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Sex: Male | Date of birth: 20/11/1988 | Nationality: Albanian

Research Interests:

Empirical Macroeconomics, Fiscal and Monetary Policy, Economic Analysis and Forecasting

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 09 – 10/2017 **European Fund Fellowship - Internship**
International and Euro-Area Macroeconomic Analysis, Directorate General for Economic and Financial Affairs, **Deutsche Bundesbank**, Frankfurt am Main, Germany, <https://www.bundesbank.de/>
- 07/2016 – 08/2017, 02/2013 – 09/2015, **Specialist/ Analyst/ Economist**
General Directorate of Macroeconomic Policies and Fiscal Issues, **Albanian Ministry of Finance**, Tirana, Albania, www.financa.gov.al
- 03 – 05/2011 **Internship**
National Registration Business Centre, Tirana, Albania
- 06/2011 **Internship**
Raiffeisen Bank, Tirana, Albania

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 01/2018 – Currently **Teaching Assistant**
Department of Economics, **University of Exeter**, Exeter, UK, <https://www.exeter.ac.uk>
▪ Modules: Money and Banking 2, Public Economics 1 (Undergraduate)
- 10/2012 – 03/2017 **Teaching Assistant (adjunct)**
Department of Economics, **University of Tirana**, Tirana, Albania, www.feut.edu.al
▪ Modules: Political Economy (Undergraduate)
- 10/2012 – 03/2013 **Teaching Assistant (adjunct)**
Faculty of Medical Sciences, **University of Elbasan**, Elbasan, Albania, <http://www.uniel.edu.al/>
▪ Modules: Statistics (Undergraduate and Postgraduate)

EDUCATION

- 09/2017 – 09/2021 (expected to be completed) **MPhil/PhD in Economics**
University of Exeter/ Department of Economics
- 09/2015 – 06/2016 **Joint Erasmus Mundus Advanced Master Degree in Economics of Globalization and European Integration**
Staffordshire University, UK; Universidad de Cantabria, Spain; Universidade de Brasilia, Brazil; Universiteit Antwerpen, Belgium; Université Lille 1, Sciences et Technologies, France.
- 04/2012 – 04/2014 **Master of Arts in European Economic Studies (graduated with distinction)**
University of Tirana, Albania
- 09/2007 – 07/2011 **Second Level Integrated Diploma in Economics**
University of Tirana, Albania

Further Education, Professional Trainings and Courses

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| 09/2018 | Tools for Macroeconomists (expected) London School of Economics Summer School, LSE, London, UK by Wouter den Haan |
| 06/2018 | Empirical Time Series Methods for Macroeconomic Analysis (Certificate) Barcelona Summer School, GSE, Barcelona, Spain by Luca Gambetti |
| 06/2018 | Bayesian Time Series Methods (Certificate) Barcelona Summer School, GSE, Barcelona, Spain by Dimitris Korobilis |
| 04/2018 | Structural Vector Autoregressive Analysis (Attended) DIW German Institute for Economic Research, Berlin, Germany, by Helmut Lütkepohl |
| 01/2018 | LTHE - Learning and Teaching in Higher Education - Level 1 (Certificate) Exeter, UK by the University of Exeter |
| 06/2017 | Monetary and Fiscal Policy Analysis with DSGE Models (Certificate) International Monetary Fund, IMF HQ Washington DC, USA, by Luis Felipe Zanna |
| 08/2015 | Macro-Financial Surveillance (Certificate) Joint Vienna Institute, International Monetary Fund, Vienna, Austria, by Charles Kramer |
| 06/2015 | Strengthening Fiscal Institutions (Certificate) Centre of Excellence in Finance, Ljubljana, Slovenia, by Duncan Last |
| 04/2015 | Macroeconomic Diagnostics (Certificate) Joint Vienna Institute, International Monetary Fund, Vienna, Austria, by Hali Edison |
| 02/2015 | Sound Fiscal Institutions (Certificate) Joint Vienna Institute, Vienna, Austria, by Adam Gersl |
| 05 – 07/2014 | Applied Economic Policy Course (Certificate and awarded Letter of Excellence) JVI, IMF, OECD, WTO, Austrian Ministry of Finance, Austrian Central Bank, in Vienna, Austria by Norbert Funke |
| 04/2014 | Advanced Macroeconomic Forecasting Models (Certificate) Joint Vienna Institute, International Monetary Fund, Vienna, Austria, by Sam Ouliaris |
| 03/2014 | Macroeconomic Policies in Times of High Capital Mobility (Certificate) Joint Vienna Institute, Vienna, Austria, by Luis Catao |
| 03/2014 | Public Finance Management (Certificate) Dutch Ministry of Finance, Ecorys Academy, The Hague, Netherlands, by Rob Boudewijn |
| 01/2014 | Macroeconomic Management and Fiscal Policy (Certificate) Joint Vienna Institute, International Monetary Fund, Vienna, Austria, by Alfredo Baldini |
| 09/2013 | Macroeconomic Forecasting Models, Time Series Analysis (Certificate) Joint Vienna Institute, International Monetary Fund, Vienna, Austria, by Gianni de Nicolò |

PERSONAL SKILLS

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| Mother tongue(s) | Albanian |
| Other language(s) | English (Fluent C1), Italian (Very Good B2), Spanish (Very Good B2), Portuguese (Good B1), German (Basic A2), French (Basic A1) |
| Software skills | ▪ Matlab, STATA, R, Dynare, E-Views, Gretl, SPSS, LaTeX |
| Driving licence | ▪ B |
| Journal Publications | ▪ Kahveci, M, and Sabaj, E, 2017, "Determinants of Housing Prices in Urban Albania: An Empirical Hedonic Price Application with NSA Survey Data", Euroasian Journal of Economics and Finance Vol 5. No 2, Available at: https://eurasianpublications.com/Eurasian-Journal-of-Economics-and-Finance/Vol.-5-No.2-2017/EJEF-4.pdf |
| Working papers | ▪ Sabaj, Emil (2018): Cyclical Behaviour of Fiscal Policy in the Western Balkans. Available at: https://mpra.ub.uni-muenchen.de/84279/1/MPRA_paper_84279.pdf ▪ Sabaj, Emil and Kahveci, Mustafa (2018): Forecasting tax revenues in an emerging economy: The case of Albania. Available at: https://mpra.ub.uni-muenchen.de/84404/1/MPRA_paper_84404.pdf |
| Conferences presented | ▪ Economics Research Students Annual Conference, Exeter Business School 12 th of June, Exeter, UK, hosted by the University of Exeter |

Honours and awards

- 13th International Conference of Asecu in Social and Economic Challenges in Europe 2016 -2020, 19-20 May 2017, in Durrës, Albania, hosted by the University of Aleksandër Moisiu
- Exeter International Excellence Scholarship for Postgraduate Research, Exeter University, Exeter, UK.
- Erasmus Mundus Scholarship for the Master EGEI, European Commission, Antwerp University, Belgium.
- Letter of Excellence, Awarded from the Applied Economic Policy course organized by IMF, JVI, OECD, WTO, Austrian Ministry of Finance, OENB, in Vienna, Austria.
- Distinction in the Master of Arts in European Economic Studies

Memberships

- Euro Area Business Cycle Network, Nomenclature of Statistics Committee Member (Albanian Institute of Statistics 2015/16)

Things about me

- Charismatic, Leadership, Multitasking, Funny, Concerned about Development Issues and Social Cohesion, Interested in Politics, Soccer, Wine tasting and cinematography.