

ERVJOLA SELENICA

CURRENT POSITION

- Post-doc fellow – Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence, Italy
- Adjunct Lecturer in Terrorism and Counter-terrorism – University of Bologna, Italy
- Adjunct Lecturer in international Politics – Spring Hill College Italy Centre, Bologna

UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

University of Trento, School of International Studies

2011–16: **PhD** in International Studies

- award 'Best PhD Student 2015-2016'

PRIO - Peace Research Institute Oslo, Research School on Peace and Conflict (with Univ. of Oslo, Norwegian Univ. of Science & Technology)

2013-16: **Postgraduate Diploma** in Peace and Conflict

University of Amsterdam, International School for Humanities and Social Sciences:

2007- 08: **Master of Science** in International Development Studies

- *with honors*

University of Bologna – Facoltà di Scienze Politiche

2002-06: **BA** in International Relations and Political Science

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND RESEARCH CONSULTANCY

February 2021: Post-doctoral fellow, Scuola Normale Superiore. Florence – Italy.

March – May 2021: Research consultant, *Centre for International Education*, University of Sussex. Literature review report “The Political Economy of Education Systems in Conflict-Affected Contexts in a Changed World Order 2021: A Narrative Literature Review.” Brighton – UK.

April – July 2019: Research consultant, Queen Rania Foundation. Review and evaluation of aid modalities used by main donors to Jordan Ministry of Education on *Accelerating Access to Quality Formal Education for Syrian Refugee Children (AAI)*; assess impact against objectives, donor coordination structures, lessons learned; recommendations on potential aid modalities for future educational interventions for Syrian and non-Syrian refugee children; team leader and workshop rapporteur; author of two research and evaluation reports. Amman – Jordan.

May 2018 – February 2019: Research consultant, “Building Knowledge about Kosovo 2.0,” Kosovo Foundation for Open Society. Contributing to a chapter in edited volume, op-eds published in regional outlets, organization of seminars and symposia. Pristina - Kosovo

May 2018 – ongoing: Reviewer for Japan International Cooperation Agency Research Institute (JICA-RI). Tokyo, Japan

February – April 2018: Research consultant, writing the report “Universities Between the State and the Market: Development Policy, Commercialization and Liberalization of Higher Education” commissioned by the Norwegian Students’ and Academics’ International Assistance Fund (SAIH). Oslo, Norway.

July 2016 – September 2017: Research consultant, “Building knowledge of new statehood in South East Europe: Understanding Kosovo’s domestic and international policy considerations,” Kosovo Foundation for Open Society. Contributing to peer-reviewed article, chapter in edited volume, op-eds published in regional outlets. Pristina, Kosovo

August – September 2013: Researcher, “The European Parliament’s Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought 1988-2013 - a quarter century’s engagement in human rights,” commissioned by Democracy Support and Election Coordination Group of the European Parliament and FRIDE (*Fundaciòn para las Relaciones Internacionales y el Dialogue Exterior*), Madrid, Spain.

March – May 2013: Research consultant, co-authorship of one chapter of UNESCO report Education under Attack 2014, commissioned by the Global Coalition to Protect Education from Attack and UNESCO, New York, US.

March 2010 – October 2011: Project manager for the Master of Arts in Human Rights and Conflict Management, International Training Program for Conflict Management (ITPCM), Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, Italy.

June – July 2011: Coordinator for the *EULEX-Kosovo Mission-Specific Pre-deployment Training*, International Training Program for Conflict Management (ITPCM), Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, Italy.

May – December 2009: Project officer for Open Plan Consulting Srl., Florence, Italy.

February – August 2007: Freelance Interpreter *Albanian / English*, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), The Hague, The Netherlands.

ACADEMIC TEACHING

September-December 2021: Adjunct lecturer for undergraduate course “International Politics”, Fall Session, Spring Hill College Italy Centre, Bologna (Italy)

April – May 2021: Adjunct lecturer for two BA seminars “Relazioni Internazionali e Nuove Sfide alla Sicurezza”, BA in Political Science and International Relations, University of Bologna, Department of Political Science, Forlì Campus.

February – May 2021: Adjunct lecturer for MA course “Terrorism and Counterterrorism”, MA in International Relations, University of Bologna, Department of Political and Social Sciences, Bologna.

October – December 2020: Adjunct lecturer for undergraduate course “Conflict analysis, management and peacebuilding” Fall Session, Advanced School in Linguistic Mediation, CIELS, Bologna (Italy)

October – December 2020: Adjunct lecturer for undergraduate course “Diplomatic and International Relations” Fall Session, Advanced School in Linguistic Mediation, CIELS, Bologna (Italy)

March – May 2020: Undergraduate course *tutoriale* “International Relations”, BA in Political Science and International Relations, University of Bologna, Department of Political Science, Forlì Campus.

January – April 2020: Undergraduate course “Human rights, migration and global change,” Spring Session, Spring Hill College Italy Centre, Bologna

March 12-13, 2020: Graduate seminar “Peacebuilding, conflict and education: nation- and identity-building in times of war and peace”, MA in Human Rights and Conflict Management, Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa

October – December 2019: Undergraduate course “Conflict analysis, management and peacebuilding” Fall Session, Advanced School in Linguistic Mediation, CIELS, Bologna

September – December 2019: Undergraduate course “Human rights, migration and global change,” Fall Session, Spring Hill College Italy Centre, Bologna

November 12, 2019: Undergraduate seminar “The securitization of education between peacebuilding and counter-radicalization”, University of Bologna, Department of Political Science, Forlì Campus.

October 3-4, 2019: Undergraduate seminar “La governance delle organizzazioni internazionali: funzionamento e modalità di accesso,” Facoltà di Scienze Politiche, University of Pisa, Pisa

January – April 2019: Undergraduate course “Human rights and social justice,” Spring Session, Spring Hill College Italy Centre, Bologna

September – December 2018: Undergraduate course “Human rights, immigration and globalization,” Fall Session, Spring Hill College Italy Centre (September 17th – December 10th), Bologna

December 2018: Invited guest lecturer “Education, statebuilding and peacebuilding in post-war Kosovo and East Timor,” Centre for International Education, University College London, December 13, 2018

May – June 2018: Undergraduate course “Human Rights and Global Change,” Summer Session, Spring Hill College Italy Centre (14 hrs, May 21th 2018 – June 14th 2018)

October – November 2017: Undergraduate course “International Intervention between Humanitarianism and *Realpolitik*: Contemporary Challenges for Peacebuilding and Statebuilding,” for BA in International Studies, Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Trento (12 hrs, October 9th 2017 – November 13th 2017)

March 2015: Lecture on “Attacks on Education Systems: Reviewing the Evidence,” for the MA in International Education and Development, School of Education and Social Work, University of Sussex (Brighton, March 16th 2015)

March 2015: Lecture on the “Right to Education: International Perspectives,” for the BA in Childhood and Youth: Theory and Practice, School of Education and Social Work, University of Sussex (Brighton, March 16th 2015)

May 2012: Module on “Civil Society in Kosovo”, Pre-deployment Course Kosovo, ENTRI’ framework Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies (Pisa, 22 May-25 May 2012)

June – July 2011: Module on “Civil Society in Kosovo”, EULEX-Kosovo Mission-Specific Pre-deployment Training, ENTRI’ framework – Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies (Pisa, 30 June-3 July 2011)

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in scientific journals

1. “Actors and sites for knowledge production on radicalization Europe and beyond”, (with A. Russo), 2021 In S. D’Amato and A. Sachoulidou, Special Issue “European Transnationalism between successes and shortcomings: Threats, Strategies and Actors under the Microscope”, *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/14782804.2021.1997729>
2. “Authoritarianism and Academic Freedom in Neoliberal Turkey” (with Sevgi Doğan), 2021, In S. Robertson, Special Issue “Education, Populism and Authoritarianism”, *Globalisation, Societies and Education*: 1-16, <https://doi.org/10.1080/14767724.2021.1899801>
3. “Education for Whom? Engineering Multiculturalism and Liberal Peace in Post-conflict Kosovo” *Journal of Southeast European and Black Sea Studies* 2018, 18(2): 239-260, [10.1080/14683857.2018.1474583](https://doi.org/10.1080/14683857.2018.1474583)
4. *Book Review: Civil War and Uncivil Development. Economic Globalisation and Political Violence in Colombia and Beyond*, by David Maher, Palgrave Macmillan, 2018, in Special Issue "Civil Wars, Insurgencies, Armed Politics", *Inter-disciplinary Political Studies Journal*, June 2019, 5(1) 10.1285/i20398573v5n1p253
5. *Book Review: From Class to Identity: The Politics of Education Reform in Former Yugoslavia*, by Jana Bacevic, Central University Press, 2014, in Special Issue "Free to think, free to research: challenges to academic freedom in the context of contemporary global politics," *Inter-disciplinary Political Studies Journal*, 3(1), December 2017: 231-235, DOI: 10.1285/i20398573v3n1p231

Book chapters

1. “Education for Whom? Engineering Multiculturalism and Liberal Peace in Post-conflict Kosovo,” in A. Elbasani (ed.), *International-Led Statebuilding and Local Resistance. Hybrid Institutional Reforms in Post-Conflict Kosovo*. 2020 (London: Routledge): 91-111
2. “Countering Violent Extremism and Radicalization in Kosovo: International, State and Societal Responses and their Consequences,” in I. Armakolas, Demjaha, A., Elbasani, A., Schwandner-Sievers, S. (eds.), *Local and International Determinants of Kosovo’s Statehood*, Prishtina, Kosovo, 2019: 67-97
3. “Allargamento europeo, radicalizzazione e giovani nei Balcani Occidentali” in R. Colletti (eds.), *La questione orientale: I Balcani tra integrazione e sicurezza*. Roma: Donzelli, 2018

4. "Crafting Exclusive Nations? The Role of Education in Post-war Kosovo," in I. Armakolas, Demjaha, A., Elbasani, A., Schwandner-Sievers, S., Skendaj, E., Tzifakis, N. (eds.), *Statebuilding in Post-Independence Kosovo: Policy challenges and societal considerations*. Kosovo Foundation for Open Society. Pristina: Kosovo, 2017: 95-111
5. "Nationalism and Civil Society Organizations in Post-Independence Kosovo" (with F. Strazzari) in V. Bojicic-Dzelilovic, J. Ker-Lindsay and D. Kostovicova (eds.) *Civil Society and Transitions in the Western Balkans*. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2013

Reports

1. "The Political Economy of Education Systems in Conflict-Affected Contexts in a Changed World Order 2021: A Narrative Literature Review." (with M. Novelli), 3rd PEER Working Paper. Centre for International Education, University of Sussex. Brighton, UK, May 2021: 1-80
2. "The Accelerated Access Initiative to Quality Formal Education for Syrian Refugee Children (AAI). Lessons learned, challenges and the way forward." *Background research and evaluation report*. Queen Rania Foundation, Amman, Jordan, July 2019: 1-66
3. "The Accelerated Access Initiative to Quality Formal Education for Syrian Refugee Children (AAI). A look back and forward. AAI Transition Workshop Report," Queen Rania Foundation, Amman, Jordan, July 2019: 1-27
4. "Universities between the State and the Market: Development Policy, Commercialization and Liberalization in Higher Education" research report, Norwegian Students' and Academics' International Fund, Oslo, Norway, June 2018: 1-81
5. "Protecting Higher Education from Attack" (with M. Novelli) in *Education Under Attack 2014*, Global Coalition to Protect Education from Attack and UNESCO, May 2014: 93-102

Other publications

6. "Armi, Militarizzazione e Università," in Paolo Beccegato e Walter Nanni (eds.), *Il peso delle armi. Rapporto di ricerca sui conflitti dimenticati*. Bologna: Il Mulino, 2018: 71-72
7. "The European Parliament's Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought, 1988-2013 – A Quarter Century's Engagement in Human Rights," Directorate-General for External Policies of the Union, European Parliament, Laureates profiles for Kosovo 1991 and Kosovo 1998, 2013: 68, 83
8. "Societal Effects of Countering Violent Extremism and Radicalization in Kosovo," in KFOS, *In Brief: Takes on Kosovo's Policy Challenges*, Prishtina, Kosovo 2019: 46-51 (with A. Demjaha)
9. "Societal effects of countering violent extremism and radicalization in Kosovo", in *Security Praxis*, 25.02.2019
10. "Kosovo: l'università rafforza la divisione etnica," in *Osservatorio Balcani and Caucaso*, 15.08.2017
11. "Higher Education is Reinforcing Kosovo's Ethnic Divide," in *Balkan Insight*, 4.04.2017
12. "Education in the Line of Asymmetric Fire," in *Security Praxis*, 2.10.2014
13. "Kosovo general elections," in *International Commentary ITPCM* (Pisa), December 2010
14. "Dilemmas and Challenges in post-independence Kosovo," in *International Commentary ITPCM* (Pisa), March 2008

Forthcoming

6. "Analysing a non-IR field through IR lenses: Education in post-conflict Kosovo", 2022, In S. D'Amato, M. Dian and A. Russo, Special Issue "Reaching for allies? The dialectics and overlaps between International Relations and Area Studies in the study of politics, security and conflicts", *Italian Political Science Review*

Under peer-review

“Countering radicalization and violent extremism in the Western Balkans and South Caucasus: the cases of Kosovo and Georgia”, (with A. Russo), *Critical Studies on Terrorism*

AWARDS AND GRANTS

September 2018: Funding awarded by the European International Studies Association (EISA) for co-organizing the section #14 "Everyday Practices of 'Counter-Radicalisation' and 'Countering Violent Extremism': Governing the Radical through Power, Knowledge, Economy and Routine", 12th Pan-European Conference on International Relations, covering fee and travel expenses. Prague.

March 2017: Best PhD Student, School of International Studies 2015-2016, University of Trento

January 2017: Funding of 3,650 Euro awarded by the European International Studies Association (EISA) for co-organizing the workshop “Dissecting the radical: knowledge production and policy-making through the de-radicalisation prism”, EISA Young Researchers’ Workshop, EISA Conference, Barcelona.

September 2015: Bursary awarded by the Bursary Committee and UKFIET Trustees for attending the UKFIET International Conference at the University of Oxford, covering conference fee and travel expenses, Oxford.

2011-2014: 3-year PhD scholarship, Ministry of Education and Research, School of International Studies, University of Trento.

2011-2015: ESRC 1+3 PhD Quota Award, Economic and Social Research Council (UK). Admitted to PhD program, Dept. of Education, *University of Sussex*. The award consisted of a 4-year scholarship covering all academic fees during the doctoral programme (*declined*)

2007-2008: *IB groep* study grant 2007-2008 for MSc in International Development Studies, University of Amsterdam

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS (ORGANISED)

European International Studies Association, Prague (September 2018): Co-chair of Section #14 "Everyday Practices of 'Counter-Radicalisation' and 'Countering Violent Extremism': Governing the Radical through Power, Knowledge, Economy and Routine", 12th Pan-European Conference on International Relations, September 12-15, 2018

European International Studies Association, Prague (September 2018): Co-convenor of 2 panels on “Radicalisation and counter-radicalisation along and across EU borderlands”

European International Studies Association, Prague (September 2018): Chair and discussant for panel “Transnational programs of 'Countering Violent Extremism”

European International Studies Conference, Barcelona (September 2018): EISA Young Researchers’ Workshops, co-convenor of the workshop “Dissecting the radical: knowledge production and policy-making through the (de-)radicalization prism”

European Consortium for Political Research Graduate Conference, Innsbruck (July 2014): Co-convenor of panel “Statebuilding from Within and Without: A Complex Encounter”

Comparative and International Education Society Annual Conference, Toronto (March 2014): Co-convenor of pre-conference workshop “Critical studies in education, conflict and peacebuilding: Building a network of activists/scholars”, March 9-15, 2014

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS (INVITED)

CTSWG (BISA) Annual Conference, Critical Studies on Terrorism Roundtable, 9 September 2021

EUCTER II Virtual Conference, “Terrorism in a Changing Landscape”, 15 June 2021

Universidad Complutense de Madrid (27-28 May 2021): Workshop “Dialogues between Policymakers and Academia.” Shortlisted for the UNA Europa Global Governance Research Award. Presenting “Actors and sites of knowledge production on radicalization in Europe and beyond,” with Alessandra Russo

Facoltà di Scienze Politiche, University of Bologna, Forlì Campus (December 3, 2019): Conference “International cooperation and the evolving shapes of global governance: Peace, development and humanitarian assistance”

School of International Studies, University of Trento, Trento (September 16, 2019): MISS Opening Seminar 2019-2020 “Causes of Conflict and International Security Implications”

Canadian Embassy and Queen Rania Foundation, Amman, Jordan (June 19, 2019): Rapporteur to the AAI Transition Workshop and presenting the background research and evaluation report “The Accelerated Access Initiative to Quality Formal Education for Syrian Refugee Children (AAI). Lessons learned, challenges and the way forward.”

Centre for European Policy Studies, Brussels (November 2018): Conference “Responding to Societal Needs through Security Policy”

Norwegian Students’ and Academics’ International Assistance Fund (SAIH), Oslo (June 2018): launch of the report “Universities Between the State and the Market: Development Policy, Commercialization and Liberalization of Higher Education”

Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris (June 2018): Workshop organized by Chaire de Géopolitique du Risque, “Counterterrorism without terror? Identity-threats to the nation-state”, SOURCE Societal Security Network

Centre for Global Cooperation Research, University of Duisburg-Essen, Duisburg (June 2017): Workshop “Peacebuilding and the Politics of Difference”

CONFERENCE PAPERS

EUCTER II Virtual Conference: Terrorism in a Changing Landscape (June 2021): “Countering Radicalization and Violent Extremism in the Western Balkans and South Caucasus: the cases of Kosovo and Georgia,” June 16, 2021

European International Studies Association, Prague (September 2018): “The Geopolitics of Attacks Against Higher Education: Causes and Measures of Protection”, 12th Pan-European Conference on International Relations, Prague, Czech Republic, September 14, 2018

European International Studies Association, Prague (September 2018): “EU Enlargement, De-radicalisation and ‘Youth Resilience’ in the Western Balkans,” 12th Pan-European Conference on International Relations, Prague, Czech Republic, September 13, 2018

International Studies Association Conference, San Francisco (April 2018): “The Global Governance of Protecting Higher Education from Attack: Successes and Limitations”, April 4-7, 2018

International Studies Association Conference, San Francisco (April 2018): “The Knowledge Production on Radicalisation across Scholarly and Policymaking Discourses and Practices”, co-authored with Alessandra Russo, April 4-7, 2018

European International Studies Association, Barcelona (September 2017): “Education as a battlefield in the war against radicalisation and terrorism: from radical to radicalised education,” EISA Young Researchers’ Workshop, September 12, 2017

UKFIET International Conference on Education and Development, Oxford (2015): “Education and peacebuilding in Timor-Leste: negotiating the process, unravelling local agency”, September 15-17, 2015

ECPR Graduate Conference, Innsbruck (July 2014): “Making the State and Crafting the Nation: The Role of Education in Post-War Kosovo”, July 2-5, 2014

CIES Annual Conference, Toronto (March 9-15, 2014): “New State, Old Challenges: Building Education and Peace in Post-war Kosovo”, March 9-15, 2014

TRAINING

Alliance Française de Tirana (July-September 2019), Intensive course Langue Française A1

Peace Research Institute Oslo (November 2016): Seminar “Critique”, with Dr. Nina Boy and Dr. Kristin Asdal (28-30 November)

Peace Research Institute Oslo (October 2013): Seminar “Research Methods in Critical Security Studies”, with prof. Mark Salter and prof. J. Peter Burgess, (14-18 October)

Peace Research Institute Oslo (April-May 2013): Seminar “Qualitative Methods and the Study of Civil War”, with prof. Jeffrey T. Checkel, (29-30 April – May 2-3)

University of Ulster (June 2012): INCORE Summer School “Evaluation in Conflict-Prone Settings”, with prof. Kenneth Bush, (18-23 June)

University of Amsterdam (September 2011): International Seminar “Education and International Development: Why Research Matters”, (29-30 September)

University of Pisa (March 2010): Spring Training School “Open Scholarly Communities on the Web: Theory and Practice”, COST A32 and Facoltà di Scienze Politiche, (22-26 March)

*Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies (March – June 2011): Academic intensive course in *Lingue Française I*,*

University of Amsterdam (August 2007): Intensive Crash Course in Research Methodology.

AFFILIATIONS

Centre of International Education, University of Sussex, Visiting Research Fellow (2017-ongoing):

University College London (2013- ongoing): Founding member, Steering Committee, Network for Research in Education, Conflict and Emergencies

Senior Associate Fellow of the Albanian Institute for International Studies

Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Trento (2017-18): Visiting Research Fellow

Security Praxis – member of the editorial board

CAREER BREAKS

1/08/2014 – 15/04/2015: Maternity leave (place of residence: Italy)

2/07/2018 – 17/07/2018: Sick leave (place of residence: Italy)

13/08/2018 – 17/08/2018: Sick leave (place of residence: Italy)

02/10/2018 – 23/10/2018: Sick leave (place of residence: Italy)

28/03/2019 – 29/04/2019: Sick leave (place of residence: Italy)

21/04/2020 – 12/05/2020: Sick leave (place of residence: Italy)

LANGUAGES

Albanian – Mother tongue

Italian – Advanced, *bilingual*

English – Advanced

French – Basic, good passive knowledge