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Assistant Professor, **Department of Political Science, Virginia Tech**, 2014-current.
Faculty affiliate, **Alliance for Social, Political, Ethical and Cultural Thought (ASPECT)**.
Faculty affiliate, **Program in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)**.

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Center for the Study of Social Organization, **Princeton University**, 2012-2014.

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, **Binghamton University**, 2011-12.

Visiting Scholar, Institute for Public Knowledge, **New York University**, 2010-12.

Adjunct Instructor, Department of Politics, **New York University**, 2009.

Visiting Instructor, Department of Sociology, **Haverford College**, 2008-09.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology, **University of Michigan**.

M.A, Russian, Eurasian and East European Studies, **Georgetown University**.

B.A., Political Science (honors), **Hunter College, City University of New York**.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Honorable Mention, Theda Skocpol Dissertation Award, **Section on Comparative and Historical Sociology, American Sociological Association**, 2011

Reinhard Bendix Best Graduate Student Paper Award, **Section on Comparative and Historical Sociology, American Sociological Association**, 2008

GRANTS AND SPONSORED RESEARCH

Niles Grant, **College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, Virginia Tech**, 2017-18.

International Initiative Small Grant (IISG), **College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, Virginia Tech**, Fall 2016.

Travel grant to Slovenia, **National Council for East European and Eurasian Research (NCEEER)**, Washington, DC, Summer 2013.

Recipient, **American Sociological Association Postdoctoral Fellowship Program and the National Science Foundation**, “Understanding the Current Economic Crisis and its Social Impacts,” 2012-14. Host institution: Princeton University.

Postdoctoral Fellowship, **Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies**, “Institutional Change in Contemporary Capitalism,” 2012-13 (Declined).

Dissertation Writing Fellowship, **American Council for Learned Societies**, 2007-08

Fellow, **Fulbright-Hays Fellowship** for research in Albania, 2005-06

IARO Fellowship, **International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX)** for research in Albania, 2005-06

Summer Study Grant, Rackham Graduate School, **University of Michigan**, 2005.

Overseas Internship Grant, International Institute, **University of Michigan**, 2003.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Globalization Under and After Socialism: The Evolution of Transnational Capital in Central and Eastern Europe (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2018).

JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Disembedded Politics: Neoliberal Reform and Labour Market Institutions in Central and Eastern Europe,” *Government and Opposition* (accepted for publication).

“What Makes Firms Competitive? States, Markets, and Organisational Embeddedness in Competitive Firm Restructuring in Postsocialist Economies,” *New Political Economy*, Vol. 23, No. 4 (2018), pp. 458-474.

“Whither State Ownership? The Persistence of State-Owned Industry in Postsocialist Central and Eastern Europe,” *Journal of East-West Business*, Vol. 23, No. 4 (2017), pp. 309-336.

“Socialism Betrayed? Economists, Neoliberalism, and History in the Undoing of Market Socialism,” *Historical Materialism* Vol. 23, No. 4 (2015).

“Institutionalizing a Weak State: Law and Jurisdictional Conflict Between Bureaucratic and Communal Institutions in the Albanian Highlands,” *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, Vol. 57, No. 3 (2015), pp. 637-664.

“Effects of the European Financial and Economic Crisis in Kosovo and the Balkans: Modes of Integration and Transmission Belts of Crisis in the ‘Super-periphery’” *East European Politics*, Vol. 30, No. 4 (2014), pp. 507-525.

“Binding Institutions: Peasants and Nation-State Rule in the Albanian Highlands, 1919–1939,” *Political Power and Social Theory*, Vol. 25 (2013), pp. 37-70.

“Becoming Citizens of Empire: Albanian Nationalism and Fascist Empire, 1939-1943,” *Theory and Society*, Vol. 37, Nr. 6 (December 2008), pp. 567-596.

“The Emergence of the Kosovo Parallel State, 1988-92,” *Nationalities Papers*, Vol. 32, Nr. 4 (December 2004).

BOOK CHAPTERS

“Historical Sociology and International Relations: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Large-Scale Historical Change and Global Order” (with Yannis A. Stivachtis), in Renée Marlin-Bennett, ed., *The International Studies Compendium* (London: Oxford University Press, 2018).

“Corporatism,” in Bryan S. Turner, ed., *Encyclopedia of Social Theory* (Wiley-Blackwell) (forthcoming).

“Dual Labor Market Theory/Dual Economy,” in Bryan S. Turner, ed., *Encyclopedia of Social Theory* (Wiley-Blackwell) (forthcoming).

“Industrialization and De-Industrialization,” in Bryan S. Turner, ed., *Encyclopedia of Social Theory* (Wiley-Blackwell) (forthcoming).

“Organizational fields,” in Ali Farazmand, ed., *Global Encyclopedia of Public Administration, Public Policy, and Governance* (Heidelberg: Springer, 2017).

“Building the Cities of Empire: Urban Planning in the Colonial Cities of Italy’s Fascist Empire,” in George Steinmetz (ed.), *Sociology and Empire* (Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2013).

“Iterations of Sovereignty: Kosovo and the New Mode of Peripheralization,” in Vida Knežević, Kristian Lukić, Ivana Marjanović and Gordana Nikolić (eds.), *Free and Sovereign: Art, Theory and Politics. A Collection of Essays and Interviews on Kosovo and Serbia* (Novi Sad, Serbia: NAPON, 2013).

Janjić, Dušan, with Ana Lalaj and Besnik Pula. “Kosovo under the Milošević Regime,” in Charles Ingrao and Thomas Emmert (eds.), *Confronting the Yugoslav Controversies: A Scholars' Initiative* (West Lafayette, Indiana: Purdue University Press, 2012).

“The Permanent State of Exception: International Administration in Kosovo,” in Yildiz Atasoy (ed.), *World Hegemonic Transformations, The State and Crisis in Neoliberalism* (New York: Routledge, 2009).

“Is it true that Kosova cannot govern itself and needs further international tutelage or conditional independence?” and “Is it true that Kosova is a clannish society still regulated by the Kanun, or the customary law, and does not belong to the West?” in Anna Di Lellio (ed.), *The Case for Kosova: Passage to Independence* (New York: Anthem Press, 2006).

“The Emergence of the Kosovo ‘Parallel State,’ 1988-92,” in Thomas Emmert and Charles Ingrao (eds.), *Conflict in South-Eastern Europe at the End of the Twentieth Century* (New York: Routledge, 2006).

“The UN in Kosovo: Administering Democratization?” in Florian Bieber and Židas Daskalovski (eds.), *Understanding the War in Kosovo* (London: Routledge, 2003).

OTHER PAPERS AND REPORTS

Kosovo’s democracy at risk? Party system volatility, government duration and institutional crisis in Kosovo, Democracy for Development report (2018).

“Teoria e shtetit në marksizmin perëndimor dhe shteti neoliberal [State theory in Western Marxism and the Neoliberal State],” *Kritika dhe Shoqëria* (Prishtina, Kosovo) Vol. 1, No. 2 (2007).

“Analiza e analistëve: Shënime për një sociologji kritike të rolit të analistit, [Analyzing the Analysts: Notes for a Critical Sociology of the Public Role of Political Analysts]” *Polis* (Tirana, Albania) Vol. 2 (2006).

Author of section on “Political and Institutional Stability” in Early Warning Report Nr. 13, January-June 2006, published by the United Nations Development Programme in Kosovo, September 2006.

Pula, Besnik, Muhamedin Kullashi, Shkëlzen Maliqi and Muhamet Mustafa. *Why Independence for Kosovo? The Status Issue, Political Challenges and the Path to European Integration*. Prishtina, Kosovo: Forum 2015 (2005).

Author of section on civil society in *Human Development Report: Kosovo 2004: The Rise of the Citizen*. United Nations Development Programme.

Contributing researcher for “Kosovo under autonomy, 1974-1990”, *Scholars’ Initiative on Resolving the Yugoslav Controversies*, 2004.

“A Changing Society, a Changing Civil Society: Kosovo’s NGO Sector after the War,” *Kosovo Institute for Policy Research and Development, Policy Study #3* (July 2004).

BOOK REVIEWS

John A. Hall and Siniša Malešević, eds., *Nationalism and War* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013), *Contemporary Sociology*, Vol. 44, No. 6, 2015.

Julie Vullnetari and Russell King, *Remittances, Gender and Development: Albania’s Society and Economy in Transition* (London: I.B. Tauris, 2012), *Contemporary Sociology*, Vol. 42, No. 6, 2013.

Abdeslam M. Maghraoui, *Liberalism without Democracy: Nationhood and Citizenship in Egypt, 1922-1936* (Durham: Duke University Press, 2006), *Nations and Nationalism*, Vol. 14, No. 1, 2008.

Enis Sulstarova, *Arratisje nga lindja: orientalizmi shqiptar nga Naimi te Kadareja* [Escaping the East: Albanian Orientalism from Naim Frashëri to Ismail Kadare] (Chapel Hill, NC: Globic Press, 2006), *Albanian Journal of Politics*, Vol. 2, Nr. 1, 2006.

Jason H. Tomes, *King Zog of Albania: Europe's Self-Made Muslim Monarch* (New York: New York University Press, 2004), *Albanian Journal of Politics*, Vol. 1, Nr. 2, 2005.

Howard Clark, *Civil Resistance in Kosovo* (London: Pluto Press, 2000), *Southeast European Politics*, Vol. 2, Nr. 2, October 2001.

Warren Zimmermann, *Origins of a Catastrophe*, *International Journal of Albanian Studies*, Vol. 2, No. 1, Spring 1998.

NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

"Budding Autocrats of the Balkans," *Foreign Policy*, April 15, 2016.

"The Mirage of Independence" (with Anna Di Lellio), *The Guardian*, March 8, 2007.

Contributor to *Ekonomia* magazine (Kosovo), 2013-2016.

Political economy contributor to *Sbunker* blog (Kosovo): <http://www.sbunker.net>, 2015-present

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

Participant in author meets critic roundtable on Hilary Appel and Mitchell Orenstein's *From Triumph to Crisis: Neoliberal Economic Reform in Postcommunist Countries* (Cambridge University Press, 2018), American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, August 2018.

"From habitus to pragma: a phenomenological critique of Bourdieu's habitus," paper presented at the Theory Roundtable, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 2018.

"Configuring globalized capitalisms: assembly platforms, intermediate producers, and combined roles in Central and Eastern Europe." Invited talk. CELSI Frontiers Seminar, Central European Labour Studies Institute (Bratislava, Slovakia), May 2018.

"Disembedded politics: Neoliberal reform and labor market institutions in Central and Eastern Europe" paper presented at the Understanding East-Central European Politics Conference, Corvinus University of Budapest (Hungary), May 2018.

Participant in author meets critic roundtable on Juliet Johnson's *Priests of Prosperity: How Central Bankers Transformed the Postcommunist World* (Cornell University Press, 2016), Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, Chicago, IL, November 2017.

"Disembedded politics: Neoliberal reform and labor market institutions in Central and Eastern Europe," paper presented at the Council for European Studies Annual Meeting, Glasgow (UK), July 2017.

"From Reform Socialism to Transnational Capitalism: The Political Economy of Foreign Direct Investment in Central and Eastern Europe," paper presented at *The Other Globalisers: How the Socialist and the Non-Aligned World Shaped the Rise of Post-War Economic Globalisation* conference, University of Exeter (UK), July 2017.

"The Budding Autocrats of the Balkans." Harriman Institute, Columbia University, New York, NY, October 2016.

- “Modes and Paths of Transnational Economic Integration in Central and Eastern Europe.” Invited talk. Group for Research on Applied Economics, Warsaw, Poland, June 2016.
- “The failure of national capitalism: postsocialist crises and the rise of transnational capitalism in Eastern Europe.” CEEISA-ISA 2016 Joint International Conference, Ljubljana, Slovenia, July 2016.
- “The failure of national capitalism: postsocialist crises and the rise of transnational capitalism in Eastern Europe.” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2016.
- “When Do Industries Become Competitive? States and Markets in Industrial Restructuring in Postsocialist Economies.” Council for European Studies Conference, Paris, France, July 2015.
- “Firm Restructuring in Eastern Europe: An Organizational Embeddedness View.” International Studies Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, February 2015.
- “From Reform Socialism to Transnational Capitalism: The Political Economy of Foreign Direct Investment in Central and Eastern Europe.” Council for European Studies Conference, Washington, DC, March 2014.
- “The Reemergence of State-owned Firms in Central and Eastern Europe.” *State Capitalism in the New Global Political Economy*, Institut québécois des hautes études internationales (HEI), Laval University, November 2013.
- “From Reform Socialism to Transnational Capitalism: The Political Economy of Foreign Direct Investment in Central and Eastern Europe.” Mini-conference on Capitalism, States, and Transformations in Global Perspective co-organized by the Comparative-Historical and Political Sociology Sections of the American Sociological Association, Columbia University, August 2013.
- “The Reemergence of State-owned Firms in Central and Eastern Europe.” Mini-conference on Capitalism, States, and Transformations in Global Perspective co-organized by the Comparative-Historical and Political Sociology Sections of the American Sociological Association, Columbia University, August 2013.
- “The Reemergence of State-owned Firms in Central and Eastern Europe.” Department of Sociology, Johns Hopkins University, November 2012. (Invited talk.)
- “The Reemergence of State-owned Firms in Central and Eastern Europe.” Center for the Study of Social Organization, Department of Sociology, Princeton University, November 2012.
- “Effects of the European Financial and Economic Crisis in the Balkans: Outlining the Transmission Belts of Crisis in the Balkan ‘Super-Periphery,’” International Conference on Economic Development and Political Transition in Kosovo, American University in Kosovo, October 2012.
- “Comrades in Global Capitalism: The East European Debt Crisis and the Political Economy of Socialism’s Collapse.” *Rethinking Development*, Department of Development Sociology, Cornell University, and Development Sociology Section, American Sociological Association, November 2011.
- “State, Law, and Revolution: Agrarian Power and the State in Albania, 1850-1945.” Department of Sociology, *New School University*, November 2011. (Invited talk.)

“Tracing the social origins of Albanian communism: Italian capital, nationalizing reforms and the disintegration of the Ottoman agrarian order, 1924-1939.” CHS roundtable on “Processes of Political Change,” *American Sociological Association 2011 Annual Meeting*, Las Vegas, August 2011.

Presider at Comparative and Historical Sociology roundtable on “Processes of Political Change.” *American Sociological Association 2011 Annual Meeting*, Las Vegas, August 2011.

“Tracing the social origins of Albanian communism: Italian capital, nationalizing reforms and the disintegration of the Ottoman agrarian order, 1924-1939.” *Harriman Institute, Columbia University*, February 2011. (Invited talk.)

“State, Law, and Revolution: Agrarian Power and the State in Albania, 1850-1945.” Department of Sociology, *University of California-Los Angeles*, February 2011. (Invited talk.)

“State, Law, and Revolution: Agrarian Power and the State in Albania, 1850-1945.” Department of Sociology, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*, January 2011. (Invited talk.)

“State, Law, and Revolution: Agrarian Power and the State in Albania, 1850-1945.” Department of Sociology, *University of California-Berkeley*, November 2010. (Invited talk.)

“State, Law, and Revolution: Agrarian Power and the State in Albania, 1850-1945.” Graduate Program in International Affairs, *New School University*, April 2010. (Invited talk.)

“Making State by Law: Legal Transformations and the Glaring Absence of Law in State-centric Theory.” *Social Science History Association, 2010 Annual Meeting* (Chicago), November 2010.

“Making State by Law: Legal Transformations and the Glaring Absence of Law in State-centric Theory.” *2010 Junior Theorists Symposium, Theory Section of the American Sociological Association*, Atlanta, August 2010.

Presider at Comparative and Historical Sociology roundtable on “Nationalism and Memory.” *American Sociological Association 2010 Annual Meeting*, Atlanta, August 2010.

“Albania’s Highland Policy, 1919-1945.” *American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies 2009 Annual Convention*, Boston, November 2009.

Discussant on Student Roundtable Forum on “International Sociology.” *American Sociological Association 2009 Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, August 2009.

“Ruling the Highlands: Rulers, Bureaucrats and Cultural Agents in Albania’s Centralization, 1919-1939.” Department of Sociology, *Harvard University*, November 2008. (Invited talk.)

“The Informal Road to State Power: State Building in the Albanian Highlands, 1919-1939.” Comparative Historical Sociology Section Session: Causes and Consequences of New and Old States as Units: Theory, Methods, and Evidence. *American Sociological Association 2008 Annual Meeting* (Boston), August 2008.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Manuscript reviewer, University of Pittsburgh Press, Palgrave, Routledge.

Reviewer, *American Journal of Sociology, Comparative Political Studies, Comparative European Politics, Socio-Economic Review, Comparative Studies in Society and History, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding, Contemporary Sociology, Time and Society, Contemporary Southeastern Europe, Journal of Contemporary European Studies, Journal of European Integration, Sociology of Development, Local Government Studies.*

Review Committee Member, Best Dissertation Award, Section on Comparative and Historical Sociology, American Sociological Association, 2018-19.

President, Society for Albanian Studies (an affiliate of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies), 2016-18.

Review Committee Member, Best Faculty Article Award, Section on the Sociology of Development, American Sociological Association, 2016-17.

Review Committee Member, Reinhard Bendix Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Section on Comparative and Historical Sociology, American Sociological Association, 2008-09.

Member, *The Scholars' Initiative: Resolving the Yugoslav Controversies*, 2002-2008.

Book Review Editor, *Southeast European Politics*, 2003-2004

AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association, American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, Council for European Studies, Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, Social Science History Association, European Consortium for Political Research, Critical Realism Network.

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