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ABOUT ME

Political affairs professional specializing in constitutional governance, democratic resilience, and post-conflict institutional reform in Southeast Europe. Over a decade of experience analyzing power-sharing systems, legislative processes, and executive and legislative relations in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Combines field-based political analysis with policy research and conference engagement on constitutional functionality, institutional capture, and rule-of-law implementation.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) - Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina – Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Link <https://gettracker.netlify.app/>

Political Officer at the Office of the Head of Mission

[01/2024 – Current]

Provides the Head of Mission and senior leadership with strategic analysis and advice on political, constitutional, and rule-of-law developments affecting peace and democratic stability in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Produces early-warning assessments and policy recommendations on institutional risks, power-sharing disputes, and threats to the Dayton peace framework. Engages government and parliamentary officials, civil society, and international partners to strengthen conflict prevention, inclusive dialogue, and institutional resilience.

Forbes Bosnia and Herzegovina/N1 – Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Website: <https://forbes.n1info.ba/author/lejla-nuhanovic/>

Business Journalist

[08/2023 – 01/2024]

Covered economic, financial, and political developments across Southeast Europe, with a focus on regional stability and market trends. Conducted interviews with business and policy leaders and produced analytical reporting for a broad readership. Led editorial coordination and website management using WordPress, shaping digital content, layout, and the platform's editorial tone and identity.

Federal News Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina – Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Website: <https://www.fena.ba/article/1523134/yushchenko-if-ukraine-doesnt-stop-russia-now-you-are-next-video>

Link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GgNm1FofAOk>

International Affairs Journalist & Video Editor

[07/2011 – 07/2023]

Covered political, economic, and international developments in the Western Balkans. Independently produced video reports, handling filming, editing, writing, and publication. Reported from high-level events, conducted interviews with diplomats and experts, and translated complex policy issues into clear, accessible reporting under tight deadlines, maintaining accuracy in a challenging information environment.

FELLOWSHIPS & LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

[08/2026 – 09/2026]

Regional Academy on Dialogue and Culture of Cooperation, Western Balkans Fund - Selected Fellow

Selected through a competitive regional call for the inaugural, fully funded Academy, bringing together emerging leaders from across the WB6. The program combines expert mentoring with an intensive residential work in Tirana, culminating in a policy brief, regional project proposal, and final presentation. Core themes include peacebuilding, conflict-sensitive dialogue, democratic resilience, regional cooperation, human rights, and strategic leadership.

[04/2026 – 06/2026]

Echoes of Democracy Political School, Presidential Center Stevo Pendarovski

Selected participant at a regional political leadership program focused on democratic resilience, democratic backsliding, EU integration, and regional cooperation in the Western Balkans.

Link: <https://pendarovskicenter.mk/cohort-2026/>

[09/2025 – 12/2025]

Millennium Leadership Intensive Fellow, Atlantic Council

Participated in a three-month hybrid fellowship combining leadership training with a study tour to the UAE and Israel/Palestine. Engaged with senior politicians and policymakers and examined regional cooperation frameworks, including the Abraham Accords, gaining first-hand insight into the Israeli-Palestinian context.

Link: <https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/expert/lejla-nuhanovic/>

[02/2025 – 12/2025]

Marshall Memorial Fellowship, German Marshall Fund of the United States

Selected as one of 24 European leaders for the German Marshall Fund's Marshall Memorial Fellowship, a flagship program focused on U.S.-EU relations, foreign and security policy, democratic resilience, and strategic leadership. Engages in high-level dialogues with policymakers, civil society, and private sector actors across the United States, examining challenges related to NATO cooperation, multilateral governance, and democratic resilience.

Link: <https://www.gmfus.org/gmf-announces-2025-marshall-memorial-fellowship-cohort>

[02/2023 – 12/2023]

McCain Global Leaders, McCain Institute

Awarded the McCain Global Leaders Fellowship, a 10-month program led by the McCain Institute at Arizona State University. Selected from over 1,300 applicants in 2023 as part of a cohort of 28 fellows, and participated in leadership training and in-person convenings in the U.S., Poland, and Vietnam, engaging with senior policymakers and global leaders.

Link: <https://www.mccaininstitute.org/programs/leadership-programs/mccain-global-leaders/ngl/lejla-nuhanovic/>

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Jean Monnet Intensive Summer School – Participation, Lobbying and Transparency in EU Institutions (PLAT.EU) Diploma University of Rome *Unitelma Sapienza/School of Advanced Studies on Cultures, Politics and Democracy* [07/2026]

City: Rome | Country: Italy | Website: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zjeAPQ7TVh-BNDL6oAqbnMMBWglMUbhV/view?usp=sharing> | Field(s) of study: EU decision-making, lobbying regulation, ethics, and anti-corruption mechanisms

Certificate of Attendance

CRDF Global/U.S. State Department [02/2026]

City: Sarajevo | Country: Bosnia and Herzegovina | Website: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/11xoT1KDa0m-BnMurceTYWOzb6cC2pLR1/view?usp=sharing> | Field(s) of study: Strengthening Regulatory Compliance and Risk Mitigation in the Operational Framework of Private Security Companies in the Western Balkans

Visegrad Summer School - Certificate of Participation

Villa Decius [06/2025 – 07/2025]

City: Krakow | Country: Poland | Website: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1X7Vc_Mnv4G_X5EMf7_QXHWcntQojPLP/view?usp=sharing | Field(s) of study: EU Enlargement

Certificate of Participation in Security Governance Training

OSCE Mission Headquarters, Vienna, Austria [04/2024]

City: Sarajevo | Country: Bosnia and Herzegovina | Website: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BpVCyUWgRYPACclZwwOE45JRBhFF2Uu/view?usp=sharing>

MA in English language and literature

University of Sarajevo – Faculty of Philosophy [10/2012 – 10/2014]

Country: Bosnia and Herzegovina

BA in English language and literature

[10/2008 – 09/2012]

Country: Bosnia and Herzegovina

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

[26/10/2026 – 28/10/2026] Marine Etablissement Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Future of War Accepted presenter with the paper "Frozen Peace, Eroding Order: Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Future of Conflict on Europe's Periphery." The paper analyzes Bosnia as a case study in frozen peace, institutional erosion, and emerging conflict dynamics.

Link: <https://futureofwarconference.com/programme-2026/>

[26/02/2026] Libertas University, Zagreb, Croatia

From War to Peace: Our Responsibility Today for Sustainable Peace Delivered an invited lecture titled "From Moral Aspiration to Legal Architecture: Making Peace Durable" at Libertas University in Zagreb, Croatia, focusing on how peace agreements become constitutional structures and long-term power-sharing systems. Addressed the practical consequences of post-conflict constitutional design in Southeast Europe and its impact on institutional stability and democratic governance.

Link: <https://www.libertas.hr/novosti/odrzana-konferencija-from-war-to-peace-our-responsibility-today-for-sustainable-peace/>

[25/10/2025 – 26/10/2025] Belgrade, Serbia

19th Annual Conference of the Serbian Political Science Association (SPSA) - Institutions as Battlegrounds: State Capture, Resistance and Academic Freedom under Siege Presented the paper "Institutional Capture without the Coup: Bosnia and the Illusion of Democratic Procedure" at a major regional political science conference, analyzing how elites in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia exploit legal ambiguity and procedural manipulation to consolidate power while maintaining the appearance of democracy.

Link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1m7kAuBmQ6wz8Os9oj2BulMcrg0unLS4S/view?usp=sharing>

[17/06/2025] College of Europe – Natolin Campus, Warsaw, Poland

The Climate Crisis: A Multifaceted Security Paradigm Presented the policy paper "Pipeline Politics: The Southern Gas Interconnection as a Driver of Energy Security, Climate Resilience, and Regional Stability in the Western Balkans" at a conference on the security dimensions of the climate crisis, focusing on energy sovereignty and environmental governance.

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MQTvITCVBsw&t=2465s>

SKILLS

Adobe (Adobe Photoshop, Adobe InDesign, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe AfterEffects, Adobe XD) / Content creation in Moodle and Wordpress / WordPress and Wix / conflict management / Peacebuilding / Early Warning / Political Risk Analysis / Inclusive Dialogue and Cross-Cultural Engagement / Constitutional Reform and Power-Sharing Analysis

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian

Other language(s):

English

LISTENING C2 READING C2 WRITING C2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION C2 SPOKEN INTERACTION C2

German

LISTENING B2 READING B2 WRITING B1

SPOKEN PRODUCTION B1 SPOKEN INTERACTION B1

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