEDAGOGICAL EXPERTS IN THE DESIGNATION OF DIGITAL EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS.**
Organized by Accredited Training Center “Praktika.al”, Tirana, Albania
- 13 -17 Sept. 2021 **SUMMER SCHOOL TRAINING ON MODERNISATION OF ACADEMIC COURSES (SYLLABUSES) AND USE OF PBL.**
Organized by the project “Business driven problem-based learning for academic excellence in geoinformatics. GEOBIZ”. Co-funded by Erasmus + Programme. Center for Advanced Academic Studies, Dubrovnik, Kroaci
- 05 -09 July 2021 **SUMMER SCHOOL TRAINING ON MODERNISATION OF ACADEMIC COURSES (SYLLABUSES) AND USE OF PBL.**
Organized by the project “Business driven problem-based learning for academic excellence in geoinformatics. GEOBIZ”. Co-funded by Erasmus + Programme. University Of Belgrade, Faculty of Civil Engeneering, Beograd, Serbi
- 27 – 28 Nov. 2019 **TRAINING WORKSHOP ON EUROPEAN VALUES FOR ALBANIAN INTEGRATION**
Organized by the project “ALB2EU”. Funded by Jean Monnet EU project. European University of Tirana, Albania.
- 02-05 May 2018 **WORKSHOP ON E-LEARNING AND PBL IMPLEMENTATION AND RESULTS**
Organized by the project “Modemising geodesy education in Western Balkan with focus on compentences and learning outcomes. GEOWEB”. Funded by Erasmus + Programme. Technology University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria
- 11-16 Sept. 2017 **WORKSHOP ON E-LEARNING AND PBL (Problem based learning) PEDAGOGY**
Organized by the project “Modemising geodesy education in Western Balkan with focus on compentences and learning outcomes. GEOWEB”. Funded by Erasmus + Programme. University of Leon, Campus de Ponferrada, Spain.
- 08-12 May 2017 **GIS APPLICATIONS IN LAND, WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**
Intensive training from the project “Modemising geodesy education in Western Balkan with focus on compentences and learning outcomes. GEOWEB”. Funded by Erasmus + Programme. University of Tirana, Faculty of History and Philology, Department of Geography, Albania
- 14-21 July 2016 **TECHNOLOGY ENHANCED LEARNING FOR SOCIAL LITERACY**
Training course for teachers organized by Univesidades de Valores, Mafra, Portugal
- 13-18 June 2016 **PROTECTED AREAS AND SOCIOECOLOGICAL LANDSCAPE PLANNING**
Advanced course organized by CIHEAM (International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies. Zaragoza, Spain

- 01-10 June 2016 **GNSS COURSE**
Intensive training from the project “Modernising geodesy education in Western Balkan with focus on competences and learning outcomes. GEOWEB”. Funded by Erasmus + Programme. Technology University of Vienna, Austria
- March 2016 **Course “DO IT YOURSELF GEOAPPS”**
MOOC course from ESRI
- 13 May – 21 June 2013 **GIS course**
Full course, “Geographical Information Systems” during the Summer A semester (six intensive weeks) of the academic year 2012-2013 in the Department of Geography, University of Florida, Florida, USA. Funded by the Fulbright Scholar (Research) program, Department of State, USA.
- May-June 2013 **Course in GIS with 8 Modules (Online by ESRI)**
Full course, Learning ArcGIS Desktop (for ArcGIS 10) with 8 modules.
- June 2013 **Course “WORKING WITH RASTERS IN ARCGIS DESKTOP”**
MOOC offered by ESRI with three modules
- 08-13 June 2008 **SUMMER SCHOOL IN VISUAL SOCIOLOGY**
Summer School organized by University of Bologna, Faculty of Political Sciences *Roberto Ruffilli*, Forli campus, Italy

SCIENTIFIC WORK

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- Papathimiu, S.**, (2018): “PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE” (University textbook) funded by the Erasmus + Program in the project “Modernizing geodesy education in Western Balkan with focus on competences and learning outcomes: GEOWEB”. ISBN: 978-9928-4546-0-7. Quality print, Tirana, Albania.
- Papathimiu S.**, Hanxhari R., Xhemalaj F., (2017): GEOGRAPHY 8, textbook for Lower Middle School in Albania. Approved by the Ministry of Education and Sports. ISBN: 978-9928-142-66-5. Filara, Tirana, Albania
- Group of Authors.**, (2007): Atlas “ALBANIAN POPULATION”, ISBN 978-99956-07-166, Ilar, Tirana, Albania. Full member of the working group for socio-economic maps.

SCIENTIFIC ARTICLES

- Laci, E., Hysolako, N., **Papathimiu, S.**, Sadiqlari, L. (2023) “Monitoring coastal ecosystems of Karaburun-Sazan National Marine Park with Common Indicator 16”. **Accepted for publication:** Alareeni, B., Hamdan, A. (eds) Impact of Artificial Intelligence, and the Fourth Industrial Revolution on Business Success. ICBT 2023. Lecture Notes in Networks and Systems (Indexed in Scopus and Web of Science).
- Laçi, E., **Papathimiu, S.**, Laçi, S., (2022): “*Impact of Climate Change on Infrastructure, Population, Settlement and Adaptation Measures in Vjosa Basin*”. Published in: Advanced Technologies, Systems, and Applications VII-Proceedings of the International Symposium on Innovative and Interdisciplinary Applications of Advanced Technologies (IAT) 2022 as the proceedings of the 13th Annual Days of BHAAAS in BiH - the International Symposiums in Technical Sciences Sarajevo, June 23rd – June 26th, 2021, DOI: 10.1007/978-3-031-17697-5_40 first online October 2022
- Laci E., **Papathimiu S.**, Laci S. “*The diffused hotel as an innovative form of tourism development (case of the sub-basin of the Gjanica river, Fier region, Albania)*”, published in: Business and Technologies: Opportunities and Challenges, Proceedings of ICBT 2021. Journal indexed by SCOPUS, INSPEC, SCImago, WTI Frankfurt eG, zbMATH etc.

- Papathimiu S.**, Laci E., "GIS Application for the promotion and development of Ecotourism in Albanian's National Parks (case: Divjaka-Karavasta National Park)", Scopus indexed: Advanced Technologies, Systems and Applications VI. Proceedings of IAT 2021 (https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-030-90055-7_38)
- Kici, A., **Papathimiu, S.**, (2019): "The possibilities and challenges for sustainable transport in Albania (case study: Shkodra city)": published in the 5th International Scientific Conference GEOBALCANICA 2019 Proceedings, ISSN 1857-7636.
DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.18509/GBP.2019.30> pg.223-229. Sofia, Bulgaria.
- Bebja, F., **Papathimiu, S.**, (2019): "The potentials and the tendencies of the economic development of Klos Municipality" published in the 5th International Scientific Conference GEOBALCANICA 2019 Proceedings, ISSN 1857-7636,
DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.18509/GBP.2019.44>, pg.359-365. Sofia, Bulgaria.
- Dedaj, Xh., **Papathimiu, S.**, (2017): "Environment Impact of Ex-Industrial Areas in Laç and Rubik and the Possibilities for their functional transformation - a comparative analyses" (bashkëautor): European Journal of Economic and Business Studies, Vol.19, nr. 1, ISSN 2411-9571 (Print), ISSN 2411-4073 (online), EUSER.
- Kosovrasti, A., Kola, E., **Papathimiu, S.**, (2015): "The challenges and reforms for rural sustainable development in Albania". "Geographical Studies" 19, Kristalina, ISBN: 978-9928-171-25-2, Tirana, Albania, 5-16.
- Papathimiu, S.**, (2014): "New challenges for the development of agriculture in the coastal wetlands of Albania after the decline of communist regime in 1990 (case study: Karavasta wetlands)". BEST: International Journal of Humanities , Arts, Medicine and Sciences (BEST : IJHAMS); ISSN(Online): 2348-0521; Impact Factor(JCC): 0.5624 www.bestjournals.in
- Papathimiu, S.**, (2014): "Classification and valuation of the functions, goods and services of Karavasta wetlands". "International Journal of Case Studies ISSN (Online): 2305-509X Impact Factor: 3.582 www.casestudiesjournal.com , <http://www.casestudiesjournal.com/volume-3-issue-7/>
- Laçi, E., **Papathimiu, S.**, (2013): "New tendencies in the administration of water and regulation of territory" (co author). "Albanological Studies IV, Geography, 2013/4, viti XVIII, "ANI Print", ISSN:2304-3828.
- Papathimiu, S.**, (2012): "Geographic contribution of Theodor Ippen in the monograph "Shkodra and the northern coasts of Albania and in the Decisions of the Conference of London (1913)". Albanological Studies IV, Geography, 2012/4, viti XVII, "West Print" ISBN: 978-99956-3797-2.
- Papathimiu, S.**, (2012): *The demographic and economic development of Albania during and after the decline of communist regime (1945-2010)*, Universidad Autonoma, Barcelona, Spain. In: "Treballs de la Societat Catalana de Geografia, núm. 73, ISSN: 1133-2190 (hard copy); 2014-0037 (digital format), 101-118
- Papathimiu, S.**, (2011): "The models and strategies for the sustainable development of Albanian Alps". "Albanological Studies IV, Geography, 2011/4, viti XVI.
- Papathimiu, S.**, (2010): "The impact of economic activities in the quality of the environment of Divjaka Municipality". "Albanological Studies IV, Geography, Gjeografi, 2010/4, viti XV.
- Papathimiu, S.**, (2009): "The impact of post-communist reforms in the use of agricultural land of Municipality of Divjaka and Qender commune". "Albanological Studies IV, Geography, 2009/4, viti XIV, "Arbëria" ISBN: 978-99943-50-53-7.
- Papathimiu, S.**, Laçi, S., (2009): "The sustainable developmen of Karavasta and Narta (tourism, agriculture and fishing)", "Acta lingua Geografica" journal 6-7, 2009. ISSN C400-3500", Tetovo, North Macedonia.
- Papathimiu, S.**, Yzeiri, E., (2008): "The impact of industrialisation in the socio-economic and environmental developments of Lushnja town". "Albanological Studies IV, Geography, 2008/4, viti XIII, "GEER". ISBN: 978-99956-3344-8.
- Papathimiu, S.**, (2008): "The importance and the management of the wetlands (study case: Karavasta wetlands)". Albanian Excellence Journal nr.3. (edited by the Albanian Centre of Excellence, ISSN 1995-6576, Tirana.

CONFERENCES

- December 2023: Refer: “*Erasmus + program, as a contributor in providing innovative technology and improving geographical education in Albania (the case of the Department of Geography at UT)*”, in the International Scientific Conference “*Geography, Innovation, Education*”, organized by the Department of Geography, Faculty of History and Philology, Tirana, Albania.
- November 2023: Refer: “*The importance of using GIS technology in population and social studies in Albania*”, in the International Interdisciplinary Conference “*Social Capital and Public Sphere in Contemporary Society*”, organized by University Ismail Qemali of Vlora, in Vlora, Albania.
- November 2023: Refer: “*Monitoring coastal ecosystems of Karaburun-Sazan National Marine Park with Common Indicator 16*”, in the 4th International Conference on Business and Technology (ICBT’2023) organized by EuroMid Academy of Business and Technology, held in Istanbul, Turkey.
- November 2022: Refer: “*Novelties in the Geographical Researches of Albanian scholars*”, in the International Scientific Conference “*Geography and Development, 110 years’ Albanian state*”, organized by the Department of Geography, Faculty of History and Philology, Tirana, Albania
- June 2022: Refer: “*Impact of climate change on infrastructure, population, settlements, and the adaptation measures in Vjosa Basin*”, in the International Scientific Conference 13th days of BHAAAS, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- December 2021: Refer “*Virtual Tours in National Parks during and after the Covid-19 pandemic*” in the International Scientific Conference “*Geographical changes during pandemic Covid-19*”, organized by the Department of Geography, Faculty of History and Philology, Tirana, Albania
- November 2021: “*The diffused hotel as an innovative form of tourism development (case of the sub-basin of the Gjanica river, Fier region, Albania)*”, in the International Conference on Business and Technology (ICBT2021) organized by EuroMid Academy of Business & Technology (EMABT), held in Istanbul, Turkey.
- June 2021: Refer (first author) “*GIS application for the promotion and development of Ecotourism in Albania*” in the International Scientific Conference “*12th days of BHAAAS*”, Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- March 2021: Refer 1. “*Promoting and Developing Ecotourism in Albanian Coastal Wetlands? Challenges and Possibilities*” (coauthor)
 2. “*The contribution of geography to scientific tourism studies - from the description of "attractions", to their evaluation and administration*” (coauthor).
 3. “*Religious Tourism as an Alternative for the Sustainable Development of Albanian Rural Areas (the case of Vlora region)*” (coauthor)
 in the International Congress of Geography EUROGEO: “*Sustainable Development Goals for all*” Organized by: European Association of Geographers
- February 2020: Refer (coauthor) “*Natural Heritage management in Albania and EU (a comparative analyzes)*” in the International Scientific Conference “*Albania and Albanians in the Integration process*”, Tirana, Albania. organized by University of Tirana, Department of Geography.
- June 2019: Refer (coauthor) 1. “*The possibilities and challenges for sustainable transport in Albania (case study: Shkodra city)*”
 2. “*The potentials and the tendencies of the economic development of Klos Municipality*” in the 5th International Scientific Conference GEOBALCANICA 2019 Sofia, Bulgaria.
- October 2018: Refer (co author) “*Active learning using PBL at University of Tirana*” in the International Conference “*Western Balcan Conference (GIS, Mine surveying, Geodesy, Geomatics)*”, Tirana, Albania.
- December 2017: Refer (co author) “*Mobilization of Diaspora in the places of origin. The case of Albanian Diaspora from the High Mountains*”. in the International Conference of Geography “*Transboundary spaces. Dynamics and Challenges*”. Gjirokastër, Albania.
- December 2016: Refer “*The integration challenges of the Albanian migrants in Italy*” in the International Conference “*Migration and the geographical area. Factors, Interactions, Challenges*”, Tirana,

- Albania.
- December 2015: Refer *"The locational factors, geographical distribution and the development of Call Centers in Tirana"*. in the International Conference of Geography "Infrastructure as factor of integration and territorial development", Tirana, Albania.
- November 2015: Refer (first author) *"The Integration Paths of Albanian Labor Migrants in Italy"*. in the International Conference on Labor Migration and Industrial Citizenship, Albanians on the move – Citizenship, Identity and Development, Tirana, Albania.
- February 2015: Refer (coauthor) *"Wetland and Land Use Changes near the Karavasta Lagoon, Albania: Concern and Prospects"* in Florida Society of Geographers 51st Anniversary Annual Meeting 1964 - 2015. Jacksonville, Florida, USA .
- May 2014: Refer (coauthor) *"Cultural heritage of Narta wetlands and their potential to develop tourism"* in the International Conference of Geography "4th International Conference on Human & Social Sciences ICHSS 2014 Faculty of Philosophy Niksic, University of Montenegro and MCSER-Rome, Italy, May 31, - June 01, Budva, Montenegro.
- November 2013: Refer (coauthor) *"New tendencies in the administration of water and regulation of territory"* in the International Conference of Geography "Geography and the Territory", Tirana, Albania.
- October 2013: Poster *"The valuation of Goods and Services of the main Albanian coastal wetlands"* in SWSSAC/FAESS/SWFAEP 2013 JOINT CONFERENCE "Wetland resources and regulations in a changing World: What have we learned?", Tampa, 6-8 October 2013.
- October 2013: Refer *"The impact of tourism in the economic activities and urban development of the Albanian coastal wetlands in the last 20 years"* in the SWSSAC/FAESS/SWFAEP 2013 JOINT CONFERENCE "Wetland resources and regulations in a changing World: What have we learned?", Tampa, 6-8 October 2013..
- November 2012. Refer *"The contribution of Theodor Ippen in the monograph "Shkodra in the northern coasts of Albanian seas" and in the verdicts of the Conference of London in 1913"* in the International Conference "Geography in the 100th anniversary of Albanian Independence". Tirana, Albania.
- May 2012: Refer *"New challenges for the development of agriculture in the coastal wetlands of Albania after the decline of communist regime in 1990 (case study: Karavasta wetlands)"* in the International Conference "Gender and agriculture in action" Toulouse, France, 22-25 May 2012.
- April 2012: Refer: *"The classification and valuation of the functions, goods and services of Karavasta wetlands"* in the International Conference "Marine and Coastal Ecosystems, MarCoastEcos): Increasing knowledge for a sustainable conservation and integrated management", Tirana, Albania, 28-30 April 2012.
- February 2012: Refer: *"The demographic and economical development of Albania during and after the decline of communist regime (1945-2010)"*, Universitat Autònoma, Barcelona, Spain.
- November 2011: Refer *"The models and strategies for the sustainable development of Albanian Alps"*. in the International Conference of Geography "The crisis of mountainous areas and the possibilities for their sustainable development", Tirana, Albania.
- November 2010: Refer *"The impact of human activities to the environment quality of Divjaka municipality"* in the International Conference of Geography "The role of the geographer to the management of natural and human risks", Tirana, Albania.
- November 2009: Refer *"The impact of post-communist reforms to the use of agricultural land in municipality of Divjaka and commune of Qendër"* in the International Conference of Geography "The spatial transformations and the role of geographer in their management" Gjirokastër, Albania.
- June 2007: Refer coauthor *"Tourism and environment in Divjaka-Karavasta area, contradictory relationship or supplementary"* the Conference for the Geographical Problems held in Prishtina.

PROJECTS & GRANTS

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| 2 – 8 July 2023 | Erasmus + Teaching Mobility for academic staff in the Czech University of Life Sciences Prague, Prague, Czech Republic. Funded by the European Commission's Erasmus+ Program Key Action 1 |
| June 2023-ongoing | Researcher at the project <i>"Assessment of the impact of human activity on the quality of the environment and the sustainable management of wetlands between the river mouths of the"</i> |

Oct.2022-Dec. 2023	<p><i>Shkumbini and Semani</i>". Funded by the Rectorate of University of Tirana under the Call "UT_Research, Excellence and Innovation".</p> <p>Project Coordinator in the project "Modernization of curricula and teaching in the Professional Master Programs for Teachers in the Faculty of History and Philology, University of Tirana", Funded by the Ministry of Education and Sports of Albania under the Call/Program "For the financing/co-financing of joint projects in the frame of internationalization of Study Programs, for the academic year 2022-2023".</p>
Sept.–Nov. 2023	<p>Trainer in the Center for School Leaderships for the First Cohort of the VET Leaders with the Module "Effective Teaching and Learning". Tirana, Albania</p>
Oct. 2022- ongoing	<p>Trainer (focusing on VET schools' teachers) for "Digital platforms for combined and distance/online learning" (Accredited Course), "Problem-based learning", "Project-based learning", and "Case-based learning" (to be Accredited). Praktika.al, Tirana, Albania.</p>
Nov. 2022- Nov. 2025	<p>Project Coordinator in the project "Albanian Protected Areas in the Frame of EU Integration", funded by Erasmus+ Program, Jean Monnet Actions/Module. Project: 101085533 — ALPAsEU — ERASMUS-JMO-2022-HEI-TCH-RSCH</p>
Dec.2022 – March 2023	<p>Project coordinator in the project "Wetlands, their importance and environmental values", funded by the University of Tirana, Faculty of History and Philology. The project was organized to celebrate the International Wetland Day 2023.</p>
Feb. – April 2023	<p>External Expert in the project S4J (Skills for Jobs) for "Developing Interactive Courses and Articles on Green Skills for Adults and Youngsters". Main duties: Conducting a needs assesment to identify the most in-demand green skills in various industries; Conduct desk research on the topic to develop the literature review in key competences; Developing a curriculum of micro courses based on identified green skills; Designing the course materials, including interactive modules; Develop a set of informative articles on Green Skills.</p> <p>Deliverables: 5 interactive short courses on Green Skills (training materials including modules and assessments; video scripts); 5 articles on Green Skills; 10 concepts on Green Skills.</p> <p>Funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and implemented by Swisscontact Albania.</p>
Sept. 2022 – Feb. 2023	<p>External Expert, Role: <i>Pedagogical expert in guaranteeing the quality of digital educational materials.</i> Main duties: Organizing training sessions with teachers from VET schools, who prepare teaching materials; Providing support to teachers, in groups and individually, for the conception and design of digital teaching materials; Examines the teaching materials in terms of content and form, based on pedagogical principles and their support of combined learning, giving comments, suggestions and solutions on adapting the teaching materials to the agreed structure.</p> <p>Deliverables: <i>Pedagogical support in the development of digital learning materials for six teachers working with 15 subjects of VET school, profile TIK.</i></p> <p>Funded by Praktika.al, Tirana, Albania.</p>
2021-2022	<p>Project Team Leader and Contact person for UT, in the project "Msc. in STEAM education" STEAM edu" ERASMUS +: Higher Education - International Capacity Building N° 618996-EPP-1-2020-1-BA-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP. Co-funded by Erasmus + program, EU.</p>
2019 – 2022	<p>Project Team Leader for UT, in the project "Business driven problem based learning for academic excellence in geoinformatics. GEOBIZ". ERASMUS +: Higher Education - International Capacity Building N° 610225-EPP-1-2019-1-HR-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP. Co-funded by Erasmus + program, EU</p>
March – June 2022	<p>External Expert in the Project Skills for Jobs for Development of materials for trainings/courses "Digital platforms for combined and distance/online learning", "Problem-based learning", "Project-based learning", and "Case-based learning". Subcontractor</p>
Apr. – June 2021	<p>External Expert, Role: <i>Subject Matter Expert (SME)</i> in the project S4J (Skills for Jobs) for "Development of teacher training modules on active learning". <i>Main duties:</i> review of the existing draft of the training module "Platforms for onlile learning" with the aim of designing, developing and launching it as a user-friendly and pedagogically effective e-learning course; design and develop the course video scripts, assessment tools and other course materials; develop at least 3 modules for active learning.</p>

- Deliverables:** Training modules on active learning (Problem based and Project based learning); Adaptation of the module on "Platforms for distance learning" asynchronous use. Funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and implemented by Swisscontact Albania.
- Jan. – Feb. 2021 **External Expert** in the project S4J (Skills for Jobs) for "Development of training Modules for blended learning". Main duties: Drafting of the Training modules; Piloting the training modules; Improving the modules based on the recommendations.
- Deliverables:** Training module (one module); Training module adapted for KAT (Training Accreditation Cometeetee); Training materials in MesoVET platform; Piloting of the training module with selected teachers; Improvements of module based on recommendations. Funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and implemented by Swisscontact Albania.
- Sept. 2020 – Jan. 2021 **External Expert** in the project S4J (Skills for Jobs) for "Preparation of digital teaching materials (modules) for the branch of study "Tourist Guide" in the vocational education system (VET) (level: upper secondary, vocational education)". Funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and implemented by Swisscontact Albania.
- Oct. 2020 – Jan. 2021 **External Expert** in the project S4J (Skills for Jobs) for "Developing teaching materials". Main duties: Develop teaching materials following an agreed protocol and validation process; Open the course related to the developed subject/module in MesoVET and functionalize it (register the students and use the materials).
Deliverables: Developed teaching materials and open the course in MesoVET with uploaded materials. Funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and implemented by Swisscontact Albania.
- Apr. – Aug. 2019 **External Expert** for "A study on State of Art report on wetland relevant policies " - ALBANIA. In the frame of project: "Improving the conservation effectiveness of wetlands" WetMainAreas. Project co-funded by the European Union and National Funds of the participating countries. For Albania funded by National Environmental Agency"
Ref: BALKANMED/WETMAINAREAS/2019/2 "Evaluation of the existing policies and action plans regarding BalkanMed wetland ecosystems and maximization of use of data inventory and project findings, and using them as a good basis obtained for the analysis of policy framework and their harmonization for planning policy purposes"
- Nov. – Dec.2018 & March – Aug. 2019 **External Expert** on the production of animated video for the study "Farmer field survey in the areas of Fier and Lushnje", for the project RISI Albania- Partner for Growth. Implemented by HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation and Partners Albania. Funded by Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC.
- 4-8 March 2019 Erasmus + **Teaching Mobility for academic staff** in the University of Tuscia, Province of Viterbo, Italy. Funded by the European Commission's Erasmus+ Program Key Action 1
- Febr. – Mar. 2019 **External Expert** in the project S4J for Quality Research in the schools involved in the project. Funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and implemented by Swisscontact Albania.
- Febr. – Apr. 2018 **External Expert** in the project S4J for Quality Research in the schools involved in the project. Funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and implemented by Swisscontact Albania.
- Sept.2018 – Apr.2023 **External Expert** for the Institute Luso-Illiro for Human Development. Main duties: Translation of teaching materials such as: modules, website, portal, digital activities; supporting and participating in the organizing of project activities in Albania. Funded by the Institute Luso-Illiro for Human Development.
- 2016 – 2018 **Project staff and contact person** for the Project "Modernising geodesy education in Western Balkan with focus on competences and learning outcomes. GEOWEB". Funded by Erasmus + Programme.
- March – Nov. 2013: "Establishment of the Ecotourism management plan in the Albanian coastal wetlands (case study: Karavasta wetlands)". Fulbright Scholar Program (research). Funded by: State Department of the United State of America.

- 2008 – 2022: **Member of the Organizing Board** (2017, 2020, 2022 chairman of the organizing board) of scientific projects "International Scientific Conference" organized by the Department of Geography, Faculty of History and Philology, UT.
- 2004 – 2007: "Geography of the Albanian Population", " Ilar ", ISBN 978-99956-07-166, Tirana. Part of the working group for socio-economic maps.

MEMBERSHIPS

Albanian Association of Geographers
 Institute for the Promotion of Social and Urban Values (charter member)
 Institute Luso-Ilir for Human Development (member and consultancy expert)
 Swedish Albanian Fellowship Association (contact person for Albania)
 American Association of Geographers
 International Geographical Union
 Regional Studies Association

DUTIES AND OTHER COMMITMENTS

- June 2023 – ongoing** External Evaluation Expert for the Accreditation of Higher Education Institutions and Programs in HEIs. ASCAL (Quality Assurance Agency in Higher Education in Albania)
- January 2023 – ongoing** Member of the Albanian Group of Experts, as part of the joint Albanian-Greek committee, to study the way of presenting History, Geography, Culture and Economy in the school textbooks of both countries", representative of University of Tirana, Order No. 8, dated 23.01.2023 by Prime Minister.
- April-July 2022** Member of the Internal Evaluation Group for the Accreditation of the University of Tirana. *Representative for the Faculty of History and Philology, UT*
- October 2020 – ongoing** Chair of the Permanent Doctorate Commission, elected by vote of the Academic Staff of the Faculty of History and Philology.
Representative of the Department of Geography, Faculty of History and Philosophy, UT
- July 2020 – ongoing** Member of the Appeals Committee of the University of Tirana, elected by vote of the UT Academic Senate for a 4-year term. *From May 2024, Chair of the Appeals Committee for the Elections at the University of Tirana.*
Representative of the Faculty of History and Philosophy, UT
- May 2019 – January 2023** Member of the working Subgroup with Geography Experts, part of the Albanian group of experts of the Albanian-Greek Joint Committee, to study the way of presenting History, Geography, Culture and Economy in the textbooks of both countries.
- March – October 2018** Member of the working group for the "Manual of performance and skills of the staff of the University of Tirana", representative of the Faculty of History and Philosophy, UT
- 2016 – ongoing** Member of the Commission for the State Exam for Teacher Licensing, Direction: History-Geography-Citizenship. Center for Educational Services, Tirana, Albania.
- 2012 – ongoing** Member of the Commission for the State Exam for Teacher Licensing, Direction: Geography. Center for Educational Services, Tirana, Albania.
- 2012 – ongoing** Chair of the Commission for the State Exam for Teacher Licensing, Direction: History-Geography. Center for Educational Services, Tirana, Albania.

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue Albanian

Foreigner languages

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C1	C1	C1
Toefl online test 94/120					
Italian	C2	C2	C1	C1	C1
Faculty of Foreigner Languages, Tirana, Albania					
Spanish	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2
German	B1.1	B1.1	B1.1	B1.1	B1.1
Deuthecentrum Goethe Institut Tirana/Niveli B1.1					

COMUNICATIVE SKILLS Very good ability to work with multidisciplinary and international working groups.

ORGANIZATIVE SKILLS Very good organizational and managerial skills, to cope with various difficulties, very good skills to work under pressure of time and limited deadlines as well as extra hours.

OTHER SKILLS *Computer skills:* Windows: Word, Excel, Power Point, Page maker, Arc View 10.3, Prezi, Moodle, SPSS, Articulate Rise etc.
Application of E-learning and PBL methods in the University courses "Industrial Geography" Year III, Bachelor; "Secondary Sector Geography" (Case Study Albania), Year I, Master of Science in Geography; Protected Area Management, Year II, Master of Science in Geography.
 Use of Kahoot, Mentimeter, Socrative, Prezi etc., applications and use of Moodle in all subjects. etc.