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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Employment studies, social indicators research, life satisfaction, post-communist countries, career paths trajectories, sequence analysis, university-to-work transitions, platform work.

EDUCATION

- 2014 – 2019 Doctorate (PhD) in Labour Market Economics, University of Birmingham
<https://etheses.bham.ac.uk/id/eprint/8910/>
- 2010 – 2013 Master of Sciences (MSc) in European Economics Studies, University of Tirana and
University of Bamberg
- 2011 – 2012 Master of Business Administration (MBA), Oxford Brookes University
- 2004 – 2008 Bachelor (B.A.) in Business Administration, Military University “Skenderbej”

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- 2019 – Lecturer in Research Methods and Statistics, Faculty of Economics, University of
Shkodra “Luigj Gurakuqi”
- 2020 – Graduate Teaching Fellow, CERGE – EI, Prague
- 2017 – 2020 Career Integration Fellow, CERGE – EI, Prague
- 2018 – 2018 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Birmingham Business School, University of Birmingham
- 2013 – 2019 Assistant Lecturer in Research Methods and Statistics, Faculty of Economics,
University of Shkodra “Luigj Gurakuqi”
- 2013 – 2014 Assistant Lecturer in Human Resources Management, Faculty of Economics,
University of Tirana

HONORARY AFFILIATIONS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITIONS

- 2024 Member of the Working Group 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 Member, CA21143 - Transnational Family
Dynamics in Europe (TraFaDy). <https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA21143/>
- 2024 Affiliated member, Advanced Quantitative Research in Education, The University of
Edinburgh
<https://www.ed.ac.uk/education/rke/our-research/advanced-quantitative-research/our-members>
- 2023 Member of the Skills Lab Network of Experts, European Training Foundation
- 2023 Working Group 4 Member, CA21118 - Platform Work Inclusion Living Lab (P-WILL)
<https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA21118/#tabs+Name:Description>
- 2023 2023: Member of the European Training Foundation (ETF) Skills Lab Network of Experts for
Albania

- 2022 Member of the Executive Board, Western Balkans Migration Network (WB-MIGNET)
<https://wb-mignet.org/about-us/executive-board/>
- 2020 Graduate Teaching Fellowship, September 2020 - present, CERGE-EI, Prague,
- 2020 InGRID2 transnational visiting grant at SOFI, University of Stockholm.
<https://www.inclusivegrowth.eu/files/TNA-reporting-forms/Elvira-Drishti-Activity-report.pdf>
- Career Integration Fellowship, September 2017 - 2020, CERGE-EI, Prague, to support economists with Western PhDs who return to Central and Eastern Europe and the countries of the former Soviet Union to take full-time academic posts in public universities to play a key role in creating support for both free minds and free markets.
- 2016 InGRID transnational visiting grant at AIAS, University of Amsterdam
https://www.researchgate.net/publication/311309679_Activity_report_of_visit_to_AIAS
- 2013 MBA Student Prize for Best Overall Performance, Oxford Brookes University
- 2011 Chevening Scholarship for MBA Studies at Oxford Brookes University
- 2008 Excellent student diploma, BSc Studies, Military University “Skenderbej”

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles (7 Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles)

- 1 Drishti, E., Duhaxhi, I., Mehmetaj, N., Imami, D., Zhllima, E., & Halluni, A. (2025). Inequality of opportunities, institutional distrust, and beliefs about socio-economic outcomes in the Western Balkans. *Regional Science Policy & Practice*, 100174.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rspp.2025.100174>
- 2 Mehmetaj, N., Zylfiu, H. M., and Drishti, E. (Forthcoming). “The Influence of Remittances on Economic Growth in Southeast European Countries,” *Journal of the Knowledge Economy* (Accepted for publication).
- 3 Kopliku, B. and Drishti, E. (2023), “The (big) role of family constellations in return migration and transnationalism,” *International Journal of Migration, Health and Social Care*, Vol. 19 No. 3/4, pp. 435-450. <https://doi.org/10.1108/IJMHSC-07-2022-0078>
- 4 Drishti, E., Shkreli, Z., Zhllima, E., Gerdoci, B. (2023). “Deprivation, Social Mobility Considerations, and Life Satisfaction: A Comparative Study of 33 European Countries”. *Comparative Economic Studies* 65, 511–550. <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41294-023-00216-8>
- 5 Drishti, E., Carmichael, F. (2022). Life Satisfaction and Job Insecurity: Evidence from Albania. *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*; 55 (3): 91–118. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1525/cpcs.2022.1694085>.
- 6 Drishti, E., Kopliku, B. and Imami, D. (2023), “Active political engagement, political patronage and local labour markets – The example of Shkoder,” *International Journal of Manpower*, Vol. 44 No. 6, pp. 1118-1142. <https://doi.org/10.1108/IJM-06-2021-0362>
- 7 Drishti, E. and Carmichael, F. (2023), “Dead-end jobs or steppingstones? Precarious work in Albania,” *Personnel Review*, Vol. 52 No. 1, pp. 99-120. <https://doi.org/10.1108/PR-04-2021-0275>
- 8 Kruja, D., Ha, H., Drishti, E., Oelfke, T. (2016). Empowerment in the hospitality industry in the United States. *Journal of Hospitality Marketing Management*, 25(1), 25-48. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/19368623.2015.976696>

Case Studies (2 Case Studies)

- 1 Drishti, E., & Carmichael, F., (2024). “Using sequence analysis and occupational history calendars to analyze university-to-work transitions”. In *Sage Research Methods: Business*. SAGE Publications, Ltd., <https://doi.org/10.4135/9781529680621>
- 2 Beka, R., Drishti, E., and Dhora, R. (2021). “The case of “Birra Korça”—an Albanian success story”. In: Capitello, R. and Maehle, N. (eds). “Case Studies in the Beer Sector”. Woodhead Publishing. Elsevier Inc. <https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-12-817734-1.00014-8>

Books Chapters (7 Chapters)

- 1 Kopliku, B., Gjoni, F., and Drishti, E. (Forthcoming). "Women and Digital Work in Albania – From Diversity, Autonomy and Power to Exclusion and Cultural Restraints" publication from the participation at the 1st International Congress "Women, Technology and Power", University of Deusto, Spain, Tirant lo Blanch Publisher.
- 2 Kopliku, B., Dionizi, B., and Drishti, E. (2024). "Interactions between Cultural Landscape and Gig Economy - Reading New Transformations." In: Messina, G., and Kopliku, B. (eds) 21st Century Landscape Sustainability, Development, and Transformations: Geographical Perceptions. Il Sileno Edizioni. Geographies of the Anthropocene. ISSN 2611-3171. Lago, Italy. <https://www.ilsileno.it/geographiesoftheanthropocene/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/CHAPTER-9.pdf>
- 3 Drishti, E., Carmichael, F. (2023). Cross-national Comparison of Job Types: Analysis Using the EU LFS and Albanian LFS. In: Bartlett, W., Uvalić, M. (eds) Towards Economic Inclusion in the Western Balkans. New Perspectives on South-East Europe. Palgrave Macmillan, Cham. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-06112-7_5
- 4 Drishti, E., Kalaj, E., Kopliku, B. (2021). "Efficiency and distributional effects of the two-tracked labour market institutions in Albania" in Faghih, N. (ed) Legal-Economic Institutions, Entrepreneurship, and Management. Springer International Publishing. DOI: https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-030-60978-8_3
- 5 Kruja, D., & Drishti, E. (2020). A systematic review of the tourism experience research from 2009 to 2018. In: Dixit, S. K. The Routledge handbook of tourism experience management and marketing, 27-48. <https://www.taylorfrancis.com/chapters/edit/10.4324/9780429203916-2/systematic-review-tourism-experience-research-2009-2018-drita-kruja-elvira-drishti>
- 6 Troshani, A., Dizdari, V., Drishti, E. (2017) "The bumpy road of the externally transferred austerity agenda in Albania and its fragmentary effects on local public services" in Lippi, A., Tsekos, T. N. (eds), Local Public Services in Times of Austerity: The Mediterranean perspective. Palgrave Macmillan. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-76225-8_9
- 7 Drishti, E., Kruja, D., Curcija, M. (2016). "An evaluation of the impact of entrepreneurship education on the entrepreneurship intentions in the Albanian late transition context" in Williams, C., Gurtoo, A., (eds), Handbook on Entrepreneurship in Developing Countries. Routledge: London & New York. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781315725826>

Journal Articles Under Review (4 Journal Articles)

- 1 Dionizi, K. B., Drishti, E., Kopliku, B., Duhanxhi, I., Halluni, A., Saraçi, P. (under review). "A study of freelancers' work experiences in the Albanian gig economy – is there any meaning after all?" in Special Issue on the Future of Work & Platform Economy in Southeastern Europe in Southeastern Europe journal
- 2 Drishti, E., Duhanxhi, I., Dionizi, B., Saraçi, P., and Lesha, J. (Under review). "External Circumstances and University-to-Work Transitions: A Comparative Analysis across Western Balkan Countries" in International Journal of Manpower.
- 3 Kopliku, B., Drishti, E., and Dilaveri, N. (Under review). Beyond the Screen: The Impact of Online Work on Work-Life Balance and the Blurring of Professional and Personal Boundaries in Special Issue on the Future of Work & Platform Economy in Southeastern Europe in Southeastern Europe journal
- 4 Drishti, E. and Gerdoci, B. "Steady state level of efforts and life satisfaction – evidence from different European welfare regimes"

Project Reports (5 Project Reports)

- 1 Kopliku, B., Gjoni, F., Drishti, E., Dionizi, B., Karakaçi, V., Müller, S. (2024) .Veriu i Shqipërisë i Portretizuar nga Autorë të Huaj të Shekujve XVIII-XXI. Analize Studimore.
- 2 Drishti, E., Kopliku, B., Dionizi, B., Badger, A., and Graham, M. (2024) “Assessing Work in the Albanian Platform Economy: Fairwork Albania Ratings 2023”
<https://fair.work/en/fw/publications/fairwork-albania-ratings-2023-assessing-work-in-the-albanian-platform-economy/>
- 3 Dionizi, B., Drishti, E., and Kopliku, B. (2023). “Unpacking the potentials of the platform economy in Albania”.CN2021/424879 Support to the Promotion of Civil Society regional actions in the Western Balkans. <https://repeople.rs/unpacking-the-potentials-of-the-platform-economy-in-albania/>
- 4 Drishti, E. and Elezi, G. (2023) Chapter Albania. In: Babic, R. (ed) Aligning Western Balkan Labour Market Policy Databases with the EU Guidelines. ESAP 2 Project implemented by RCC and ILO. <https://www.esap.online/docs/210/aligning-western-balkan-labour-market-policy-databases-with-the-eu-guidelines>
- 5 Ahmad, I., and Drishti, E. (2019) “Albania Decent Work Check 2019,” Amsterdam, WageIndicator Foundation.
<https://wageindicator.org/documents/decentworkcheck/europe/albania-english.pdf>

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**International Conferences (21 International Conferences)**

- 1 Toshevska-Trpchevska, K., Bjelic, P., and Drishti, E. (2024). “How to Improve Bilateral Trade Between Western Balkan Countries by Applying Digital And Sustainable Trade Facilitation Measures” accepted for presentation at the 5th International Conference on Economic and Business Trends Shaping the Future organized by the Faculty of Economics-Skopje, Ss Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, 14-15 November, <https://ebtsf.eccf.ukim.edu.mk/about/>
- 2 Drishti, E. (2024). “External Circumstances and University-to-Work Transitions: A Comparative Analysis across Western Balkan Countries” presented at the 49th International Conferences organized by the Eurasia Business and Economics Society (EBES) in collaboration with the Department of Economics, University of Piraeus, Athens, Greece, on October 16-18, 2024, <https://ebesweb.org/conferences/past-conferences/49th-ebes-conference-athens/49th-conference/>
- 3 Drishti, E. and Ulaj, G. (2024). “The Impact of Corruption Perceptions on Business Internationalization: The Moderating Role of Innovation” presented at the International Scientific Conference on Management and Entrepreneurship - Navigating Change in a Dynamic World, organized by the Akademia e Shkencave dhe e Arteve e Kosovës, Seksioni i Shkencave Shoqërore, in Prishtina, Kosovo, on the 4th of October 2024, https://ashak.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Programi_4-tetor-2024_ASHAK_MAIL.pdf
- 4 Ulaj, G., Hizirolu, M., and Drishti, E. (2024). “Early Internationalization in Europe: A Comprehensive Bibliometric Analysis” presented in International Scientific Conference on Management and Entrepreneurship - Navigating Change in a Dynamic World, organized by the Akademia e Shkencave dhe e Arteve e Kosovës, Seksioni i Shkencave Shoqërore, in Prishtina, Kosovo, on the 4th of October 2024, https://ashak.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Programi_4-tetor-2024_ASHAK_MAIL.pdf
- 5 Drishti, E. and Kopliku, B. (2024). “The Influence of Social Norms on HRM Practices in Albania: Unravelling the Impact of Cultural and Institutional Contexts In A Post-Socialist Market”, presented at the International Conference organised by the International Academic Institute the 17th of September, 2024, Rome, Italy. <https://ia-institute.com/rome-international-academic-conference-september-17-2024-in-person-and-virtual/>

- 6 Drishti, E. and Gerdoci, B. (2024). "Steady state level of efforts and life satisfaction – evidence from different European welfare regimes." presented at 18th Biennial Conference organized by the European Association for Comparative Economic Studies (EACES) in collaboration with the Faculty of Economics and Business of the University of Belgrade, on September 12-14, 2024. <https://www.eacesconference.eu/program/>
- 7 Drishti, E., Dionizi, B., and Kopliku, B. (2024). "A study of freelancers' work experiences in the Albanian gig economy – is there any meaning after all?" presented at the International Conference on "Platform work and workers collective action and organizing" organised by the Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Banja Luka, on the 6th of September, 2024. <https://pwill.eu/2024/05/25/3102/>
- 8 Dionizi, B., Drishti, E., and Kopliku, B. (2024). "Assessing the contribution of platform work to local economies in Albania" presented at the International Conference on "Platform work and workers collective action and organizing" organised by the Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Banja Luka, on the 6th of September, 2024. Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina, <https://pwill.eu/2024/05/25/3102/>
- 9 Kopliku, B., Gjoni, F., and Drishti, E. (2024). "Women and Digital Work in Albania – From Diversity, Autonomy and Power to Exclusion and Cultural Restraints" at the 1st International Congress "Women, technology & power", San Sebastián-Donostia, Spain, June 17-18-19, 2024, University of Deusto and the COST Action Platform Work Inclusion Living Lab, in collaboration with the Polytechnic University of Valencia and the University of Amsterdam <https://congress.antifeministresistances.com/>
- 10 Drishti, E. (2023). "Estimation of job quality in Albania using the 2007 - 2013 LFS: low quality ("bad") employment arrangements mean less security and pay" presented at the XVII. FIKUSZ 2023 International Conference organized by the Obuda University on the 30th of November 2023, in Budapest, Hungary. https://kgk.uni-obuda.hu/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/FIKUSZ-Proceedings_2023_1213_p.pdf
- 11 Dionizi, B., Kopliku, B., and Drishti, E. (2024). "Digital literacies and beyond: Expanding skill sets for the new platform era: The critical role of academia, case of Albania", at the Regional Conference on "Reshaping Work 2024: Future of Work Revisited - Platform Work in the age of AI" organized by the Public Policy Research Centre from Belgrade, was supported by the COST action Platform Work Inclusion Living Lab (P-WILL), EU Delegation to Serbia, European Training Foundation, Institute of Economic Sciences from Belgrade, and Glovo, in Belgrade, 22-23 May 2024. <https://reshapingwork.net/regional/belgrade-2024/>
- 12 Dionizi, B., Drishti, E., and Kopliku, B. (2023). "School-to-Work Transitions and Platforms in the Albanian Labour Market" at the International conference: The right to (digital) platform work–Is everybody welcome on board? organized by the Institute of Economic Sciences and the Public Policy Research Centre, under the auspices of COST Action CA21118 — Platform Work Inclusion Living Lab (P-WILL), 21 – 22 June 2023, Belgrade, Serbia <https://stnv.idn.org.rs/article/view/544/516>
- 13 Drishti, E., Shkreli, Z., and Duhaxhi, I. "University to work transitions, digitalisation agenda, and institutional trust: A study of the Western Balkans", 30th annual workshop of the European Research Network on Transitions in Youth (TiY), University of Edinburgh, 6-8 September 2023. University of Edinburgh. https://www.ed.ac.uk/sites/default/files/atoms/files/2023_tiy_workshop_final_programme.pdf
- 14 Drishti, E., Zhllima, E., and Gerdoci, B., I. "Deprivation, social mobility considerations, and life satisfaction: A comparative study of 33 European countries", Inaugural III/LIS Comparative Economic Inequality Conference, London School of Economics and Political Science, 23 - 24 February 2023 <https://www.lisdatacenter.org/news-and-events/events/conferences/2023-inaugural-iii-lis-comparative-economic-inequality-conference/>

- 15 Drishti, E., Mehmetaj, N. "Inequality of opportunities and beliefs about economic outcomes in the Western Balkans," 9thRedete Conference, Marche Polytechnic University & University of Banja Luka, 15 June 2022, Ancona.
http://www.redete.org/assets/content/REDETE_2022_program.pdf
- 16 Drishti, E., and Carmichael, F., "Dead-end jobs or steppingstones? Precarious work in Albania," 36th National Conference of Labour Economics, hosted by The Italian Association of Labour Economics (AIEL) at the University of Salerno, 25-26 November 2021.
https://www.aiel.it/Home/Events_Papers_Downloads?event_id=52
- 17 Kopliku, B. D. and Drishti, E., "A gendered perspective on recent migration dynamics: a qualitative analysis for Albania", New Dynamics of East-West Migration and Migrant Integration Within Europe and Beyond, International conference hosted by the University of Sussex on behalf of the H2020 MIRNet consortium (Migration and Integration Research and Networking), 15–16 November 2021. <https://mirnet.eu/events/new-dynamics-of-east-/>
- 18 Drishti, E., "Unemployed, uncompliant, and unhappy – impact of COVID19 in the Western Balkans", Happiness and Age conference, organized by the International for Economic Analysis (ICEA), part of the After the Pandemic conference series, Friday, October 29, 2021. <https://iceanet.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Happiness-and-Age-conference-Program.pdf>
- 19 Drishti, E. and Kopliku, B. D., "Active political engagement, political patronage and local labour markets – the example of Shkoder" Paper presented at the "Political Clientelism in the Western Balkans" conference organized by the University Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Skopje; 9-11 December 2020. https://wbc-rti.info/object/document/21620/attach/CONFERENCE_REPORT.pdf
- 20 Drishti, E., and Carmichael, F., "Life satisfaction and job insecurity: Evidence from Albania", Post-communist research group directed by Dmitry Gorenburg at the Davis Center, Harvard University, 13 November 2020 (online due to travel restrictions)
- 21 Drishti, E., "Cross-national comparison of job types: analysis using the EU LFS Albanian LFS" 5th Conference of the LSEE Research Network on Social Cohesion in South East Europe - Economic and social inclusion in an age of political uncertainty in South East Europe, Nov. 21-22, 2019. <https://www.lse.ac.uk/LSEE-Research-on-South-Eastern-Europe/Research>

National Conferences (5 National Conferences)

- 1 Drishti, E. and Kruja, D. (2024). "A Systematic Review of the Tourism Experience Research from 2009 to 2018" at the International Scientific Conference "Challenges of Sustainable Tourism Development" CONF TOUR 2024 organized by the Faculty of Economics, University of Shkodra "Luigj Gurakuqi", 17-18 May 2024. <https://unishk.edu.al/kerkimi-shkencor/konferenca/conftour-2024>
- 2 Drishti, E., Dionizi, B., and Kopliku, B. (2023). "Harnessing digital platforms for sustainable tourism development in north Albania" presented at the International Conference "Reshaping Eco-Social Paradigm towards Innovation and Sustainability (REPTIS)" organised by the Faculty of Economics, University of Shkodra "Luigj Gurakuqi", 7 – 8 September 2023, Shkoder, Albania. <https://2023.unishk.edu.al/reptis-2023>
- 3 Drishti, E. (2023). "A methodological approach on retrospective data collection and analysis" at the International Conference on Agriculture and Life Science (ICOALS IV) organized by the Agricultural University of Tirana on the 3rd of November 2023.
<https://www.ubt.edu.al/blog/universiteti-13/ubt-do-te-mbaje-konferencen-e-4-te-nderkombetare-mbi-shkencat-e-bujqesise-dhe-te-jetes-ne-datat-1-3-nentor-2023-237>
- 4 Drishti, E., Dionizi, B., and Kopliku, B. (2023) "Harnessing digital platforms for sustainable tourism development in north Albania" in International Scientific Conference "Reshaping Eco-Social Paradigm toward Innovation and Sustainability" (REPTIS), Faculty of Economy, University of Shkodra "Luigj Gurakuqi".

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- 5 Drishti, E., Zhllima, E., and Gerdoci, B. (2022). "Deprivation, Social Mobility Considerations, and Life Satisfaction: A Comparative Study of 33 European Countries" in Transhumance and Rural Development, University of Shkoder "Luigj Gurakuqi" in collaboration with the Institute for Rural Research, on the 10th and 11th of December 2021, Shkoder, Albania

TEACHING

Courses Developed and Taught (2014 – 2024)

- 1 2022 – Present
Labour Market Economics (Elective Module), Bachelor programme for Business Administration. Faculty of Economy, University of Shkodra "Luigj Gurakuqi"
- 2 2019 – Present
Applied Statistics, Bachelor programme for Business Administration. Faculty of Economy, University of Shkodra "Luigj Gurakuqi"
- 3 2015 – Present
Research Methods, Master of Sciences programme for Business Administration, Finance, and Accounting. Faculty of Economy, University of Shkodra "Luigj Gurakuqi"
- 4 2015 – 2020
Econometrics, Master of Sciences programme for Business Administration, Finance, and Accounting. Faculty of Economy, University of Shkodra "Luigj Gurakuqi"
- 5 2016 – Present
Statistics for Social Sciences, Bachelor programme for Psychology and Social Work. Faculty of Educational Sciences, University of Shkodra "Luigj Gurakuqi"
- 6 2017 – 2018
'Regression Analysis with Categorical Dependent Variable', with applied examples in STATA, with of my PhD Supervisor Prof Fiona Carmichael. College of Social Sciences, University of Birmingham

WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

- 1 World of Work (WoW) – Unveiling the Colours of the Economy, organized by the ITCILO International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization and the ETF - European Training Foundation's Skills Lab Network of Experts, at the UN Campus, Turin, Italy, from 9 – 11 October 2024. <https://www.itcilo.org/events/wow-unveiling-colours-economy>
- 2 Gender Datathon organized by UN Women Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia, UN Women Albania Country Office in partnership with Institute of Statistics (INSTAT) in Albania, in Tirana 2 – 4 October, 2024.
<https://albania.unwomen.org/en/stories/news/2024/11/albanias-first-gender-datathon-spurs-youth-and-activists-to-spotlight-gender-inequalities-and-drive-change#:~:text=From%202%E2%80%934%20October%202024,solutions%20to%20advance%20gender%20equality.>

RESEARCH PROJECTS, GRANTS, AND VISITS

- 1 Short-Term Scientific Mission, 17 – 30 September 2024, at the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, "What are the mental health impacts of digital labour platforms on workers in Albania?" within the framework of the COST Action CA21118, Platform Work Inclusion Living Lab (P-WILL).

- 2 Centre for Development Evaluation and Social Science Research (CREDI), Bosnia and Herzegovina, in partnership with University of Shkodra “Luigj Gurakuqi,” Albania, and the Public Policy Research Center, Serbia (2024) (WBF 2).
 Role: Team Member for Partner Organisation Project: Western Balkans Initiative on Tackling Informal Employment on Online Platforms
 Donor: Western Balkan Fund (WBF);
 Project coordinators: Nermin Oruc and Amela Kurta
 Details: The project seeks to foster scientific exchange and education among our esteemed partner organizations. Recognizing the critical importance of understanding labour market informality in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Serbia, we aim to explore the nuances, disparities, and impacts of these dynamics on regulating platform work, particularly within the grey economy.
 Link of the project: <https://credi.ba/en/2024/04/30/the-kick-off-meeting-of-the-wbf-funded-project-was-successfully-held/>
- 3 Public Policy Research Center, Serbia, in partnership with University of Shkodra “Luigj Gurakuqi”, Albania, and Zora, Bosnia & Hercegovina (2023) (WBF 1).
 Role: Project Coordinator for Partner Organisation
 Project: Open Western Balkan Collaboratory on Online Platform Work Project
 Donor: Western Balkan Fund (WBF)
 Project coordinator: Branka Andjelkovic
 Details: The project seeks to enhance cooperation and scientific exchange among educational and research institutions, civil society and public sector in Serbia, Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina in the domain of online platform economy which is increasingly attracting young workforce from Western Balkans
 Link of the project: <https://repeople.rs/en/the-open-western-balkan-collaboratory-on-online-platform-work-serbia-albania-and-bosnia-and-herzegovina/>
- 4 University of Shkodra “Luigj Gurakuqi” in partnership with Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford (2022)
 Role: Principal Investigator (PI) for Albanian team.
 Project: Fairwork Albania
 Donor: Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford, United Kingdom
 Project coordinators: Prof Mark Graham and Dr Adam Badger
 Details: For the “Fairwork in the Albanian Platform Economy” research project, I develop and lead the research strategy in Albania. This includes adapting the Fairwork principles, interviewing workers and platform executives, analysing the collected data, developing platforms’ scores, and disseminating the results.
 Link of the project: <https://fair.work/en/fw/about/people/elvira-drishti/>
- 5 Graduate Teaching Fellowship, September 2023 - 2024, CERGE-EI, Prague, to support economists with Western PhDs who return to Central and Eastern Europe and the countries of the former Soviet Union to take full-time academic posts in public universities to play a key role in creating support for both free minds and free markets

SERVICES

PEER REVIEW (1 Peer Review)

- 1 Peer-Reviewed Articles for Communist and Post-Communist Studies
- 2 Applied Economics
- 3 Applied Economics Letters
- 4 Academy of Management Annual Meeting

CONFERENCE BOARDS (1 Conference Board)

- 1 Editorial Board Member
Transhumance and Rural Development, University of Shkoder “Luigj Gurakuqi” in collaboration with the Institute for Rural Research, on the 10th and 11th of December 2021, Shkoder, Albania

REFERENCES

- 1 Professor Fiona Carmichael
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- 2 Professor Irma Mooi-Reci
Affiliations: Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research, University of Melbourne
Relation: Co-author in working papers and application for research grant
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- 3 Professor Drini Imami
Affiliations: Faculty of Economy and Agribusiness, Agricultural University of Tirana
Relation: Co-author in research papers
E-mail: dimami@ubt.edu.al
- 4 Associate Professor Bresena Kopliku
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CONSULTANCY SERVICES

CONSULTANCY SERVICES (5 Consultancy Services)

- 1 February 1, 2025 - January 31, 2027
Role: Local Expert
Project: Promoting Age Management Policies in Eastern European Countries Through Industrial Relations: A Focus on the Manufacturing Sector
Coordinator: FIM-CISL
<https://research.kuleuven.be/portal/en/project/3H250045>
Project summary
The PROMISE project aims to tackle the challenges posed by an aging workforce across European Union member states and candidate countries, including Italy, Bulgaria, Albania, Turkey, and Georgia. It focuses on empowering metalworking trade unions and workers' representatives in these nations to advocate for adaptable social security systems, sustainable working conditions, and combat age discrimination within diverse legislative frameworks. This involves delivering quality training sessions nationally and transnationally, integrating original research conducted by research organizations and national experts. The project's knowledge base will remain accessible through open access, ensuring sustainability beyond its 2-year

- duration. Additionally, collaboration with associated organizations from France, Germany, and IndustriAll Europe enhances its transnational character, facilitating peer learning among trade unions and maximizing its impact.
- 2 November 2023 – December 2023
 Role: Local consultant
 Project: Labour market assessment with focus on Green Economy
 Coordinator: Save the Children
 Details: Pathways to Wellbeing, Empowerment, and Resilience for Adolescents and Youth (POWER 4 AY) is a five-year program/project funded by Bulgari and led by Save the Children Italy, which is being implemented by SC Albania country office in Albania between October 2021 and September 2026. This new initiative follows from the earlier Youth Empowerment Programme (YEB), which was also a five-year initiative, funded by Bulgari, and implemented in Albania between 2016 and 2021.
 - 3 June 2023 – September 2023
 Role: Expert
 Project: Roadmaps on Western Balkan Labour Market Policies Databases
 Alignment with the EU and Capacity Building to WB Partners
 Coordinator: Foundation "Center for Development Evaluation and Social Science Research", CREDI is the implementer for the Regional Cooperation Council
 Details: This project's goal is to evaluate the discrepancy between Western Balkan economies' current practises and the methodology of EU LMP Statistics and offer roadmaps to the key stakeholders for harmonisation with the EU practises. The Employment and Social Affairs Platform (ESAP2), is a regional project financed by the European Commission and jointly implemented by the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) and the International Labour Organisation (ILO) in the Western Balkan economies
 - 4 January 2023 – December 2023
 Role: Expert
 Project: WageIndicator Cost of Living Data Collection in the Western Balkans
 Coordinator: Foundation "Center for Development Evaluation and Social Science Research", CREDI is the implementer for WageIndicator
 Details: Collect the data about costs of living in Albania for four rounds of data collection in 2023 (Q4), total of 60 surveys, per quarter
 - 5 October 2022 – November 2022
 Role: Contractor and reviewer
 Project: Mid-term review of the Boost Employment project in Albania and Kosovo
 Coordinator: Swisscontact
 Details: Boost Employment project aimed to conduct the external mid-term review so that it could leverage the local (thematic, contextual, and methodological) expertise on labour market insertion in Albania and Kosovo and provide the team with a "outside the box" perspective.