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WORK EXPERIENCE

Full-time Professor

Ss Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, Faculty of Economics - Skopje [2007 – Current]

Associate Professor

Ss Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, Faculty of Economics - Skopje [2002 – 2007]

Assistant Professor

Ss Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, Faculty of Economics - Skopje [1998 – 2002]

Teaching and Research Assistant

Ss Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, Faculty of Economics - Skopje [1992 – 1998]

Teaching Assistant

Ss Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, Faculty of Economics - Skopje [1989 – 1992]

Commercial Officer

Makoteks - Skopje [1987 – 1989]

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Phd in Economics

Ss Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, Faculty of Economics - Skopje [10/1997]

MSc in Economics

Ss Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, Faculty of Economics - Skopje [07/1991]

Bachelor of Economics

Ss Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, Faculty of Economics - Skopje [09/1986]

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): Macedonian

Other language(s):

English

LISTENING C2 READING C2 WRITING C2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION C2 SPOKEN INTERACTION C2

German

LISTENING B2 READING B2 WRITING B2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION A2 SPOKEN INTERACTION A2

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

PUBLICATIONS

Makreska Disoska, E., Bjelic, P., Kikerkova, I., Toshevska Trpchevska, K., (2023), "How to Increase Trade in Southeast Europe by Applying Trade Facilitation Measures?", Proceedings from the Fourth International Conference "Economic and Business Trends Shaping the Future", organized by the Faculty of Economics, University Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Skopje, 9- 10.11.2023, pp. 266-276

Kikerkova, I., Toshevska-Trpchevska, K., & Kikerkov I. (2022), "Threats of Trade in Counterfeit Pharmaceutical Products". International Scientific Journal HORIZONS, Series A Social Sciences and Humanities, Volume 31, December 2022

Toshevska-Trpchevska, K., Kikerkova I., Makrevska Disoska E., Kocov Lj., (2022), "The Importance of Intellectual Property Law in the Prevention of Selling Counterfeit Products Online", поглавје во Counterfeiting and Fraud in Supply Chains, edited by Sanda Soucie and Almir Pestek, Emerald Publishing Limited, ISBN: 978-1-80117-6 (online); стр. 147-170

Toshevska-Trpchevska, K., Makreska Disoska, E. Kikerkova, I., & Tonovska, J. (2022). "Challenges for Western Balkan Countries Regional Integration: the Case of North Macedonia". European Scientific Journal, ESJ, 18(22), 23

Kikerkova I. Toshevska-Trpchevska, K. Disoska Makreska E. & Tonovska J. (2022), "Impact of Covid-19 pandemic on Macedonian trade in goods and services". Zbornik radova XI Naucna konferencija sa međunarodnim učešćem, Jahorinski poslovni forum 2022: Ekonomske lekcije iz kriza 2008. i 2020. godine: iskustva i preporuke za preduzetničke nacije, 24-25. marta 2022. godine. Ekonomski fakultet Pale, Univerzitet u Istočnom Sarajevu. pp. 179-190

Makrevska Disoska, E., Toshevska-Trpchevska, K., Kikerkova, I., Tonovska, J., (2021), "Estimating the Impact of EU Membership on United Kingdom's Export by Using Gravity Model", Bulgarian Journal of International Economics, Issue 1, 2021, pp.7-16

Kikerkova, I., Makrevska Disoska, E., Toshevska-Trpchevska, K., Tonovska, J., (2021), "Determinants of the Bilateral Trade Flows of North Macedonia – A Gravity Model Approach", DIEM: Dubrovnik International Economics Meeting, Vol. 6, No.1, 2021, pp. 98-107

Makrevska Disoska, E., Kikerkova, I., Toshevska-Trpchevska, K., (2020), "COVID-19 challenges for the EU extra and intra-regional trade", Proceedings from the First International Conference "Economic and Business Trends Shaping the Future", organized by the Faculty of Economics, University Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Skopje, 12- 13.11.2020, pp. 137-146

Mihajlov, M., Toshevska-Trpchevska, K., Kikerkova, I. (2019), "Towards the Application of Blockchain Technology for Improving Trade Facilitation in CEFTA 2006", Ekonomska misao i praksa, No.1, Sveuciliste u Dubrovniku, pp. 209-222

Toshevska-Trpchevska, K, Kikerkova I., Makrevska Disoska E., Naumovska E., (2019), "Analysis of the Impact of Economic Factors upon the FDI Inflow in SEE and CEE Countries", OPTIMUM Economic Studies, No. 4(98) (2019), Faculty of Economics and Management, University of Bialystok, pp. 3-15

Kocov, Lj., Kikerkova, I., Toshevska-Trpchevska, K., Makrevska Disoska, E., (2019), "Enhancing Regional Cooperation through Customs Digitalization in CEFTA- 2006", Proceedings of FEB Zagreb 10th International Odyssey Conference on Economics and Business, ISSN 2671-132X, Vol. 1, No. 1, Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Zagreb, Zagreb, 2019, pp. 208-216

Kikerkova, I., Toshevska-Trpchevska, K., Makrevska Disoska E., (2018), "CEFTA-2006 Towards Creation of a Regional Economic Area", XIV International Scientific Conference on Service sector INSCOSES, Book of abstracts, The "St. Kliment Ohridski" University – Bitola, Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality Ohrid, Ohrid

Kikerkova, I., Naumovska E., Toshevska-Trpchevska, K., Makrevska Disoska E., (2018), "Vector Error Correction Model on FDI and their Impact in the Republic of Macedonia", Zagreb International Review of Economics and Business, Vol. 21, No.2, Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Zagreb and De Gruyter Open, pp.19-35

Makrevska Disoska, E., Toshevska-Trpchevska, K., Kikerkova, I., Naumovska, E., (2018), "Panel data analysis of the impact of economic and institutional factors upon the FDI inflow in SEE countries", Review of Socio-Economic Perspectives 3(2): pp. 17-29

Toshevska-Trpchevska, K., Kikerkova I., Makrevska Disoska E., (2018), "A Trade Facilitation Agreement Tool to Facilitate and Secure Trade" поглавје во Trade Perspectives in the Context of Safety, Security, Privacy and Loyalty, edited by Sanda Renko and Blazenka Knezevic, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, ISBN-13: 978-1-5275-0841-5, ISBN-10: 1-5275-0841-2; стр. 159-197

Toshevska-Trpchevska, K., Kikerkova I., Makrevska Disoska E., (2017) Sustainable Waste Management Practices: Challenges in the Republic of Macedonia" поглавје во Green Economy in the Western Balkans: Towards a Sustainable Future, edited by Sanda Renko and Almir Pestek, Emerald Publishing Limited, ISBN: 9781787145009.

Kikerkova, I., (2017), Success or failure of the implemented strategy on attracting foreign capital in the form of FDI in the Republic of Macedonia." Economic thought and practice, No. 2, Zagreb, pp. 937-952.

Davitkovski, B., Kikerkova, I., Drakulevski, Lj. (2017), "Current reforms in professional development through training of the public administration in the Republic of Macedonia." РАНХИГС, Северозападни институт управлениа, Управленческо консултирование, No. 8/2017, pp. 71-7

NETWORKS AND MEMBERSHIPS

[2009 – Current]

Head of the Regional Training Center of the World Customs Organisation at the Faculty of Economics - Skopje

[2011 – 2019]

Head of the Department of International Trade

[2021 – Current]

Member of the Management Board of the Economic Chamber of North Macedonia

[2021 – Current]

Member of the Assembly of the Economic Chamber of North Macedonia

[2018 – Current]

Member of the LSEE-CEFTA Academic Network

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

[07/12/2022 – 09/12/2022] Brussels (hybrid format)

XVII Annual PICARD Conference, World Customs Organization

[16/09/2022 – 17/09/2022] Ohrid

XVI International Scientific Conference on Service Sector – INSCOSSES 2022, "St. Kliment Ohridski" University of Bitola Presentation on the topic: *Threats of Trade in Counterfeit Pharmaceutical Products*

[23/05/2022 – 24/05/2022] Belgrade

13th SCF International conference "Contemporary Economic Policy and European Union Accession Process", Bandirma Onyedi Eylul University, University of Belgrade and ASECU Presentation on the topic: *The Impact of Trade Facilitation Indicators on Trade Between CEFTA- 2006 Countries*

[10/05/2022 – 11/05/2022] Tenerife

10th Mediterranean Interdisciplinary Forum for Social Sciences and Humanities – MIFS European Scientific Institute Presentation on the topic: *Challenges for Western Balkans Countries' Regional Integration Process*

[24/03/2022 – 25/03/2022] Sarajevo (on-line)

XI Naučna konferencija "Jahorinski poslovni forum 2022", University of Pale and University of East Sarajevo Presentation on the topic: *Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Macedonian Trade in Goods and Services*

[09/12/2021 – 10/12/2021] Brussels (on-line)

16th Annual PICARD Conference, Lessons learnt from the COVID-19 pandemic, World Customs Organization

[22/09/2021] On-line

3rd workshop of the LSEE-CEFTA Academic Network, LSEE Research on South Eastern Europe and CEFTA- 2006 Secretariat

[22/08/2021] Belgrade (on-line)

Okruglu sto na temu: Makroekonomska stabilnost i unapredjenje konkurentnosti zemlja Zapadnog Balkana, Departman za makroekonomiju Instituta ekonomskih nauka (IEN)

[02/07/2021 – 03/07/2021] Dubrovnik (on-line)

5th Dubrovnik International Economic Meeting DIEM 2021 "Global Challenges, Crisis Management and Sustainable Management", University of Dubrovnik Presentation on the topic: *Determinants of the bilateral trade flows of North Macedonia – a gravity model approach*

[04/06/2021] Sofia (on-line)

ASECU International Conference entitled: The EU after BREXIT Conference, UNWE Presentation on the topic: *Estimating the Impact of EU Membership on United Kingdom's Export by Using Gravity Model*

[17/12/2020] Jahorina (on-line)

CEFTA Week: CEFTA in Pandemics – Achievements and Challenges, CEFTA-2006 Secretariat

[24/11/2020 – 26/11/2020] Brussels (on-line)

15th Annual PICARD Conference: Lessons learned regarding Customs' response and role in supply chain continuity during the COVID-19 pandemic, World Customs Organization

[12/11/2020 – 13/11/2020] Skopje (on-line)

First international scientific conference: Economic and Business Trends Shaping the Future, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, Faculty of Economics – Skopje Presentation on the topic: *COVID-19 challenges for EU extra and intra-regional trade*

[11/11/2020 – 13/11/2020] Brussels (on-line)

2020 WCO TECH-CON, World Customs Organization

[21/10/2019 – 23/10/2019] Skopje

XIV Annual PICARD Conference, World Customs Organization : Smart Borders for Seamless Trade, Travel and Transport Presentation on the topic: *Increased Protectionism of Non-Trade Barriers in CEFTA-2006 Customs Digital Integration in CEFTA-2006*

[13/09/2019 – 14/09/2019] Skopje

2nd LSEE-CEFTA Academic Network, Cefta AFTER Posnan – Commercial and Institutional Issues, LSEE Research on South Eastern Europe and the CEFTA-2006 Secretariat Presentation on the topic: *Increased Protectionism in CEFTA-2006*

[23/05/2019] Budapest

5th International Scientific Conference on Knowledge Based Sustainable Development – ERAZ 2019 Presentation on the topic: *Comparison of the old and the new policy on supporting investment in the RN of Macedonia*

[13/05/2019 – 14/05/2019] Bialystok

International conference: Economy and society due to the challenges of XXI century, Faculty of Economics and Management, University of Bialystok. Presentation on the topic: *Analysis of the Impact of Economic Factors upon the FDI Inflow in SEE and CEE Countries*

[12/11/2018 – 16/11/2018] Rome

9th RSEP International Social Sciences Conference Presentation on the topic: *Panel Data Analysis of the Impact of Economic and Institutional Factors Upon the FDI Inflow in SEE Countries*

[25/10/2018 – 27/10/2018] Dubrovnik

2nd International Conference - Smart Ideas and a New Concept of Economic Regeneration in Europe, University of Dubrovnik Presentation on the topic: *Towards the Application of Block Chain Technology for Trade Facilitation in CEFTA 2006*

[14/09/2018 – 15/09/2018] Ohrid

XIV International Scientific Conference on Service Sector – INSCOSES 2018, “St. Kliment Ohridski” University of Bitola Presentation on the topic: *CEFTA-2006 towards creation of a regional economic area*

[29/06/2018 – 30/06/2018] Belgrade

The First LSEE-CEFTA Academic Network on: Enhancing Research on Trade in the CEFTA Region, LSEE Research on South Eastern Europe and the CEFTA-2006 Secretariat Presentation on the topic: *The challenge of establishing E-customs within CEFTA-2006 – the case of the Republic of Macedonia*

[17/11/2017 – 18/11/2017] Skopje

Silver Jubilee Conference of the 25th Anniversary of the MBA Management Master Studies, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, Faculty of Economics – Skopje Presentation on the topic: *Managing Changes in the Customs Administration of the Republic of Macedonia based on E-Trade Facilitation Measures*

[19/06/2017 – 20/06/2017] St. Petersburg

International Scientific Forum: State Administration Presentation on the topic: *Current reforms in professional development through training of the public administration in the Republic of Macedonia*

[24/05/2017 – 26/05/2017] Briuni

2nd Business and Entrepreneurial Conference, Faculty of Economics and Business from Zagreb, Presentation on the topic: *Vector error correction model on FDI and their impact in the Republic of Macedonia*

[27/01/2016 – 30/01/2016] Baku

International Theoretical and Practical Conference on Economic Security: Aspects of Trade Facilitation and Security, the State University of Economics of the Republic of Azerbaijan & the State Customs Committee of Azerbaijan Presentation of monograph: *Time Release Comparative Study*