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PROFILE

Associate Professor of International Relations and Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Public University "Kadri Zeka". Manager of four Erasmus+ projects (AGILE, WEBJOU, ENEMLOS, YANFL), with ten Erasmus+ teaching mobilities. Author of a monograph and over 20 scientific papers, book and journal reviewer, and scientific committee member.

Research interests: diplomacy · Kosovo's recognition · international organizations · Western Balkans and the EU · geopolitics

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Academic appointments

Associate Professor of International Relations, Faculty of Law, Public University "Kadri Zeka" — 2024 - present

Part-time Lecturer, Faculty of Contemporary Social Sciences, South East European University — 2021 - 2023

Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, Public University "Kadri Zeka" — 2020 - 2024

Teaching Assistant, Faculty of Law, Public University "Kadri Zeka" (part-time 2015 - 2016) — 2016 - 2020

Leadership and governance

Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Public University "Kadri Zeka" — 2025 - present

Program Lead, BA International Relations and European Studies, Public University "Kadri Zeka" — 2024 - present

Acting Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Public University "Kadri Zeka" — Sep 2024 - May 2025

Member, Steering Council, Public University "Kadri Zeka" — 2021 - 2024

Member (non-voting), Founding Steering Council, Public University "Kadri Zeka" — 2013 - 2014

Founder and Executive Director, Kosovo Center of Diplomacy — 2012 - 2021

EDUCATION

PhD in Political Science (International Organizations), South East European University, North Macedonia — 2019

MSc in Diplomacy, South East European University, North Macedonia — 2014

Diploma in Education, University of Prishtina, Kosovo — 2011

TEACHING

Courses taught: Introduction to International Relations · Theories of International Relations · International Organizations · Diplomacy

PUBLICATIONS

Monograph

Daku, S. *Ndikimi kulturor në zhvillimin diplomatik të çështjes kombëtare shqiptare 1908-1912*. Lena Graphic, Prishtina. — 2024

Journal articles

Daku, S., & Rudaku, A. (2024). After Palestine, can Spain recognize Kosovo? *Journal of Infrastructure, Policy and Development, 8*(9), 7500. **[Scopus]**

Daku, S., Haziri, B., & Shabani, L. (2024). Motives for (non)recognition of Kosovo and Palestine. *Revista de Gestão Social e Ambiental, 18*(6), e05747. **[Scopus]**

Rudaku, A., & Daku, S. (2023). Effects of Covid-19 on cultural relativism and state sovereignty. *Eastern Journal of European Studies, 14*(1), 227-243. **[Scopus]**

Leka, D., Daku, S., & Jusufi, G. (2022). Regional cooperation and free trade agreements in the Western Balkans: Opportunities and obstacles. *International Journal of Sustainable Development and Planning, 17*(7), 2239-2246. **[Scopus]**

Leka, D., Shala, S., & Daku, S. (2019). Environmental legislation and human rights violations in the Republic of Kosovo. *SWS Journal of Earth and Planetary Sciences, 1*, 49-57. **[Scopus]**

Daku, S., & Azizi, A. (2018). The impact of social media on the development of international relations in Western Balkan countries. *Zbornik radova Pravnog fakulteta u Splitu, 55*(4), 931-941.

Daku, S., & Leka, D. (2018). The role of civil society in dialogue and integration processes of the Western Balkans. *International Dialogue: East-West, 9* (Law and Political Science), 199-206. **[Scopus]**

Conference papers (all published in proceedings with ISBN)

Daku, S. (2026). *History and identity as challenges to the European integration of the Western Balkan states*. International Scientific Conference "The Impact of Science on Sustainable Development", Public University "Kadri Zeka", Gjilan, Kosovo.

Daku, S. (2026). *Reconceptualizing the role of small and contested states in the era of global rivalry: Kosovo's positioning in response to the war in Ukraine and conflicts in the Middle East*. International Scientific Conference "The State, Society and Law at the Crossroads of the European Project: Democracy, Rule of Law and Integration", UAMD, Durrës, Albania.

Daku, S. (2025). *The impact of the Trump administration's foreign policy on the consolidation of Kosovo's international subjectivity*. International Scientific Conference "Science and Education: Paths to an Intelligent Society", Public University "Kadri Zeka", Gjilan, Kosovo.

Daku, S., Leka, D., & Gagica, Sh. (2025). *The unconventional foreign policy of the United States: An atypical approach to international relations*. International Scientific Conference "The State, Society, and Law: Challenges and Conditions to Peace, Democracy, Development, and Integration", UAMD, Durrës, Albania.

Daku, S., & Haziri, B. (2024). *Less national sovereignty for more international subjectivity: Kosovo faces the Association of Serb-majority Municipalities and membership in the Council of Europe*. International Scientific Conference "Trends and Challenges in the Development of Contemporary Society", Public University "Kadri Zeka", Gjilan, Kosovo.

Daku, S., & Leka, D. (2024). *The international community between terrorism and human rights in Gaza*. International Scientific Conference "Social Work, Education and Innovation in the Social Sciences" (ICSWEISS), University "Fehmi Agani", Gjakova, Kosovo.

Haziri, B., & Daku, S. (2024). *Kosovo's policies towards divorce as a human right*. International Scientific Conference "Social Work, Education and Innovation in the Social Sciences" (ICSWEISS), University "Fehmi Agani", Gjakova, Kosovo.

Hamiti, U., & Daku, S. (2024). *Russia-Ukraine war and possible military outcomes: A long war, peace, or armistice along division lines*. EURINT International Conference "Debating Europe: New Approaches, Action Tools and Integration Scenarios", Centre for European Studies, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania.

Leka, D., & Daku, S. (2023). *Quality in education as a measure for the development of the state*. International Conference on New Achievements in Science, Technology and Arts (ICNA-STA), Prishtina, Kosovo.

Leka, D., & Daku, S. (2023). *Effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on higher education in Kosovo*. 8th International Conference on Covid-19 Studies, Proceedings Book, 1-2 March 2023, Adana, Türkiye.

Haziri, B., & Daku, S. (2022). *Position and status of Kosovo in international organizations*. International Scientific Conference "Scientific Identity and Creativity in a Changed World" (UKZAC), Public University "Kadri Zeka", Gjilan, Kosovo.

Haziri, B., & Daku, S. (2022). *The Republic of Kosovo between Russian influences and the European future*. International Conference No. 22, University of Tetova, North Macedonia.

Azizi, A., Daku, S., & Berisha, Gj. (2021). *Rule of law and abuses of anti-COVID-19 government measures during the pandemic: The case of North Macedonia*. 2nd Online International Scientific Conference on Social and Legal Sciences "Rule of Law, Governance and Society in the Time of Pandemic", 28 February 2021, 49-57.

Leka, D., Shala, S., & Daku, S. (2018). *The (non)respect of environmental legislation as a fundamental human rights violation in the Republic of Kosovo*. International Multidisciplinary Scientific GeoConference SGEM 2018, Environmental Legislation, 555-562. **[Scopus]**

PROJECTS

EU-funded projects (Erasmus+)

Project Manager - AGILE, Public University "Kadri Zeka" 2025 - 2028

Accelerating Green and Inclusive Learning Ecosystems · CBHE

Project Manager - WEBJOU, Public University "Kadri Zeka" 2023 - 2025

Western Balkan Higher Educational Courses in Data Journalism · CBHE

Project Manager - ENEMLOS, Public University "Kadri Zeka" 2020 - 2023

Legal Clinics in Service of Vulnerable Groups: Enhancing the Employability of Law Students through Practical Education · CBHE

Project Manager - YANFL (Youth), Kosovo Center of Diplomacy 2020 - 2022

Youth Ambassadors of Non-Formal Learning · Capacity Building in the field of Youth · 11 partners

Activities Coordinator - two projects: QUADIC and ResearchCult, Public University "Kadri Zeka" 2020 - 2023

Quality Development of International Cooperation and Project Management (coordinated by UKZ) · Enhancing Research Culture in Higher Education in Kosovo

Activities Coordinator - two projects: SMAHPC and E-VIVA, Public University "Kadri Zeka" 2019 - 2021

Student-Run Multidisciplinary Allied Health Practice Center · Enhancing and Validating Service-Related Competences in Western Balkan Universities

Activities Coordinator - two projects under the HERAS Program, Public University "Kadri Zeka" 2017 - 2018

Stateless Persons and their Impact on the University · Capacity Building in International Relations and Project Writing

Research projects - Social Sciences Laboratory, UKZ (with staff and students; each concluded with a research report)

Project Lead - Tourism Preferences of Young People in Kosovo 2025

Project Lead - Social Distance between Albanians and Serbs and its Impact on the Kosovo-Serbia Dialogue 2025

ERASMUS+ TEACHING MOBILITIES

- Thomas More University, Mechelen, Belgium - ICM January 2026
- Çukurova University, Adana, Türkiye - ICM May 2025
- WSG University, Bydgoszcz, Poland - ICM May 2025
- European University of Tirana, Albania - WEBJOU May 2024
- University of Ruse "Angel Kanchev", Bulgaria - ICM May 2024
- Regent's University London, UK - ENEMLOS Oct 2023
- Manisa Celal Bayar University, Türkiye - ICM Jun 2023
- NOVA University Lisbon, Portugal - ICM Mar 2023
- Manisa Celal Bayar University, Türkiye - ICM Nov 2022
- Manisa Celal Bayar University, Türkiye - ICM Aug 2022

EDITORIAL, REVIEW AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE WORK

Book editor

Rudaku, A. *Përafërsisht*. Lena Graphic, Prishtina. 2024

Rudaku, A. *Hajmet i hanë refugjatët*. Lena Graphic, Prishtina. 2023

Shala, S., & Leka, D. *Mbrojtja e mjedisit si e drejtë e njeriut në Kosovë* [Textbook]. Prishtina. 2023

Book reviewer

Hamiti, U. *NATO dhe shqiptarët: Historia e një marrëdhënieje që ndryshoi sigurinë e shqiptarëve në Ballkan*. Public University "Kadri Zeka", Gjilan. 2026

Ukshini, S. *Political, social and cultural circumstances in the Kosovo Vilayet (1877-1912)*. Public University "Kadri Zeka", Gjilan. 2025

Haziri, B. *The Austro-Hungarian zone in Kosovo during the First World War (1916-1918)*. Lena Graphic, Prishtina. 2025

Xhaqkaj, Sh. *Bashkëpunimet ndërkomunale në mes të Komunës së Kamenicës, Gjilanit dhe Vitisë*. Armagedoni, Prishtina. 2023

Journal reviewer

- Journal of Infrastructure, Policy and Development (EnPress Publisher, USA) 2024

Scientific committees, session chair and reviewer

- Scientific Committee - UKZAC "The Impact of Science on Sustainable Development", UKZ — Jun 2026
- Scientific Committee - UKZAC "Trends and Challenges in the Development of Contemporary Society", UKZ — Jun 2025
- Chair & Reviewer - UKZAC "Trends and Challenges in the Development of Contemporary Society", UKZ — Jun 2024
- Scientific Board - ICSWEISS, University "Fehmi Agani", Gjakova — May 2024
- Chair & Reviewer - UKZAC "Science and Technology in the Promotion of Human Values", UKZ — Jun 2023
- Scientific Committee - ICNA-STA, University of Prishtina — May 2023
- Chair & Reviewer - "Navigating New Challenges: Western Balkans at the Crossroads of EU Integrations", Univ. of Tetova — Nov 2022
- Chair & Reviewer - UKZAC "Scientific Identity and Creativity in a Changed World", UKZ — May 2022
- Reviewer - ICNA-STA, IBCM, University of Peja & SEEU — Apr 2022

SELECTED TRAINING, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

- Retrain Workshop on Green-Related Topics - Riga Technical University, Riga, Latvia (AGILE) — Nov 2026
- Training-the-Trainers Programme on Mediation - Netherlands Business Academy, Arnhem, Netherlands — Jun 2026
- Training for Trainers: Advancing Data Literacy and Innovation - University of Palermo, Italy — Jun 2026
- Seminar: Introduction to the Modern History of the Middle East - Nexus Institute, Prishtina — Jul 2025
- The Use of Artificial Intelligence in Education and Scientific Research - Professional College of Tirana (Green WB, Erasmus+) — Jun 2025
- Workshops for Legal Clinics - University of Zagreb, Croatia (ENEMLOS) — 2022 - 2023
- Western Balkan Higher Education Courses in Data Journalism - Tuscia University, Viterbo, Italy (WEBJOU) — May 2023
- Teaching in Higher Education - Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Prishtina — Mar 2023
- Achieving Strategic Educational Goals and the Concept of Learning Outcomes - WUS Austria (HERAS Plus) — Feb 2023
- International Cooperation Strategies: Projects, Partners, Academic Mobility and Research - Université Côte d'Azur, Nice, France (QUADIC) — Jun 2022
- Creation and Operation of Legal Clinics - University of Warsaw, Poland (ENEMLOS) — Apr 2022
- Writing Scientific Articles for Academic Staff of Kosovo HEIs - University of Prishtina — Apr 2022
- Improving Positions in the Webometrics Ranking of World Universities - WUS Austria (HERAS Plus) — Feb 2022
- Competence-Oriented Learning and Validation - University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany (E-VIVA) — Mar 2020
- Training for Legal Pedagogy - Ohio Northern University, USA (held in Gjilan) — Mar 2019
- Capacity Building in International Relations and Project Writing - Salzburg University of Applied Sciences, Austria (HERAS, Austrian Development Cooperation) — Jun 2017

40 further trainings and workshops (2009 - 2026), incl. at Metropolia UAS and JAMK UAS (Finland), Technical University of Sofia, University of Tirana and European University of Tirana. Full list available on request.

LANGUAGES

Albanian · English

EARLIER UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

Member, Senate of the University of Prishtina (2010 - 2012; 2013 - 2014) · Member, Studies Committee, University of Prishtina (2012 - 2013) · Chairman, Student Parliament, University of Prishtina (2010 - 2011) · Chairman, Pro-European Students Union (2010 - 2014).