

**INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SARAJEVO**

**Faculty of Business and Administration**

**Commission for preparation proposals for appointment into academic title into scientific field of "International Relations"**

Pursuant to Article 107, paragraph (3) of the Law on Higher Education ("Official Gazette of Sarajevo Canton" 33/2017) and based on the Decision of the Council of the Faculty of Business and Administration, number: IUS FBA 07-2619/2018 dated October 17, 2018, acting in accordance with the submitted Confirmation Certificate from Administrative Review Panel No. IUS-FBA-07-1999/2018 (attached to this Report), the Commission for preparation of proposals for the election into academic titles composed of:

1. **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mirsad Karic**, Faculty of Business and Administration, International University of Sarajevo – appointed in the scientific field of International Relations (chairman),
2. **Assist. Prof. Dr. Joseph Joe Kaminski**, Faculty of Business and Administration, International University of Sarajevo – appointed in the scientific field of International Relations (member).
3. **Assist. Prof. Dr. Emir Suljagic**, Faculty of Business and Administration, International University of Sarajevo - appointed in the scientific field of International Relations (member).

**COMMITTEE PROPOSAL**

Committee evaluated application of Dr. Kristian Lau Nielsen for the position of Assistant Professor in the scientific field of International Relations. After analysis of all documents submitted to the public vacancy announcement, Committee decided that application by Dr. Kristian Lau Nielsen is acceptable since the candidate fulfils conditions and expectation regarding a) scientific field, b) quality of publications, c) quality of education and d) ability to teach wide range of courses from IR program curriculum, and therefore Committee proposes to Faculty Council of the Faculty of Business and Administration International University of Sarajevo to appoint Dr. Kristian Lau Nielsen in the position of Assistant Professor in the scientific field of International Relations.

**FULL REPORT**

**Applicant: Dr. Kristian Lau Nielsen**

**Per application for appointment into academic title of Assistant professor**

**A – Biographical information and academic degree of candidate**

Dr. Kristian Lau Nielsen received doctoral degree in political science at the Joah Skytte Institute of Political Studies, University of Tartu, 2016. Dr. Kristian has been an adjunct lecturer at the Roskilde University, Denmark, since 2014. During the stay at the Roskilde University he supervised five problem oriented projects at the undergraduate level, followed-up seminars to introductory lectures on political science and economics, conducted and assessed exams.

Since 2012 Kristian has been an adjunct lecturer and research assistant at the Centre for the Study of Europe, Copenhagen business School. He has taught courses related to the European Union as an International Actor, European Political Unity, and Foreign Policy of the European Union. Meanwhile, Krsitian has supervise 11 MA theses and 46 BA projects.

From 2010 to 2011, Krisitan lectured International Relations courses such as Diplomacy, Classics of International Relations, Theories of European integration and British political History at the University of Tartu (Estonia) where he drafted some study plans and syllabi too.

From 2009 to 2010 Krisitan was a Visiting Fellow at the Western Connecticut state university. He taught courses at the undergraduate level such as History and Theory of European Integration, International Relations in the Cold War Era and World Government, Culture and Economics.

His research is in the area of Political Science with the focus on Hard Power and Soft Power in International Relations, the European Union's Common Foreign and Security Policy, the European Union's policies in Eastern Europe, the Transatlantic Relationship and US Foreign Policy and Cold War History.

He has multiple publications that have resulted from his research. Among others it includes the following: 'Beware the Folly of Pride: Europe, Trump and the Enduring Need for Transatlantic Alliance', *L'Europe en formation*, 382, 63-82; 'The Problematic Narrative about a Europe of Peace', in Carsten Jacob Humlabaek, Henrik Hoegh Muller & Kristian L. Nielsen (eds.), *Nation and State, Identity and Narratives*, Copenhagen: Nyt fra samfundsvidenskaberne, 2018, 131-164; 'How Russian Soft Power Fails in Estonia or why Minorities Remain Quiescent', *Journal on Baltic Security*, Vol. 1, No. 2, 125-157; 'The Eastern Partnership-Soft Power Strategy or Policy Failure?' *European Foreign Affairs Review*, Vol. 19, No. 2, 243-262; 'EU Soft Power and the Capability-Expectations Gap', *Journal of Contemporary European Research*, Vol. 9, No. 5, 723-739; 'Continued Drift, but without the Acrimony: Transatlantic Relations under Obama', *Journal of Transatlantic Studies*, Vol. 11, No. 1, 83-108.

Dr. Kristian's teaching experience will perfectly fit to the needs of the IR program at the International University of Sarajevo. He has taught courses such as European Union as an International Actor, European Political Unity, Foreign Policy of the European Union, Diplomacy, Classics of International Relations, Theories of European integration and British Political History. Additionally, he participated in several conferences presenting the papers in the area of International Relations.

DEGREE	Program	University	YEAR
BA	Contemporary History	University of Southern Denmark	2003
MA	Contemporary History	University of Southern Denmark	2006
PhD	Johan Skytte Institute of Political Studies	University of Tartu	2016

## B – LIST OF INDEXED ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS.

'Beware the Folly of Pride: Europe, Trump and the Enduring Need for Transatlantic Alliance', *L'Europe en formation*, 382, pp. 63-82.

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'Review Essay: Ronald Asmus: A Little War that Shook the World', *Baltic Security and Defence Review*, Vol. 12, No. 2, pp. 197-208.

'Undiscovered Avenues? Estonian Civil Society Organizations as Agents of Europeanization' in Magdalena Gora & Katarzyna Zielinska (eds.), *Democracy, State and Society: European Integration in Central and Eastern Europe*, Krakow: Jagiellonian University Press, 2011, pp. 221-240.

'The Evolving EU-Russia Relationship and its Implications for the Baltic States', *Baltic Security and Defence Review*, Vol. 9, pp. 109-130.

### C - INTRODUCTORY LECTURE

Dr. Kristian has been successfully working as adjunct lecturer and visiting fellow at various institutions of higher education such as University of Tartu (Estonia), Roskilde University (Denmark) and Western Connecticut state university (USA).

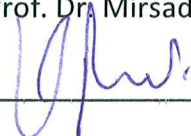
On September 27, 2018, candidate gave lecture to IUS students and staff, including these committee members, titled "Transatlantic Relations in the age of Trump: Diverging Grand Strategies". Lecture confirmed excellent teaching skills of Dr. Nielsen as well as his superb command of English language. Based on that lecture, Committee concluded that Dr. Nielsen is meeting English language requirement as set in IUS regulations and that he possess required teaching skills.

### D. COMMITTEE PROPOSAL


Based on the abovementioned, in accordance with the provisions of the Law on Higher Education of the Sarajevo Canton ("Official Gazette of Canton Sarajevo", No: 33/2017), considering that Dr. Kristian Lau Nielsen is one of the candidates who applied on announced vacancy for teachers in scientific field of "International Relations", and since the candidate fulfils all the legal requirements for appointment to the scientific-teaching title of the assistant professor (as presented in this Report), we are pleased to propose to the Council of the Faculty of Business and Administration of the International University of Sarajevo to appoint Dr. Kristian Lau Nielsen in the scientific-teaching title of assistant professor in the scientific field "International Relations", at the Faculty of Business and Administration of the International University of Sarajevo.

### COMMITTEE

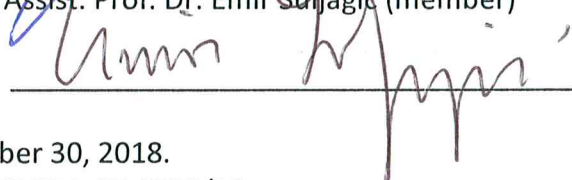
1. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mirsad Karic (chairman)

  
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2. Assist. Prof. Dr. Joseph J. Kaminski (member)

  
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3. Assist. Prof. Dr. Emir Suljagic (member)

  
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