

Curriculum Vitae

Personal information

Name & Surname **Dr. Lejla Mustoo Bašer**
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Work Experience

Company **International University of Sarajevo (IUS)- Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS), Psychology Program**

Date Since February 2018

Position Assistant Professor (since November 2025)
Senior Assistant (April 2024 – November 2025)
Academic Assistant, PSY Program Coordinator Assistant (September 2021 – April 2024)
Adjunct Instructor (October 2019 – September 2021)
Scholarship Assistant (October 2018 – July 2019)
Student Assistant (February 2018 – July 2018)

Company **IUS, Student's Psychological Counseling Centre (SPCC)**

Date Since February 2018

Position Counseling Center Counselor (since September 2021)
Participation in Counseling Center activities organization (Since February 2018)

Company **Public Institution High School Center**

Date February 2019 – July 2019

Position Psychology teacher

Company **Nursing home "Sentivo"**

Date October 2017 – October 2019

Position Volunteer – Collaborator in activities for increasing psychophysical capacities of elderly people

Company **Association of substitutes from PTSD FBiH "Vox"**

Date October 2017 – October 2021

Position Volunteer – Collaborator in psychological interventions, Administration, Meetings scorer
Internship – Collaborator in psychological interventions (October 2017- November 2017)

Company **Future Real Estate Company "Injazat future" Ltd**

Date July 2016 – October 2016

Position Part-time – Administration

Company **Press Tv**

Date July 2016 – September 2016

Position Correspondent – Political and cultural reports

Company **Sahar Tv**

Date May 2016 – July 2016

Position Reporter – Political and cultural reports

Company **BH radio 1**

Date June 2013 – January 2014

Position Narrator of show: "Carousel"

Company **Bosnian community of culture "Rebirth" (BZK "Preporod")**

Date May 2010 - October 2014

Position Collaborator - Narrator of ceremonies

Education

Institution	The third cycle of study – Ph.D. degree, Doctoral study Stream: Psychology, International University of Sarajevo Co-supervision: Paracelsus Medical University Salzburg, Austria; Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich, Germany
Date	October 2021 – September 2025
Dissertation Title	The role of relational needs satisfaction, emotional intelligence, need for drama, and marital stability in the prediction of marital satisfaction in Canton Sarajevo of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Monitoring intervention change dynamics process in nonlinear approach feedback via Synergetic Navigation System.
Institution	A second cycle of study – Graduate degree, Master’s study Stream: Clinical Psychology, International University of Sarajevo
Date	October 2018 – July 2019
Thesis Title	Relationship between global functioning and emotional, cognitive, behavioral, and social difficulties of individuals with schizophrenia.
Institution	The first cycle of study – Undergraduate degree, Bachelor’s study Stream: Psychology, University of Sarajevo; International University of Sarajevo
Date	October 2014 - June 2018 (transcript student from Philosophy faculty, University of Sarajevo)
Graduation Project	Analysis – “Differences of psychological well-being among female nursing home residents and elderly females who live with their families”. Synthesis – Project “Activity for the psychological well-being of elderly individuals” (contribution of increased daily life activities to psychological well-being in nursing home residents).

Psychotherapeutic Education

Institution	Academy for Psychotherapy, “BHIDAPA” (EAPTI- European Accredited Psychotherapy Training Institute) Psychotherapeutic Direction: Integrative Psychotherapy for adults
Date	September 2021 – December 2025
Institution	“Agape”- Association for the Culture of Healthy Living Psychotherapeutic Direction: Systemic Constellations (Trainer Horst Brömer, Germany)
Date	November 2018 – May 2022

Languages

Bosnian, English, Turkish
(Bosnian- native speaker, English- excellent, Turkish- Basics)

Technical Skills

IBM SPSS
MS Office Package

Publications

Book Chapters

Mustoo Başer, L., Ünal- Aydın, P., & Aydın, O. (2022). Social Cognition: A Promising Therapeutic Target in Schizophrenia. Horizons in Neuroscience Research, Nova Science Publishers, Inc. New York.

ISBN: 978-1-68507-918-5; **ISSN:** 2159-113X.

Draganović, S., Mustoo, L. (2018). Posttraumatic Stress Disorder. Fond of Canton Sarajevo for Building and Maintenance of Fallen Soldiers, Memorial Centers and Memories of the Genocide.

ISBN 978-9926- 8247-2-3.

Articles

Mustoo-Başer, L., Sinanović, E., Draganović, S., & Žvelc, G. (2025). Relational needs satisfaction scale: adaptation to the Bosnian language and psychometric testing. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 16, 1528926.

DOI <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2025.1528926>

Scimago Journal Rank: Q2

Gölbaşı, C., Çökmüş, F. P., Mustoo Başer, L., Gölbaşı, H., Ünal Aydın, P., & Aydın, O. (2025). The Associations between Mindfulness, Metacognition and HbA1c Levels Among Diabetic Pregnant Patients: a Case Control Study. *Psihologija*, 58(2).

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.2298/PSI230222013G>

Scimago Journal Rank: Q3

Mustoo Başer, L. (2023). Subjective Well-being of Female Nursing Home Residents and Elderly Widowed Females Living with Families: Perspective from Bosnia and Herzegovina. *Journal of Adult Education/ "Obrazovanje odraslih"-Časopis za obrazovanje odraslih i kulturu*, 23(1), 61-80.

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.53617/issn2744-2047.2023.23.1.61>

Scimago Journal Rank: N/A

Mustoo Başer, L. (2023). Trainees' intrapsychic attunement in the process of psychotherapy training. *Epiphany*, 16(1), 132-144.

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.21533/bjyxc85>

Scimago Journal Rank: N/A

Mustoo Başer, L., Çökmüş, F. P., Tvrtković, S., Obuća, F., Ünal-Aydın, P., Aydın, O., & Spada, M. M. (2022). The role of desire thinking in the problematic use of social networking sites among adults. *Elsevier, Addictive Behaviors Reports*, 16, 100463.

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.abrep.2022.100463>

Scimago Journal Rank: Q1

Full- text, peer reviewed

PROCEEDINGS

Conferences & Congresses

Ünal- Aydın, P., Mustoo Başer, L., Bozkurt, Z., Akkul, N., Kaçeltik, A., Hoca, C.H., Abdić, M., Aydın, O. (2023). Associations of Metacognition and Internet Gaming Disorder Among University Students in Bosnia and Herzegovina. CEO SSC (Communication, Economics, Organization, & Social Sciences Congress).

ISBN: 978-625-99157-0-8.

Mustoo-Başer, L. (2025). Unconscious processes in psychotherapy and supervision: Difficulties in the supervisory relationship. Cambridge University Press, *European Psychiatry*, 68(S1), S1063-S1063.

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1192/j.eurpsy.2025.2151>

Scimago Journal Rank: Q1

Ćosić, M., Kojić, D., Ahmić, A., Mustoo Başer, L. (2025). Artificial Intelligence and Education: Balancing Digital Transformation and Mental Health. XIV International Conference of Social and Technological Development, pg. 48.

ISSN 2637-3298.

Ćosić, M., Mustoo Başer, L., & Obuća F. (2025). Navigating digital realities: Internet Behaviors, Life Goals, and Perspectives on Educational Digitalization among Bosnian-Herzegovinian Youth. The 6th International Congress of New Horizons in Science and Social Sciences (INCOHIS 2025), pg. 11.

ISBN: 978-625-95551-3-3.

Mustoo Başer, L., Obuća, F., & Tvrtković-Hasandić, S. (2024). The influence of Age, Gender, and Grade point average on Emotional and Behavioral problems in Bosnian & Herzegovinian Adolescents and Young adults. Third International Congress of Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy: „Reflection of Communication and Relationships on the Health of Children, Youth and Families: Therapeutic Approaches”. BHIDAPA- EAPTI - Bosnian-Herzegovinian Integrative Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy Association, Unicef, World Health Organization (WHO), Federal Ministry of Health of Bosnia & Herzegovina;

ISSN 2744-1164 (online), p.57.

Mustoo Başer, L. (2024). Intimacy and Boundaries in Psychotherapy: Novice Psychotherapist and Distanced Client. 20th International Conference, Days of Applied Psychology (DAP 2024), Department of Psychology, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Niš, Serbia, p.71.

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.46630/abdpp.2024>

Mustoo Başer, L., & Aydın O. (2024). Psychosocial difficulties as a predictor of overall functioning in individuals with schizophrenia: a case-control study. Cambridge University Press, *European Psychiatry*, 2024, volume 67.

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1192/j.eurpsy.2024.1571>

Scimago Journal Rank: Q1

Mustoo Başer, L., Tvrtković-Hasandić, S., & Obuća, F. (2024). Identity Expression and Bilingualism: How the Language We Speak Influences Cognition and Emotion. The 7th ERL Conference – Links Between Beliefs and Language, p. 43.

Ünal- Aydın, P., Mustoo Başer, L., Bozkurt, Z., Akkul, N., Kançeltik, A., Hoca, C.H., Abdić, M., Aydın, O. (2023). Associations of Metacognition and Internet Gaming Disorder Among University Students in Bosnia and Herzegovina. CEO SSC (Communication, Economics, Organization, & Social Sciences Congress).

ISBN: 978-605-73822-9-0.

Mustoo Başer, L. (2023). Integration of Synergetics in Psychology and Psychotherapy. First Congress of Psychotherapists in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Psychotherapy within a changing world.

ISBN: 978- 9926- 8772- 0- 0.

Obuća, F., Mustoo Başer, L., Poyraz Çökmüş, F., Tvrtković, S., Ünal-Aydın, P., Aydın, O., Spada, M. M. The role of desire thinking in problematic social networking sites use among adults. (2022). 7th Congress of Psychologists of Bosnia and Herzegovina with International Participation, Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina, p. 57.

Delić, A., Mustoo, L. (2019). Speaking anxiety in classroom among Turkish students at International University of Sarajevo. Maltepe University, Faculty of Education, Türkiye.

ISBN 978-605-2124-20-8.

Additional Information

Projects

CORE-ED ACADEMY PROJECT, Co-funded by the European Union, European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)

Project Number 101179359

Length: January 01, 2025 – December 31, 2027

“Fostering Inclusion and Shared Values in Juvenile Justice through Correctional Pedagogy and Specialist Professionalization, Empowered by the LiberateSkill Correctional Excellence Pact for Skills”.

Conferences, Congresses, & Symposiums Participation

The third international scientific conference "Social sciences and humanities facing the challenges of the 21st century" DHS 2025, December 12, 2025, Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Tuzla, Bosnia & Herzegovina.

The second international conference in the social protection system: "The future of psychosocial work and the role of prevention in creating a more resilient society", 11th – 12th September 2025, Bosnia & Herzegovina. Cantonal Public Institution Family Counseling Center Sarajevo, Federal Ministry Labour, Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection, Republic of Austria.

XIV International Conference on Social and Technological Development (STED 2025), 12th-15th June 2025, Bosnia & Herzegovina.

The 6th International Congress of New Horizons in Science and Social Sciences (INCOHIS 2025), 31st May- 01st June, 2025, Istanbul, Türkiye.

The 33rd European Congress of Psychiatry (EPA 2025) held in Madrid, 5th -08th April 2025, Madrid, Spain.

The Third International & Interdisciplinary Congress of Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy; theme: “Reflection on Communication and Relationships in Achieving Health of Children, Adolescents and Families: Therapeutic Approaches”, 03rd-06th October 2024, Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina; European Accredited Psychotherapy Training Institute for Integrative Psychotherapy (BHIDAPA-EAPTI), Unicef, World Health Organization (WHO), Federal Ministry of Health of Bosnia & Herzegovina.

International Conference 20th Days of Applied Psychology, 27th-28th September 2024, Department of Psychology, Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Niš, Serbia.

The 7th International Pedagogic and Linguistic Educational Role of Language (ERL) Conference, 27th-28th June 2024, International University of Sarajevo (IUS), B&H.

The 32nd European Congress of Psychiatry (EPA 2024), 06th -9th April 2024, Budapest, Hungary.

The 6th International CEO SSC (Communication, Economics, Organization, & Social Sciences Congress), 16th -18th June 2023, Acacia University, Arizona-United States of America.

First Congress of Psychotherapists in B&H with international participation held under the theme: “Psychotherapy within the changing world”, 23rd – 26th March, 2023, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

CONTINUATION BELOW

Trainings, Seminars,
& International Mobilities

Joint Symposium on Ethics, 24th February, 2023. Ukrainian Umbrella Association of Psychotherapy (UUP), & European Association for Psychotherapy (EAP).

Seventh Congress of Bosnia and Herzegovina Psychologists with international participation, 12th – 15th May 2022, Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina (co-author paper presentation).

Creativity and Social Responsibility- 10th Conference, 8th – 09th October 2021, European Association for Integrative Psychotherapy (EAIP), Athens, Greece.

International Student Congress „Building a Better Future through Education“, 4th - 5th April 2019, Maltepe University Faculty of Education, Istanbul, Turkey.

Second EMDR conference in Bosnia and Herzegovina; 24th – 25th November 2018, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. Association of EMDR therapist in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Trauma Aid UK, EMDR UK & Ireland.

Completed specialized training of the "Here & Now" Interdisciplinary Network of Experts: "Let's protect adolescent girls", 30 hours, April 19- May 21, 2024, BHIDAPA, Federal Ministry of Health, Federal Ministry of Labor and Social Policy, Federal Ministry of Education and Science, UNICEF.

Participation in Erasmus+ Training Course in "The Great Resignation" phenomenon, October 18 - 26, 2023, Civic Orientation and Social Integration (COSI), Bucharest, Romania.

Participation in the Center for advanced studies (CNS) Summer School Program, 2nd – 9th August, 2022, Sarajevo, B&H & Podgorica, Montenegro.

Participation in KA107 Erasmus+ Training, Staff International Week, at University Rey Juan Carlos, 4th – 8th July, 2022, Madrid, Spain.

Training in "Psychology of lying"- training seminar PL2 Advanced level, 16th – 30th March, 2021; educators: Mirko Zorić and Goran Kojić. Center for behavioral research- CBI Valentis, Serbia.

Training in "Psychology of lying"- training seminar PL1 Basic level (Behavioral decoding and Lie detection) 22nd – 25th February 2021; educators: Mirko Zorić and Goran Kojić. Center for behavioral research- CBI Valentis, Serbia.

Seminar in PSY assessment, Personality assessment, adult Intelligence assessment; 26th-28th June 2020, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. International University of Sarajevo; trainer: Senadin Fadilpašić, Ph.D.

Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MoCA) Test training; 24th May, 2019, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. International University of Sarajevo (IUS) Counseling Center.

Turkey Addictive Combat Practitioner Training program, Capacity Building Program; 17th – 20th December, 2018. International Federation of Green Crescents, Antalya, Türkiye.

Participation in Standardised Mini- Mental State Examination (SMMSE) workshop; 2nd November 2018, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. Counseling Center, International University of Sarajevo (IUS).

Reviewing Experience

(Participation in the Scientific Journals review process)

A reviewer for **Frontiers in Psychology** Journal (Q2)
2025 (May/July)

A reviewer for **Psihologija** Journal (Q3)
2025 (June & October)

A reviewer for **Epiphany Journal of Transdisciplinary Studies**
2024 (April & October)
2023 (February & October)

Activities of speaking and leading workshops

Speaker at Panel: "Art as Resistance", December 10, 2025.

Held 2 workshops "Empathy in Adolescence", within IUS Summer School, July & August 2025.

Exhibition Promoter, "Blue Harmony"- IUS, March 2025

Held 2 workshops "Navigating Adolescence", and "Emotional Intelligence" within IUS Summer School, July 2024.

Organized study visit to Center for Healthy Aging Ilidža, B&H, for course "Psychology of Adulthood and Aging", May 2024.

Mentored workshops "Violence- a call for help" and "How air pollution impacts brain health" on IUS 2023 Sustainable Development (SDG) Week from December 04-08, 2023.

Mentoring the presenting team of IUS Psychology Program to Festival of Children and Youth "Children and young people are telling you" on topic "Bullying- a call for help", November 2023.

Organized study visit to Center for Mental Health in Visoko, B&H, for course "Psychology of Adulthood and Aging", May 2023.

Held workshop on the topic of Emotional Intelligence at Center for education and research "Nahla", Sarajevo, 23rd October, 2022.

Speaker at International Psychology Students Congress, International Psychology Students Association (IPSA), 21st May, 2022, Zoom Platform.

Speaker at International Psychology Students Event, International Psychology Students Association (IPSA), 12th March 2021, Zoom Platform.

Other

Committee member for accreditation THEQC AQAS process, December 2025.

Faculty Council member for Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at IUS, since December 2025.

CONTINUATION BELOW

Active participation in creation of Psychology Program Self-Evaluation Report (SER) document preparation for IUS reaccreditation process, Fall Semester 2024.

Appointed as a member of The Committee for Promotion and Communication of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at IUS, December 2024.

Assisting moderation of the 7th International Pedagogic and Linguistic ERL Conference, 27th-28th June 2024, International University of Sarajevo (IUS), B&H.

Appointed as a member of the executive committee for establishment of Media and Communication Studies (MAC) at IUS, December 2023.

Appointed as a member of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Executive Committee at IUS, November 2023.

Appointed as a member of the Job Interview Selection Committee at IUS, September & October, 2022.

Participation in 1st Maker Faire Festival, 28th- 29th May, 2022, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, presenting Virtual Reality Therapy (VR).

Academic advisor during the Course registration period at International University of Sarajevo, since October 2019.

Experience in Courses Delivery

Undergraduate Level, Bachelor

Research Methods in Psychology
Life-span Development
Personality Psychology
Educational Psychology
Positive Psychology
Introduction to Psychology
Adolescent Psychology
Social Psychology
Psychology of Adulthood and Aging