Zahir Çerkini

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Postal code 40000, Mitrovica, Republic of Kosovo

EDUCATION

August – December 2023
FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR (VISITING PROFESSOR) - Post-doctoral studies (research) within the program Fulbright Visiting Scholar
Project title: 'The Role of Constitutional Review in protecting and developing Human Rights in Kosovo: what can we learn from U.S?'

Drake University, School of Law and Constitutional Law Center, Iowa, U.S

November 2015 – February 2020
DOCTOR OF LAW IN CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL SYSTEMS - (PhD)/ Thesis: 'Parliamentary mandate and building democracy - the case of Kosovo'

Tetovo State University, Faculty of Law, Republic of North Macedonia

November 2013 – November 2014
LL.M - MASTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW/ Thesis: 'Constitutional guarantees for the protection of fundamental rights and freedoms in the Republic of Kosovo'

Faculty of Law, University of Prishtina "Hasan Prishtina"

October 2009 – July 2013
BACHELOR OF LAW

Faculty of Law, University of Prishtina "Hasan Prishtina"

WORK EXPERIENCE

2020 – CURRENT
Assistant Professor (Prof.Ass.Dr.) – University "Isa Boletini" in Mitrovica, Faculty of Law
(For the courses: Introduction to law; Comparative constitutional law; Labor law; Administrative law; Theory and parliamentary practice)

May – October 2022
Coordinator of the project 'Equality through education - raising awareness of the rights of persons with disabilities' founded by HERAS+, University "Isa Boletini" in Mitrovica

October 2019 – 1st December 2021
Central Coordinator for Academic Development - University "Isa Boletini" in Mitrovica

November 2015 – November 2020
Teaching Assistant – University "Isa Boletini" in Mitrovica, Faculty of Law

December 2015 – June 2019
Coordinator for Academic Development - University "Isa Boletini" in Mitrovica, Faculty of Law

October 2017 - June 2018
Coordinator, Researcher and Analyst of the Legal Clinic - USAID – NCSC, University "Isa Boletini" in Mitrovica, Faculty of Law

February -August 2015
Researcher/Intern - United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in cooperation with the Assembly of Kosovo

Member of professional commissions

- February 2022- Member of the working group for drafting the Self-Assessment Report for Institutional Reaccreditation of the University "Isa Boletini" in Mitrovica;
- 2019: Member of the working group for the review of the Strategic Plan of the University "Isa Boletini" in Mitrovica;
- 2021: Member of the working group for drafting the Strategic Plan of the University "Isa Boletini" in Mitrovica;
- July 2021: Participant in the AKA's and HERAS+'s workshop for the review of accreditation standards;
- 2019-February 2022/ November 2022 and now: Member of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Law of the University "Isa Boletini" in Mitrovica;
- 2020-2022: Member of the Studies Committee of the Faculty of Law of the University "Isa Boletini" in Mitrovica;
- 2019-2021: Member of the Central Commission for Quality Assurance and Evaluation of the University "Isa Boletini" in Mitrovica;
- December 2019: Participant in the AKA's and HERAS+'s workshop for the accreditation standards for doctoral programmes;
- 2019: Member of the working group for drafting the Self-Assessment Report for Institutional Reaccreditation of the University "Isa Boletini" in Mitrovica.

MAIN PUBLICATIONS

'Constitutionalization of international instruments on human rights: lessons from Kosova'

Journal: Perspectives of Law and Public Administration. Volume 9, Special Issue, 2020 2020

'President's Veto and His Role in Parliamentary Republics: Case of Kosovo'

Acta Universitatis Danubius. Juridica, Volume 14/ 120-132 2018

'The fundamental values that Kosovo's constitution protects'

"Juridica" Publisher: European College "Juridica", Pristina, Number5, Spring 2016 / Pp. 171-182

'The constitutional protection of freedoms and fundamental rights in the Constitutional Court'

Journal Of Interdisciplinary Research, Publisher: International Institute For Private-, Commercial-, And Competition Law (Iipccl), June 2015 / No.1, ISSN 2410-759X (print); ISSN 2411-9725 (online) / pg.219-2

'The judicial system an important pillar of the rule of law'

Regional Magazine of Social Sciences, March 7, 2015 / No. 1/2015, ISSN: 1800-9794, KDU 33/34 (05) / p. 36-45

'Parliamentary Control over the Government- Study Case Kosovo'

"Constitutio", ISSN: 1409- 8962 2014

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

International Scientific Conference "Security in the Western Balkans", organized by the Department of Public Administration, Faculty of Political and Legal Sciences, University "Aleksandër Moisiu", Durrës – Albania, 20 May 2022
Zahir Çerkini/ CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES IN THE PROCESS OF KOSOVO'S INTEGRATION IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

"HUMAN RIGHTS, CRIME AND ECONOMY IN THE TIME OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC", Faculty of Law, University "Isa Boletini" in Mitrovica, 20 December 2021
Zahir Çerkini/ Attack against equality and human rights? Analysis of the Impact of Emergency Legislation in the Time of Covid 19

University of Peja "Haxhi Zeka", Faculty of Law, Kosovo, 2021
Zahir Çerkini/ The relations between parliamentary immunity and human rights

AAB College, Prishtina, Kosovo, 2021
Zahir Çerkini/ Between equality and the affirmative approach: the legitimacy of the quota for gender representation in the Assembly

"Geosciences and Sustainable Development" hosted by University of Mitrovica "Isa Boletini" in Kosovo, 2021
Zahir Çerkini/ Kosovo's constitutional orientation in economic development: constitutional and legal specifics of the mining field

"Geosciences and Sustainable Development" hosted by University of Mitrovica "Isa Boletini" in Kosovo, 2020
Zahir Çerkini/ "Legal aspects of mining in Kosovo - the case of Trepca sh.a."

Friedrich Ebert Stiftung –Prishtina Office, 2016
Zahir Çerkini/ "The role of the Constitutional Court in the development of democracy in Kosovo"

HONOURS AND AWARDS

- 11.10.2017- 21.10.2017: Participant in the State Department's "Open World Program: Improve Higher Education" organized by the US Congressional Library, "Open World Leadership Center" and the US Embassy in Kosovo: Study Visit to Washington D.C and New York;

- 2023: Acknowledgment from the Dean of Faculty of Law of the University "Isa Boletini" in Mitrovica, with the motivation "For the special contribution given to the accreditation process and the general development and advancement of the Faculty of Law"

- 2022: Acknowledgment from the Rector of the University "Isa Boletini" in Mitrovica with the motivation "For the contribution given to the training of the representative team of the university for the first edition of the competitions organized by 'Halimi Foundation Institute'";

- 2021: Acknowledgment from the Dean of the Faculty of Law of the University "Isa Boletini" in Mitrovica with motivation "For performance shown and evaluation by students of the Faculty of Law in the teaching process during the academic year 2019/2020";

- 2020: Acknowledgment from the Rector of the University of Mitrovica "Isa Boletini", with the motivation "For the valuable contribution to the process of institutional re-accreditation";

- 2018: Acknowledgment from the Dean of the Faculty of Law of the University of Mitrovica "Isa Boletini", with motivation for the dedication and professional support of the students of the Faculty of Law - University of Mitrovica "Isa Boletini", in both Simulation Trial Competitions, organized by NCSC, held on 28.12.2017 and 08.06.2018 at the Palace of Justice in Prishtina ";

- 2015: Members of the Board of the Conference III Regional Scientific Kosovo, Albania, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia; Organized on 05 September 2015 from ISLD, Gjilan;

- 14-15 of May 2011: First place in: Kosovo National Client Counseling Competition; Institution: The American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative and The United States Department of Justice.

BOOKS

Enver Hasani, Përparim Gruda, Zahir Çerkini, E drejta kushtetuese [Constitutuonal Law], University of Prishtina "Hasan Prishtina, 2023. ISBN 978-9951-00-336-0

Safet Emruli, Përparim Gruda, Zahir Çerkini, Gjyqësia Kushtetuese (Teoria dhe praktika) [Constitutional Judicary (Theory and practice)], 2023. ISBN 978-9951-28-191-1

Doctoral Thesis, University of Tetova, North Macedonia, February 2020, https://unite.edu.mk/hulumtimet/

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Zahir Çerkini "McCain and the Balkan politician's model", KOHA DITORE, 2018

Zahir Çerkini "Checkpoint Charlie" vs. Checkpoint Cari", KOHA DITORE, 2019

TRAININGS

- **28th of April and 19 & 20 May 2023: Training from HERAS+ on the topic 'Training of Trainers' for the Center for Professional Development and Education at UIBM;**

- **0.6.2022: Training from HERAS+ on the topic 'Preparation and application for Erasmus+ Projects';**

- **31 of May – 1st of June 2022: Training from HERAS+ on the topic 'PROJECT MANAGEMENT CYCLE'';**

- **10.12.2021: Training from QAINT on "Avoidance of suspicious journals and discussion conferences";**

- **June 2021- Advanced level training "Planning and implementation of teaching in higher education", organized by the Center for Excellence in Teaching of the University of Prishtina "Hasan Prishtina";**

- **December 2020- Basic training "Teaching in higher education", organized by the Center for Excellence in Teaching of the University of Prishtina "Hasan Prishtina";**

- **2019- Legal Pedagogy Training. Institution: Ohio Northern University – Kosovo Demand for Justice Program;**

- **5 and 6 December 2017- Training on developing innovative student-centered learning methods at public universities in Kosovo with the design thinking methodology; HERAS, Austria Development Cooperation, MEST;**

- **20-21 March 2013- Advocacy in Kosovo. Justice and Citizens (PILPG & ATRC);**

- **2010-2011- Introduction to Public Speaking. Institution: Center for Political Studying and European Integration (Full Semester).**

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s):   **ALBANIAN**

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING			SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken Interaction		
ENGLISH	C2	C2	C1	C1	C1	

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