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### ● WORK EXPERIENCE

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01/06/2021 – CURRENT Tetovo, North Macedonia

**FULL PROFESSOR OF CRIMINAL LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY** SOUTH EAST EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, FACULTY OF LAW

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01/09/2018 – CURRENT Tetovo, North Macedonia

**VICE-RECTOR FOR RESEARCH AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS** SOUTH EAST EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY

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01/06/2019 – 12/05/2024 Skopje, North Macedonia

**EXTERNAL ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA** PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA

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01/09/2023 – CURRENT Skopje, North Macedonia

**HEAD OF DELEGATION OF REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA TO GRECO** MINISTRY OF JUSTICE OF REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA

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01/06/2016 – 01/06/2021 Tetovo, North Macedonia

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF CRIMINAL LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY** SOUTH EAST EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, FACULTY OF LAW

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01/04/2011 – 01/06/2016 Tetovo, North Macedonia

**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF CRIMINAL LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY** SOUTH EAST EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, FACULTY OF LAW

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01/09/2007 – 01/09/2012 Tetovo, North Macedonia

**HEAD OF HUMAN RIGHTS CENTER** SOUTH EAST EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY

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01/03/2004 – 01/04/2007 Tetovo, North Macedonia

**JUNIOR ASSISTANT IN CRIMINAL LAW SCIENCES** SOUTH EAST EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, FACULTY OF LAW

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01/04/2007 – 01/04/2011 Tetovo, North Macedonia

**SENIOR ASSISTANT IN CRIMINAL LAW SCIENCES** SOUTH EAST EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, FACULTY OF LAW

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## ● EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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01/09/2007 – 13/10/2010 Skopje , North Macedonia

**DOCTOR OF LEGAL SCIENCES (PHD IN CRIMINAL LAW)** Faculty of Law "Iustinianus Primus",  
University "St. Cyril and Methodius"

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Website <http://www.ukim.edu.mk/>

01/11/2003 – 12/07/2006 Skopje , North Macedonia

**MASTER OF LEGAL SCIENCES (MA IN CRIMINAL LAW)** Faculty of Law "Iustinianus Primus",  
University "St. Cyril and Methodius"

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Website <http://www.ukim.edu.mk/>

01/10/2000 – 04/10/2003 Skopje , North Macedonia

**GRADUATED LAWYER (BA IN LAW)** Faculty of Law "Iustinianus Primus", University "St. Cyril and  
Methodius"

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Website <http://www.ukim.edu.mk/>

15/06/2007 – 30/07/2007 Amherst, United States

**PARTICIPANT IN THE US INSTITUTE PROGRAM ON AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT AND  
DEVELOPMENT** University of Massachusetts

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Website <https://www.umass.edu>

## ● LANGUAGE SKILLS

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Mother tongue(s): **ALBANIAN**

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
<b>MACEDONIAN</b>	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
<b>ENGLISH</b>	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
<b>FRENCH</b>	B1	B1	A2	A2	A2
<b>TURKISH</b>	C1	C1	B1	B1	B1

*Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user*

## ● DIGITAL SKILLS

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Microsoft Office package: Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access | Google Drive

## ● PUBLICATIONS

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2022

[Education in Preventing & Countering Violent Extremism: Considerations for the Western Balkans. Policy Note.. In Resolve Network, DOI: https://doi.org/10.37805/pn2022.1.wb](https://doi.org/10.37805/pn2022.1.wb),  
Washington DC: Resolve Network., pp. 1-16

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Arifi, B.

2022

[Corruption and Cryptocurrency, Blockchains as corruption tools. In Academicus International Scientific Journal, Volume 13, Issue 26, DOI: https://dx.medra.org/10.7336/academicus.2022.26.06](https://dx.medra.org/10.7336/academicus.2022.26.06), pp. 93-103

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Ibrahimi, A.; Arifi, B.

2022

**Criminal Responsibility (Insanity Defense). In SEEU Review, Volume 17, Issue 2, 2022, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.2478/seeur-2022-0092>, pp. 120-138.**

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Zejneli, R.; Arifi, B.

2022

**Kapitulli III: Mbrojtja e të drejtave të fëmijëve viktima të veprave penale dhe fëmijëve dëshmitarë në procedurën penale. In "Të drejtat e fëmijëve - Sfidat dhe perspektivat e reja". Autorë: Arifi, B.; Ratkoceri, V.; Selmani-Bakui, A.; Metaj-Stojanova, A.; Ibish, E. Recenzues: Jashari, A.; Zejneli, I. ISBN 978-608-248-049-7, COBISS.MK-ID 57340933, pp. 107-152. Universiteti i Evropës Juglindore – Tetovë, Tetovë**

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Arifi, B.

2022

**"The relation between hate speech, hate crimes and drivers to violent extremism" In: Rule of Law, Governance and Society in the Western Balkans Contributions to the Future of Europe, Book of Proceedings of the Third International Scientific Conference on Social and Legal Sciences (ISCSLS '22), Jeton Shasivari, Ali Pajaziti, Adnan Jashari, Abdula Azizi (Eds.). SEEU, Tetovë**

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Arifi, B.

2022

**A Legal Framework for Surrogate Motherhood in the Republic of North Macedonia. In Yearbook on European Law, Policies and Institutions, pp. 95-104**

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Selmani-Bakui, A.; Arifi, B.

2021

**Cybercrime: A Challenge to Law Enforcement. In SEEU Review, Volume 15 (2020): Issue 2 (December 2020), DOI: <https://doi.org/10.2478/seeur-2020-0016>, pp. 42-55. 2021**

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Arifi, D.; Arifi, B.

2021

**ривична одговорност за висока (политичка) корупција во Република Северна Македонија. In Предизвици - Списание за општествени прашања бр.9-03/2021 „Борба против криминалот и корупцијата“, Фридрих Еберт Фондација - Скопје, pp. 32-46**

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Arifi, B.

2021

**Defending the Rights of the Victims of Corruption in the Republic of Kosovo: With a Special Focus to the Pandemic Covid-19, RULE OF LAW, GOVERNANCE AND SOCIETY IN THE TIME OF PANDEMIC Book of Proceedings of 2nd Online International Scientific Conference on Social and Legal Sciences (OISCSLS '20), Faculty of Law, SEEU. SEEU, Tetovo**

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Ibrahimi, A.; Arifi, B.

2021

**"Brain Drain" Migration as a Consequence of Corruption in the Republic of Kosovo. The Migration Conference 2021, Selected Papers, Compiled by Ibrahim Sirkeci, pp. 115-121. Transnational Press, London**

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Ibrahimi, A.; Arifi, B.

2021

[Reconciliation Between the Victim and the Perpetrator-Restorative Justice. In SEEU Review, Volume 16 \(2021\): Issue 2 \(December 2021\). DOI: https://doi.org/10.2478/seeur-2021-0017, pp. 28-47.](https://doi.org/10.2478/seeur-2021-0017)

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Aliu, A.; Arifi, B.

2020

[Defending the Rights of the Victims of Corruption in the Republic of Kosovo: With a Special Focus to the Pandemic Covid-19. In SEEU Review, Volume 15 \(2020\): Issue 1 \(July 2020\), DOI: https://doi.org/10.2478/seeur-2020-0001, pp. 3-23](https://doi.org/10.2478/seeur-2020-0001)

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Ibrahimi, A.; Arifi, B.

2019

[Drivers to Violent Extremism in South Eastern Europe - the North Macedonian Context. In Journal of Penal Law and Criminology; 7\(1\):-14 ISSN: 2148-6646 / E-ISSN: 2602-3911, DOI: 10.26650/JPLC2019-0011, pp. 27-51](https://doi.org/10.26650/JPLC2019-0011)

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Arifi, B.

2019

**Коментар на законот за правда за децата со практикум. Совет за превентива против малолетничка деликвенција, Скопје**

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Kambovski, V.; Lazetic, G.; Nanev, L.; Arifi, B.; Kosevaliska, O.; Saiti, Xh.

2019

**Помилувањето според теоријата и праксата - предизвици и перспективи. In Книга на пријатели - Студија во чест на седумдесет години од животот на Академик Владо Камбовски, pp. 607-626. Македонска академија на науките и уметностите**

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Arifi, B.

2019

**Владеене на правото наспроти владеене над правото. In Предизвици - Списание за општествени прашања, бр. 1/2019, „Пост-преспанска Северна Македонија и предизборна Европа“, Фридрих Еберт Фондација - Скопје, pp. 45-58**

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Arifi, B.

2018

[Перцепции и искуства на раководители и службеници од државната администрација за имплементација на Законот за употреба на јазиците од 2008 година во државните институции. ISBN 978-608-4561-16-4, COBISS.MK -ID 88226059. Здружение на граѓани за поддршка на меѓуетнички дијалог и развој на заедницата „Заеднички вредности“, Скопје](https://doi.org/10.2478/seeur-2017-0017)

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Kening, N.; Arifi, B.; Osmani-Balazhi, Sh.

2018

[The Legal Reasoning of the President's Right to Issue Pardons. In SEEU Review, Volume 12, Issue 2, DOI: 10.1515/seeur-2017-0017, pp. 32-61.](https://doi.org/10.1515/seeur-2017-0017)

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Arifi, B.

2018

**ПРАВНА АНАЛИЗА. 1.Казнената политика на судовите во Република Македонија и практичната примена на Законот за одредување на видот и одмерување на висината на казната. 2. Примената на алтернативните мерки со акцент на пробацијата во Република Македонија. Research Project funded in part by the US Embassy Grant.. Здружение на судиите на Република Македонија, Скопје**

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Saiti, Xh.; Arifi, B.; Bozinovski, A.

2018

[Effective Prosecution of Hate Crimes as a Precondition for Their Prevention. In Journal of Penal Law and Criminology 2018; 6\(1\):1-14 ISSN: 2148-6646 / E-ISSN: 2602-3911, DOI: 10.26650/JPLC400906 , pp. 1-14.](#)

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Arifi, B.

2018

[Втора глава: Право на живот. In „Човекови права“. Рецензија: д-р Љубомир Данаилов Фрчкоски. Автори: Јован Ананиев, Беса Арифи, Наташа Габер-Дамјановска, Мирјана Лазарова-Трајковска, Жанета Попоска, Славица Чубриќ. ISBN 978-608-4788-31-7. COBISS.MK-ID 107418634, pp. 40-61. OSCE Mission to Skopje, Скопје](#)

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Arifi, B.

2018

[Трета глава: Забрана на мачење, нечовечно или понижувачко постапување или казнување. In „Човекови права“. Рецензија: д-р Љубомир Данаилов Фрчкоски. Автори: Јован Ананиев, Беса Арифи, Наташа Габер-Дамјановска, Мирјана Лазарова-Трајковска, Жанета Попоска, Славица Чубриќ. ISBN 978-608-4788-31-7. COBISS.MK-ID 107418634, pp. 62-87. OSCE Mission to Skopje, Скопје](#)

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Arifi, B.

2017

[Hate Crimes as a Driver to Violent Extremism - Are Victims of Hate Crimes at Risk of Becoming Involved in Violent Extremism. Faculty of Criminal Justice, Criminology and Security Studies, University of Sarajevo, ISBN 978-9958-613-97-5, p. 205-226, Sarajevo](#)

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Arifi, B.

2017

[Употребата на незаконско создадените докази во кривичната постапка - Важноста на јавниот интерес како критериум за оценување на доказите \(The Use of Illegally Created Evidence in Criminal Proceedings - The Importance of the General Interest as an Assessment Criteria for Evidence\). In Македонска ревија за казнено право и криминологија \(Macedonian Review of Criminal Law and Criminology\) ISSN 1409-5327 год. 24, бр. 2, УДК 343.14:35.07 \(497.7\), pp. 61-80.](#)

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Arifi, B.

2016

[Relevance Of Magna Carta To Rights Of Victims Of Abuse Of Power, DOI: 10.1515/seeur-2015-0008. In SEEU Review, Volume 11, Issue 1, \(Dec 2015\), pp. 48-58.](#)

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Arifi, B.

2016

[Assessment of advocacy skills of students in the faculty of law. In SEEU Review, Volume 11, Issue 2 , pp. 33-50.](#)

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Arifi, B.

## ● **CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS**

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12/10/2023 – 13/10/2023 University of Pisa, Italy

**"Gender, rule of law and institutions in North Macedonia", First EUWONDER International Workshop, Gender, Populism and Constitutional Degradation in Europe and Beyond**

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27/10/2022 – 28/10/2022 Dublin, Ireland

**"Hate crime laws in Republic of North Macedonia", invited speaker at the Council of Europe Roundtable "Combating SOGIESC-based hate crime across Europe"**

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04/07/2018 – 06/07/2018 University of Graz, Austria

**"The Collapse of Rule of Law, the Crisis of Democracy and the Nationalist Rhetoric in Macedonia". ASN European Conference: Nationalism in Times of Uncertainty**

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13/06/2017 – 16/06/2017 Brighton, United Kingdom

**"Drivers to Violent Extremism in South Eastern Europe". BISA Annual Conference 2017**

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13/05/2016 – 14/05/2016 Istanbul, Turkey

**"The Head of State's Right to Pardon – In History and Today". II, Uluslararası Turk Hukuk Tarihi Kongresi**

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## ● **PROJECTS**

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01/03/2022 – 30/11/2023

**"Strengthening the rule of law and human rights in North Macedonia II and III", Project supported by the OSCE Mission to Skopje**

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01/02/2020 – CURRENT

**STAND - Strengthening university autonomy and increasing accountability and transparency of Western Balkans Universities, Erasmus+ Strategic partnership**

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2022 – 2023

**Drafting of the National Development Strategy 2022, UNDP (Phases I and II): Strategic Area: Rule of Law and Anti-corruption, UNDP**

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2018 – 2023

**Drafting of the National Strategies and Action Plans for Countering Violent Extremism and Counter-Terrorism, 2018 and 2023 Government of RNM.**

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2019

**Drafting of the National Strategy for One Society and Interculturalism, 2019, Government of RNM**

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2017 – 2019

**Civil Society Reference Group. Macedonia Dialogue Project, Berghof Foundation**

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2017

**Human Rights. Research Project funded by the OSCE Mission in Skopje. (2017). Role: Researcher and author of two book chapters. <https://www.osce.org/mk/mission-to-skopje/385977?download=true>**

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2018

**Perceptions and experiences of directors and clerks of the state administration related to the implementation of the Law on use of languages of 2008 in state institutions. Organization: Common Values, Skopje.**

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2017

**Database for measuring the performance of judiciary in Macedonia. Improving the quality of justice in Macedonia through capacity building for judges and court monitoring of judicial reforms. Implementer: Center for Legal Research and Analysis, Skopje**

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## ● **NETWORKS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

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2023 Skopje

**Member of the Working Group on drafting the Amendments of the Constitution of RNM**

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2018 – CURRENT Skopje

**Member of the Council for Following the Implementation of the Strategy for Reforms in the Judiciary, Government of RNM**

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2019 – CURRENT Skopje

**Member of the Council for following the implementation of the National Strategy for One Society and Interculturalism, Government of RNM**

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2021 – CURRENT Skopje

**Member of the National Expert Group for drafting the Criminal Code, Ministry of Justice**

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2021 – CURRENT

**Member of the National Expert Group for drafting the Law on Criminal Procedure, Ministry of Justice**

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2020 – CURRENT

**Member of the Executive Board of the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights**

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2020 – CURRENT

**Member of the Governing Board of Transparency International Macedonia**

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2015

**Member of the RESOLVE Network (Research Solutions to Violent Extremism) of the US Department of State, The United States Institute of Peace and the International Peace Institute**

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2015

**Member of the ACAD Initiative of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime**

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● **SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ACTIVITIES**

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2017 – CURRENT

**Columnist in the web-portal "Portalb"**

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● **DRIVING LICENCE**

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**Driving Licence: B1**

**Driving Licence: B**

**Driving Licence: BE**