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### WORK EXPERIENCE

01/10/2016 – Present

#### Senior Assistant

Department of Political Science and International Relations, Faculty of Business and Administration, International University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

*Teaching activities, prepares and perform practical sessions under the supervision of the course holder; participation in examinations in all examination periods (invigilation), perform consultation to students, professional development, research activities, internship coordinator; participation in committees and professional bodies of the faculty and university (by appointment) etc.*

08/09/2023 – Present

#### Coordinator

Balkan Studies Center (BSC), International University of Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

*Represents the Center and ensure the execution of the Centre's duties; Prepare the short, medium and long-range aims and policies and relevant education, research and advisory plans and programs to support these aims and policies, and, after the approval of the Executive Committee, to realize these plans and programs; Promotes and facilitate leading-edge research, including collaborative and interdisciplinary research, in areas related to the goals of the Center; Chairs the Advisory Board and to implement the decisions taken; Assume the responsibility of the Chairman of the Executive Committee when the Vice-Rector for General Affairs is absent; Develops strong linkages with appropriate University academic departments and administrative units; Determines human resource needs and to submit to the Rectorate; Establishes Research and Project teams; Prepares an annual report of the Centre's accomplishments and a summary of the Centre's financial and administrative operations; Proposes the Center's associates and visiting and honorary fellows to the Rectorate; and Helps and guide the Western Balkans-related student clubs that are registered at the University but fall under the Centre's sphere of activities.*

07/01/2019 – 07/09/2023

#### Secretary

Balkan Studies Center (BSC), International University of Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

*Performs administrative tasks necessary for successful work of the Center, writes project proposals, ensures meetings are effectively organized and minuted, maintains effective record of the organization's activities, responsible for communication and correspondence with partner institutions/organizations via e-mail addressed to the Center; circulates agendas and reports, circulates approved minutes, active promotion of the Center; organizes book promotions and roundtable discussions etc.*

04/03/2019 – 15/10/2021

#### Managing Editor

Epiphany – Journal of Transdisciplinary Studies (pISSN 2303-6850, eISSN 1840-3719), Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, International University of Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina), web: <http://epiphany.ius.edu.ba/index.php/epiphany>

*Handling all aspects of the publishing process, from submission through publication, coordinating communication with authors, reviewers, and editors; collaborating with editor in chief to determine issues' content and topics; control schedules and enforce deadlines; takes care of the peer review workflow and editorial efficiency; publication ethics and best practices; and planning and managing all daily operations.*

- 26/10/2018 – 01/09/2022 **Erasmus+ Exchange Program Coordinator**  
 Department of International Relations, Faculty of Business and Administration, International University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- Provide administrative and academic support for both inbound and outbound students participating in Erasmus exchange, monitor that the study program and the description of the courses selected by a student at a receiving institution are compatible with the curriculum at the sending University, approves ECTS credits equivalence for relevant courses (in accordance with applicable regulations of mobility programs), keep official correspondence related to student's exchange issue, ensure that activities comply with relevant legislation, help to solve routine problems when and where required, and other activities related to exchange programs assigned by Rector's Office and the Dean.*
- 10/10/2016 – 04/02/2019 **Internship Coordinator**  
 Department of International Relations, Faculty of Business and Administration, International University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- Advise students about the institutions and companies in which they can complete their internship, encourage students to find their internship based on their future career goals, approves the internship before actual start of the internship program, evaluate appropriateness and relevance of the overall internship experience and determine the grade, maintain the records of all students who go out on Internship, ensure all internship reports are completed accurately, and other duties as assigned.*
- 01/09/2015 – 30/09/2016 **Demonstrator**  
 Department of International Relations, Faculty of Business and Administration, International University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- Prepares and perform practical sessions under the supervision of the course holder, participation in examinations in all examination periods (invigilation), perform consultation to students, professional development, administrative duties (by appointment), organizer of extra curriculum activities (external lectures in international and government institutions) etc.*
- 06/10/2014 – 30/06/2015 **Assistant in International Relations Office (Part-timer)**  
 International University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- Assist full-time IRO staff on daily based tasks, perform consultation on mobility opportunities, support academic and administrative staff mobility within the framework of Erasmus + exchange network, support student mobility within the framework of Erasmus + exchange network, and other administrative tasks upon the orders of the supervisor.*
- 01/08/2014 – 31/08/2014 **Assistant in International Relations Office (Internship)**  
 International Relations Office, Istanbul Sehir University, Istanbul (Turkey)
- Assist full-time IRO staff on daily based tasks, international students' admission, promotion of the university, and other administrative tasks upon the orders of the supervisor.*

## EDUCATION

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- 2023 **Ph.D. in International Relations**  
 Faculty of Business and Administration, International University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- 2016 **M.A. in International and Public Relations**  
 Faculty of Business and Administration, International University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- 2015 **B.A. in International and Public Relations**  
 Faculty of Business and Administration, International University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

## RESEARCH INTEREST

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Politics of Bosnia and Herzegovina, issues of Bosnian Muslims, Western Balkan studies, EU integration, and security studies – with an active research focus on various aspects of transatlantic relations and NATO's relations with the Western Balkans.

## SUMMER SCHOOLS, WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES

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- 06/11/2019 – 08/11/2019 Participant at the **“World Forum for Democracy”**, Strasbourg, France, 6 – 8 November 2019. Organized by Council of Europe.
- 12/03/2018 – 22/03/2018 Participant, Training on **“Tackling Racism and Radicalization”**, Landskrona, Sweden, 12 – 22 March 2018. Organized by Hello Youth [training course was a project under Erasmus+ program].
- 16/11/2017 – 17/11/2017 Participant, Regional training on **“Access to Justice”**, Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina, 16 – 17 November 2017. Organized by Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC), and German Environment Agency - Umweltbundesamt; and supported by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety.
- 17/08/2017 – 21/08/2017 Participant, Summer School on **“Islam in Europe: Challenges of Pluralism”**, Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina, 7 – 21 August 2017. Jointly organized by International Institute of Islamic Thought (London Office, UK), Faculty of Islamic Studies (Sarajevo, BiH), Institute for Epistemological Studies Europe (Brussels, Belgium), and Center for Advanced Studies (Sarajevo, BiH); in cooperation with The Fairfax Institute (United States of America).
- 17/07/2017 – 21/07/2017 Participant, Summer School on **“International Law, Diplomacy and Cooperation”**, Istanbul, Turkey, 17 – 21 July 2017. Jointly organized by The Union of National Academies of Sciences of the Turkic World, and Turkish Academy of Sciences.
- 17/05/2016 – 20/05/2016 Participant, **“Second Sarajevo International Conference of Social Sciences: EU Integration & Balkan countries”**, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 17 – 20 May 2016. Organized by International University of Sarajevo – in cooperation with Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University, Necmettin Erbakan University, and University of Zenica.
- 21/08/2015 – 28/08/2015 Participant, Summer School on **“Islam in Contemporary World”**, Sarajevo (Bosnia & Herzegovina) and Podgorica (Montenegro), 21 – 28 August 2015. Jointly organized by Center for Advance Studies (Sarajevo, BiH), Horizonti - Center for Cross-Cultural Understanding (Podgorica, Montenegro), Al-Wasatiyya Center for Dialogue (Sarajevo, BiH), and Center for Personal and Professional Development (Sarajevo, BiH).

## POLITICAL ACADEMY

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Participant of the **“School of Political Studies” of the Council of Europe**, Bosnia and Herzegovina (*Vlašić seminar*: 28th February – 3rd March 2019, *Jahorina seminar*: 2nd – 5th May 2019, *Neum seminar*: 15th – 18th June 2019, and *Međugorje seminar*: 19th – 22nd September 2019) and France (*Strasbourg seminar*: 6th – 8th November 2019). Organizer: Council of Europe in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

## TEACHING ACTIVITIES

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<b>Taught courses:</b>	
Spring 2022/2023	IR215 EU System
Fall 2022/2023	POLS304 Politics in BiH
Fall 2022/2023	IR312 Diplomacy
Fall 2020/2021	POLS304 Politics in BiH
Spring 2019/2020	CULT101 Understanding Cultural Encounters
Fall 2019/2020	IR312 Diplomacy
Spring 2018/2019	IR216 Foreign Policy Analysis
Fall 2018/2019	IR312 Diplomacy
Spring 2016/2017	IR362 Political System of Bosnia and Herzegovina

**Assisted courses:**

Spring 2017/2018	IR304 Security Studies
Spring 2017/2018	IR215 EU System
Fall 2017/2018	IR301 Political Geography and Geopolitics
Fall 2017/2018	IR212 Politics in Europe

**Others:**

Spring 2022/2023	IR470 Work placement/Internship
Fall 2022/2023	IR470 Work placement/Internship
Spring 2021/2022	IR470 Work placement/Internship
Fall 2021/2022	IR470 Work placement/Internship
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Fall 2017/2018	IR470 Work placement/Internship
Spring 2016/2017	IR470 Work placement/Internship

**GUEST LECTURER**

17/07/2023 – 21/07/2023	Faculty of Economics & Administrative Science, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, <i>Hacettepe University</i> , Turkey, via the Erasmus+ academic staff exchange.
13/09/2021 – 17/09/2021	Faculty of Law and Social Sciences, International Relations Department, <i>Suleyman Demirel University</i> , Turkey, via the Erasmus+ academic staff exchange.
04/03/2019 – 08/03/2019	Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, <i>Afyon Kocatepe University</i> , Afyonkarahisar, Turkey, via the Erasmus+ academic staff exchange.
23/04/2018 – 27/04/2018	Faculty of Political Science and International Relations, <i>Matej Bel University</i> , Banska Bystrica, Slovakia, via the Erasmus+ academic staff exchange.

**PROJECTS**

February 2021 – September 2021	<b>Vice Coordinator of the Balkan Youth School (BYS)</b> Intensive training program for youth – <i>Balkan Youth School (BYS)</i> , Bosnia and Herzegovina. The project is being implemented by the Balkan Studies Center (BSC) of the International University of Sarajevo (IUS) and supported by The Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities (YTB).
December 2020 – September 2021	<b>Project Manager and Coordinator</b> <i>"Western Balkan Youth Conference: We share the European Goals and Values"</i> [bos. Konferencija mladih zapadnog Balkana: Dijelimo evropske ciljeve i vrijednosti] – This project was organized by the Balkan Studies Center (BSC) of the International University of Sarajevo in cooperation with the Student Parliament of the International University of Sarajevo (SPIUS).
December 2020 – July 2020	<b>Project Manager and Coordinator</b> <i>"Western Balkan Youth Conference: Regional Cooperation and Integration"</i> [bos. Konferencija mladih Zapadnog Balkana: Regionalna saradnja i integracija] – This project was organized by the Balkan Studies Center (BSC) of the International University of Sarajevo in cooperation with the Student Parliament of the International University of Sarajevo (SPIUS) for a total duration of 6 months, from December 2019 to July 2020.

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- December 2019 – March 2020 **Coordinator of the BSC Essay Writing Contest**  
The *BSC Essay Writing Contest* was opened to senior high school students from Bosnia and Herzegovina. The essay contest aimed to promote awareness among the youth regarding the Independence Day of BiH and the future of the youth. The project was organized by the Balkan Studies Center (BSC) of the International University of Sarajevo for a total duration of 3 months, from December 2019 to March 2020.
- December 2018 – July 2019 **Project Manager and Coordinator of the Summer School**  
*BSC Summer School on Critical Thinking 2019 "Migration Management in the Balkans: Challenges and Obstacles"*, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 15 – 20 July 2019. Organized by Balkan Studies Center (BiH) in cooperation with: Yesterday-Today-Tomorrow (France), Faculty of Law of the University of Zenica (BiH), Sheffield Hallam University (United Kingdom), Hatay Mustafa Kemal University (Turkey), Faculty of Legal and Business Studies "Dr Lazar Vrkatić" (Serbia), COJEP International (France), Aid Brigade (BiH), and Horizon2020 SAGE project "Systematic Action for Gender Equality" (BiH).
- April 2018 – June 2018 **Team member/Researcher**  
*"Bosna i Hercegovina i Berlinski proces: Analiza stanja ključnih procesa u BiH pred Londonsku konferenciju 2018"* [Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Berlin Process: Analysis of Key Processes in BiH prior to the London Conference in 2018], Balkan Studies Center (BSC), International University of Sarajevo (IUS), Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2018. The project was supported by the Chairman of Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Refereed Journal Articles (peer-reviewed)

- [Preljević, H.](#) & Ljubović M. (2021). **Re-thinking about Muslim Migration into the European Union.** *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs* (Taylor and Francis Group/Routledge), 41(2): pp. 263-280. ISSN: 1360-2004 (Print) 1469-9591. DIO: 10.1080/13602004.2021.1943883. [Indexed and Abstracted in: WoS – Scopus, Sociological Abstracts and Thomson Reuters ESCI/SJR Rating: 0.184]
- [Preljević, H.](#) (2017). **Preventing Religious Radicalization in Bosnia and Herzegovina: The Role of the BiH Islamic Community.** *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs* (Taylor and Francis Group/Routledge), 37(4): pp. 371-392. ISSN: 1360-2004 (Print) 1469-9591. DIO: 10.1080/13602004.2017.1405503. [Indexed and Abstracted in: WoS – Scopus, Sociological Abstracts and Thomson Reuters ESCI/SJR Rating: 0.139]
- [Preljević, H.](#) (2017). **Unsatisfied? The Rocky Path to NATO Membership – Bosnia and Herzegovina: A New Approach in Understanding the Challenges.** *Croatian International Relations Review (Special Issue on NATO and its Immediate Challenges in the Context of Current Geopolitical Tensions)*, 23(80): pp. 33-59. ISSN: 1331-1182 (Print) 1848-5782 (Online). DIO: 10.1515/cirr-2017-0020. [Indexed and Abstracted in: WoS – Scopus, Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI), EBSCO, Erih Plus, EconLit, DOAJ, and others/SJR Rating: 0.136]
- Korkut, H. & [Preljević, H.](#) (2017). **NATO's New Energy Security Role in Azerbaijan: Balancing the Interest between West and Russia.** *Marmara University Journal of Political Science/Marmara Üniversitesi Siyasal Bilimler Dergisi*, 5(2): pp. 169-192. ISSN: 2147-6934 (Print) 2147-6926 (Online). DOI: 10.14782/sbd.2017.71. [Indexed and Abstracted in: EBSCO, ULRICH Global Serials Directory and others]
- [Preljević, H.](#) (2017). **The Role of the Islamic Community in Peacebuilding in post-War Bosnia and Herzegovina: Case Study East Bosnia.** *Insight Turkey*, 19(3): pp. 207-230. ISSN: 1302-177X. DOI: 10.25253/99.2017193.12. [Indexed and Abstracted in: WoS – Scopus, EBSCO, IPSA, Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI), and others/SJR Rating: 0.269]

Mustafić, A. & [Preljević, H.](#) (2017). **Sino-Russian Relations in Central Asia since the End of the Cold War: Interaction, Cooperation and Challenges.** *Epiphany: Journal of Transdisciplinary Studies*, 10(1): pp. 56-71. ISSN: 2303-6850 (Print) 1840-3719 (Online). DIO: 10.21533/epiphany.v10i1.258. [Indexed and Abstracted in: EBSCO, ERIH-PLUS, DOAJ, CEEOL, and others]

**Refereed conference papers** Plenta, P. & [Preljević, H.](#) (2016). **Challenges of the Integration Process of Bosnia and Herzegovina towards the NATO Membership.** *Proceedings of the Second Sarajevo International Conference*, Bosnia and Herzegovina, pp. 530-554. ISBN 978-9958-27-302-5.

**Analyses, studies and reports** Mulaosmanović, A., Karić, M., Knezović, E., Kulanić, A., [Preljević, H.](#), & Mustafić, A. (2018). **Bosna i Hercegovina i Berlinski proces: Analiza stanja ključnih procesa u BiH pred Londonsku konferenciju 2018 [Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Berlin Process: Analysis of Key Processes in BiH prior to the London Conference in 2018].** Sarajevo: Balkan Studies Center (BSC), International University of Sarajevo, pp. 1-80. ISBN 978-9958-896-36-1.

**Book chapters** Korkut, H., Faris, E. M., & [Preljević, H.](#) (2022). The Western Balkans: The Interplay Between Energy and Politics. In *International Energy Policies* (Ed. Derman, G. S.), Cambridge Scholars Publishing (ISBN: 1-5275-8560-3; ISBN13: 978-1-5275-8560-7), pp. 160-179.

**Book Reviews** [Preljević, H.](#) (2020). Review of **Trust in the European Union in Challenging Times**, Bakardžieva Engelbrekt, A., Bremberg, N., Michalski, A., Oxelheim, L. (Eds.), Palgrave Macmillan (Interdisciplinary European Studies), 2020, *Insight Turkey*, 22(1): pp. 297-299. ISSN: 1302-177X (Print).

[Preljević, H.](#) (2019). Review of **The EU's Policy on the Integration of Migrants: A Case of Soft-Europeanization?**, Pierre Georges Van Wolleghem, Palgrave Macmillan (Palgrave Studies in European Union Politics), 2019, *Croatian International Relations Review*, 25(85): pp. 117-121. ISSN: 1331-1182 (Print) 1848-5782 (Online).

[Preljević, H.](#) (2018). Review of **The End of Europe: Dictators, Demagogues, and the Coming Dark Age**, James Karthick, Yale University Press, 2017, *Croatian International Relations Review*, 24(83): pp. 129-132. ISSN: 1331-1182 (Print) 1848-5782 (Online).

[Preljević, H.](#) (2018). Review of **Solidarity in the European Union**, Andreas Grimm and Susanne My Giang (eds.), Springer International Publishing, 2017, *Insight Turkey*, 20(3): pp. 297-299. ISSN: 1302-177X (Print).

[Preljević, H.](#) (2017). Review of **Bosnia and the destruction of cultural heritage**, edited by Helen Walasek, with contributions by Richard Carlton, Amra Hadžimuhamedović, Valery Perry, and Tina Wik, London, Routledge, 2015, *European Journal of Cultural and Political Sociology* (Taylor and Francis Group/Routledge), 4(3): pp. 373-375. ISSN: 2325-4823 (Print) 2325-4815 (Online). DIO: 10.1080/23254823.2017.1331963.

[Preljević, H.](#) (2017). Review of **The Euro: How a Common Currency Threatens the Future of Europe**, Joseph E. Stiglitz, W. W. Norton & Company, 2016, *Global Policy Journal* (Durham University and John Wiley & Sons Ltd), Comment & Opinion. Available at: <http://www.globalpolicyjournal.com/blog/18/07/2017/book-review-euro-how-common-currency-threatens-future-europe>.

[Preljević, H.](#) (2017). Review of **A Concise History of Bosnia**, by Cathie Carmichael, Cambridge University Press, 2015, *Insight Turkey*, 19(1): pp. 228-231. ISSN: 1302-177X.

[Preljević, H.](#) (2015). Review of **Islam and the Arab Awakening**, by Tariq Ramadan, Oxford University Press, 2012, *Context: Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies*, 2(2): pp. 145-150.

**PERSONAL SKILLS**

**Mother tongue(s)** Bosnian

<b>Other language(s)</b>	<b>UNDERSTANDING</b>		<b>SPEAKING</b>		<b>WRITING</b>
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
<b>English</b>	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user - B1 and B2: Independent user - C1 and C2: Proficient user  
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

**Note:** Mr. Preljević completed his B.A. and M.A. degrees at an institution which fully uses English language as the language of instructions.

**Digital competence**

<b>SELF-ASSESSMENT</b>				
Information processing	Communication	Content creation	Safety	Problem solving
Independent user	Proficient user	Proficient user	Proficient user	Independent user

Digital competences - Self-assessment grid

- Ability to use the main features of the operating system (OS) including adjusting the computer settings, selecting safe mode with networking, using the help options, and the ability to recover the PC quickly after a failure
- Independent work in Microsoft Office (including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, as well as other applications)
- Multi-database search capability
- Information processing and communication (inside and outside the organization)
- Using computer literacy for the support in the process of lecturing and developing different models of innovation and creativity in lectures/tutorials

**Computer Skills Certificate** [basic computer self-solving skills; operating system - Windows; input, editing and formatting texts - Word; calculate multiple results by using a data table - Excel; create manage and design presentations - PowerPoint; E-mail; Internet; and others], *Centar za poslovnu edukaciju/Center for Business Education* (Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina), obtained on 30 July 2018.

**Social skills and competences** Ability to manage and work with cross-functional, multi-cultural, and international teams.

**Driving license** B

Dr. Hamza Preljević holds the position of Senior Assistant since October 2016 at the **Department of Political Science and International Relations (PSIR)** at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS). Furthermore, he serves as the Coordinator of the **Balkan Studies Center (BSC)**, assuming this role since September 2023. In May 2023, he successfully defended his doctoral dissertation, titled *"The EU's Transformative Power through a Strategy of Conditionality and Europeanization in a Contested State: Bosnia and Herzegovina (2015-2022)"*, earning his Ph.D. in International Relations from the International University of Sarajevo (IUS).

Before his appointment as a Senior Assistant, he served as a demonstrator (scholarship assistant) between March 2015 and September 2016. From September 2019 to October 2021, Dr. Preljević held the role of Managing Editor at *Epiphany – Journal of Transdisciplinary Studies* – published by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS). Additionally, he held the role of Secretary of the Balkan Studies Center (BSC) from January 2018 to September 2023. Also, he contributed to various administrative duties and was actively involved in different committees and professional bodies within the Faculty and University.

Dr. Preljević has authored/co-authored multiple articles, book chapters, and book reviews that have been published in reputable journals and by respected publishers. He has also actively participated in various nationally and internationally funded projects.

His research interests encompass a wide range of topics, including the politics of Bosnia and Herzegovina, issues of Bosnian Muslims, Western Balkan studies, EU integration, and security studies – with an active research focus on various aspects of transatlantic relations and NATO's relations with the Western Balkans.

He is married and a father of two.