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## IN SHORT...

Graduated from the University of World and National Economy in Sofia, Bulgaria, International Relations with a specialization in Balkan countries. She obtained her M.A. in Democracy and Human Rights in SEE from the University of Sarajevo and University of Bologna and an MSc in Social Research, Political Science track, from the Free University in Amsterdam. She has lectured at different post-graduate programs and courses at Center for Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Studies of the University of Sarajevo and worked as an academic tutor for the MA in Democracy and Human Rights in South East Europe. She was one of the founders and Creative Director of the Human Rights Film Festival Pravo Ljudski in Sarajevo. Her research interests include ethnicity, nationalism and theories of identity and Europeanization, and has a special interest in socially engaged creative documentary film.

## EDUCATION

### MSc in Social Research, Track: Political Science

Faculty of Social Sciences, Vrije Universiteit (VU), Amsterdam, Netherlands

September 2006 - April 2009

### MA in Human Rights and Democracy in South-East Europe

Joint Degree University of Sarajevo/University of Bologna

November 2002 - November 2003

### BA in International Relations / Specialization: Balkan Countries

University of National and World Economy, Sofia, Bulgaria

September 1997 - April 2002

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Studiorum

Program Director of New Media and Society

November 2012 - present

### Human Rights Film Festival Pravo Ljudski

Creative Director

March 2006 - November 2012

### Summer Semester on State Building and Human Rights in Southern Balkans

June-July 2008 - June-July 2010

## PUBLICATIONS

### Policy papers + briefs:

Effective Political Participation of Small(er) ethnic communities if local self-governance in Macedonia: Policy Implications and Policy Recommendations. Skopje: Studiorum, 2011. *(co-author)*

### Academic:

Do Macedonians feel European? Study of the Process of European Identity Formation and Its Predictors in Macedonia. *Journal for European Issues Eurodialogue*, 12, 2009: 147-167.

EU Integrations of Macedonia: The Human Rights Perspective and the Role of the Civil Society. in Ivandic, S. and A. Vezic (eds.) *Yearbook of the BHRN 2006: EU Accession and Human Rights – Consequences, Tendencies and the Role of Civil Society*. Balkan Human Rights Network, 2006.

New Wine in Old Bottles, Consociational Democracy: Comparative Analysis of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia and Kosovo. in *International Yearbook of Regional Human Rights Master's Programmes 2006*. Center for Human Rights. South Africa, Cape Town: ABC Press.

*Manual on Methodology and Academic Writing Skills*. Center for Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Studies of the University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo: 2005. *(co-author)*

### Other (contributions, etc.)

*Peer – reviewer*: Kotevska, Biljana. 2011. Effective Political Participation of the Small(er) Ethnic Communities in Local Self-Government in the republic of Macedonia: The Impact of the Ohrid Framework Agreement. CRPRC Studiorum, Skopje.

## REFERENCES

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