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"THE GOAL IS NOT TO CREATE PEOPLE WHO WILL COMPETE  
BUT TO CREATE PEOPLE WHO WILL COLLABORATE.

THE GOAL IS NOT TO TEACH PEOPLE HOW TO MEMORISE,  
BUT HOW TO USE DATA AND INFORMATION.

THE SOCIAL CAPITAL CREATED THROUGH NETWORKING,  
CLOSENESS, AND EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCES HAS MUCH  
MORE VALUE."

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REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA  
DR. GJORGE IVANOV



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ALLIANCE OF CHALLENGES



IVANOV SCHOOL OF LEADERS  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



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## PRESIDENT IVANOV'S SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LEADERS

The International Training for Young Leaders which is held for 14 years under the auspices of Prof. Dr. Gjorge Ivanov, President of the Republic of Macedonia 2009-2019, has grown into a recognizable and established brand, School for Young Leaders of President Ivanov.

The School for Young Leaders is a project of the President of the Republic of Macedonia 2009-2019, Prof. Dr. Gjorge Ivanov, primarily initiated in his first electoral program in 2009, following his idea and vision to enable the young, talented and ambitious people from Macedonia to upgrade and improve their skills, to develop their creativity and managerial capacities. The School has been traditionally organized since 2010.

So far, in the previous eleven Schools, more than 500 young people from Macedonia and abroad have participated, with a different academic and professional focus but similar achievements and ambitions. The previous 13 generations of participants followed lectures of over 300 renowned lecturers from around the world.

The project is primarily funded by the private sector.

In 2018, the School for Young Leaders of President Ivanov was recognized as the Best Socially Responsible Project in Europe for 2017 by the World Forum of Business Angels.



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## PRESIDENT IVANOV'S SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LEADERS

The mission of the School is to stimulate positive values among young leaders and future political, cultural, and economic leaders of our country and develop their capacity to meet the challenges of global technology, international competition, and cultural and religious diversification.

The program is intended for young people with higher education, under the age of 35, graduates, and young professionals. Through lectures, simulations, real examples, illustrations practical exercises and training, the students are given the opportunity to become familiar with the practices of true leadership.

The vision of the School for Young Leaders, as a training center with high standards and responsibility for the integration of the modern political, scientific and technological knowledge and skills, is to establish a new model in the leaders' education and advancement of their personal and leadership skills in their living and working environments.

The Cabinet of former President Ivanov is organizing the School for Young Leaders together with the Ivanov School for Leaders - Alumni Association (ISLAA) and the International Center Alliance of Civilizations.





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Ivanov School of Leaders - Alumni Association (ISLAA) is an organization that maintains long-term relations with existing and future members, provides support to its members, and is a dedicated partner of the School for Young Leaders organized under the auspices of the President of the Republic of Macedonia (2009-2019), Dr. Gjorge Ivanov.

ISLAA's vision is to establish itself as a strongly interconnected Alumni Association by creating an influential leadership entity. Its main aims include maintaining long-term and productive relations among alumni members; promoting the fundamental values of leadership through its actions; and promoting the spirit of leadership in the communities where alumni members live and work.

ISLAA is fully devoted to fulfilling its vision, mission and statute, by implementing innovative initiatives, and alumni members bear moral and collective responsibility to support ISLAA's activities and abide by the universal principles of solidarity, equality and mutual respect. The members of the organization are constantly involved in a number of processes that aim to help and facilitate the process of generating solutions to overcome the current challenges in a number of areas and improving the overall infrastructure. This is reflected through the numerous trainings, seminars and conferences organized by ISLAA in cooperation with state bodies and institutions in order to improve the current situation in the country through mutual cooperation and mutual support.

ISLAA's activities are wide-ranging and in line with the School of Leaders' vision to promote and stimulate leadership in all segments of society and ensure progress through interdisciplinary action.

ISLAA fulfils its goals through activities such as collaborative projects, panel discussions, debates, roundtables, co-operation with private and public organizations, embassies, citizens' associations, alumni organizations, universities, etc.

We are leaders who are heading in the direction of offering new solutions, new visions and new views in this fast-paced world. Together, we are working on creative and innovative projects that include activities to improve the economic climate in the country, eliminate bureaucratic obstacles and barriers, social and economical development. This is helpful not only for Macedonia, but also for the region, helpful for the whole planet as well, because we live in a world in which the global has really become local. You can expect from us to be valuable, to be fulfilling, but always ethically predetermined. In each of our decisions there is a perception of the consequence of that decision, and the knowledge we acquire we endeavor to stay and be every time in our thoughts and a few steps ahead of the others, to think each time from the aspect of the future and to perceive all the consequences of our decisions that we must make, to be aware of all that has been transferred to us, what we need to preserve and transmit to the next generations.





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The INTERNATIONAL CENTER ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS – ICAC is a foundation dedicated to fostering respect and tolerance among people, embracing the diversity of their beliefs, personalities, and languages.

Its core mission is to counteract harmful divisions, polarization, and extremism prevalent within societies and among them.

The ICAC pursues its objectives through a three-fold approach:

- Firstly, it strives to bring together a diverse group of actors in inclusive and respectful dialogues, fostering joint action to enhance peace and progress. By creating a space for open conversations and collaboration, the ICAC seeks to bridge the gaps that often separate different communities.
- Secondly, the ICAC is committed to developing a range of tools and platforms for sustainable conflict management and reconciliation. By addressing conflicts and promoting reconciliation, the organization aims to create a more harmonious world where differences are understood and resolved peacefully.
- Thirdly, the ICAC actively contributes to the broader global mission of organizations like the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) and other institutions, promoting understanding and harmony among nations. By aligning its efforts with these global initiatives, the ICAC seeks to create a more cohesive and interconnected world.

The work of the ICAC extends beyond mere contemplation and theorizing; it operates as a “do-tank,” engaging in practical actions rather than being limited to a “think-tank” that only generates ideas. As a result, the ICAC serves as a crucial meeting point for state leaders, religious figures, politicians, civil society representatives, academics, and media professionals on both regional and global scales.

While the ICAC has a broad focus, its primary geographic attention centers on the Balkans, drawing upon comparative research with the Middle East and the Caucasus. These three regions have historically been subject to competing geopolitical interests of both major global powers and regional players.

By addressing and understanding the complexities of these regions, the ICAC aims to contribute meaningfully to promoting peace, understanding, and unity in a world often fragmented by historical conflicts and divisions.





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# **PARTICIPANTS**

In Alphabetical Order



**NINA  
ACHERAIOU**



Nina Acheraiou is a dynamic professional with a robust educational background, unwavering commitment to global challenges, and a diverse linguistic skill set. She earned her master's degree in Diplomacy in Economics, Business, and Culture in Germany, gaining invaluable insights into addressing complex global issues. Her educational journey began with a Foundation degree in Global Business at Oxford Business College in England followed by Bachelor's degree in Business Management from Coventry University in the United Kingdom. These experiences, covering different locations, enriched her global perspective.

Currently serving as a Partnership Coordinator at UNSA Vienna since October 2022, Nina excels in developing partnerships, managing contracts, and optimizing partnership performance, particularly for the UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Vienna.

Nina's dedication extends beyond her professional roles, as she actively engages in projects related to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), artificial intelligence (AI), and women's rights. Her multilingual proficiency in Arabic, French, English, and German, along with her bilingual fluency in Tamazight, reflects her commitment to fostering understanding in a multicultural world and preserving her cultural heritage.

Nina Acheraiou's unique combination of education, linguistic versatility, and project involvement positions her as a dedicated and impactful global contributor, poised to make a significant difference in addressing pressing global issues.



## ADEDAPO ADEDIRAN



My Name is Adediran Adedapo,. I graduated with a master's degree in International relational and cultural diplomacy from Hochschule Furtwangen, Germany and also a Bachelor's degree in public admission in Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria.

I am currently a founder and business development for Deexpress Logistics GmbH Berlin.

Highly driven professional with experience raising awareness for products and services through campaigns, online marketing and PR activities. Expertise in initiating and overseeing, marketing campaigns, sales, and communication.



## AHMED ALAGHIL



Ahmed Alaghil - graduated with Double Major Bachelor in Economics & Political Science from The University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia. He furthered his education in Germany, obtaining a Master's Degree in International Economics, Business, and Cultural Diplomacy from Hochschule Furtwangen University.

During his undergraduate years, Ahmed commenced his career as a research intern at NewVote.org.

His internship focused on analysing the factors contributing to low political participation among young Australians in Queensland. After relocating to Germany, Ahmed gained valuable experience working for multinational corporations like Amazon and Enterprise. He also completed a Praktikum at the Institute for Cultural Diplomacy, engaging in projects with foreign embassies, the German Parliament - Bundestag, the European Commission, and The Arab Culture House. Currently, Ahmed holds the position of Internal Auditor Intern at Clearstream Banking Luxembourg - Deutsche Börse.

With a rich cultural background spanning Yemen, the United Kingdom, Egypt, Australia, Germany, and Luxembourg, Ahmed embodies an open-minded, enthusiastic approach to intercultural collaboration, emphasising the importance of science, critical thinking, and networking for effective idea exchange.



**EZGI  
AMET**



Ezgi Ahmet was born in Skopje, Macedonia in 1988. He started his primary school education at Lazo Trpovski primary school and finished at Tefeyyüz primary school. He completed his High school education at Josip Broz Tito High School in Skopje. He graduated from Cyril and Methodij University, FZNH - Faculty for Agricultural Sciences and Food – Agroecology.

In 2013, he started his career at Halkbank, one of the most valuable companies in Macedonia. After working as a teller staff for two years, he was transferred to SME marketing department.

After gaining experience in the marketing department, he continued his career as a Corporate sales officer in the Main Branch.

In 2021, he was promoted to Branch Manager at Halkbank Taftalidze Branch.

I have a calm and cheerful character. I always like to learn new things and meet new people. I use my free time for travelling, watching documentaries and driving a motorcycle.



## MARIO ATANASOVSKI



Mario is from Skopje and holds a Bachelor's degree in medicine radiology technologist from SS Cyril and Methodius University. Over the past seven years, Mario has been employed at the telecommunications company A1 Macedonia, primarily focusing on sales. He has served as a sales expert advisor and currently holds the position of a team leader in the Telesales sector, overseeing a team of 18 agents.

Beyond his professional endeavours, Mario's interests lie in outdoor activities such as hiking and working out. He also cherishes spending quality time with his family and friends.

Mario is determined to further advance his career in telecommunications management and is committed to pushing the boundaries of excellence in this field. He has an ambition for successful leadership in management.



**MILAN  
BLAGOJEVIĆ**



Born in 1991 in Požarevac, Serbia, where he graduated from Požarevac Gymnasium in 2010. In 2015, he obtained a diploma in political science at the Faculty of Political Sciences of the University of Belgrade, where three years later he earned a master's degree in politics on the module "Public Administration, Local Self-Government and Public Policies". Since 2020, as a recipient of an OSCE doctoral scholarship, he has been enrolled as a student of doctoral academic studies in the "International and European Studies" program at his home faculty.

Currently employed at the Institute of Social Sciences in Belgrade, as a research trainee in the Center for political research and public opinion.

As a researcher by vocation and with academic interests primarily focused on the state's soft power, political ideologies, and Western Balkan relations, he is intellectually curious with a natural inclination for networking. Speaks fluent English and Russian conversationally.





## PRESTON CAMMACK



Preston Cammack is currently working toward a B.A. in Psychology with a minor in Finance at the University of Texas at Tyler.

Preston plans to continue his studies and earn an M.A. in Counseling, ultimately in pursuit of becoming a Licensed Professional Counselor. He has engaged and networked with employers and professionals in the field of counseling through functions like the Career Success Conference and Career Fair, both hosted by the University of Texas at Tyler.

Preston prioritizes honesty and thoughtfulness in every decision he makes. He is driven by a desire to learn and understand, especially for the people and personalities he regularly encounters. Preston cares deeply about personal health, including mental, emotional, spiritual, environmental, and physical health. Traits that Preston values and practices include benevolence, intelligence, kindness, compassion, and orderliness.



## OGUZHAN CEYLAN



Oğuzhan Ceylan is an accomplished individual with a robust educational foundation. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering from Istanbul Technical University and went on to complete a Master's degree in Project Management at Northwestern University. Currently, he is pursuing a Doctorate of Management at Gebze Technical University, demonstrating his commitment to lifelong learning and academic excellence.

Professionally, Oğuzhan has garnered extensive experience and leadership roles. He initiated the Turkish Trade Center Chicago, aiding Turkish companies in establishing a foothold in the United States. Additionally, he served as Project and Finance Manager for a significant construction project. Currently, he holds various managerial positions within his companies and serves as the General Manager of Güzeller Education Institutions, a testament to his dedication to business development and education.

Oğuzhan is characterized by his relentless drive for growth and excellence. His dynamic career trajectory and diverse skill set reflect his passion for learning and adaptability. He is known for his commitment to community involvement, as seen through his memberships in various organizations. Oğuzhan's professional journey continues to be marked by innovation and a relentless pursuit of success.



## KATHRYN CHAMBERLAIN



Kathryn “Kat” Chamberlain graduated with her Master of Arts degree in political science from The University of Texas at Tyler in August 2023. She graduated from UT Tyler with a Bachelor of Science in political science and history in 2022. She participated in the Graduate Archer Fellowship Program where she is now an ambassador to encourage other students to apply.

Kathryn has participated in Model United Nations for four years, an organization which fosters global collaboration. She conducted research at UT Tyler’s polling center, also training, and managing undergraduate assistants who specialize in audio/visual technical support. Chamberlain recently completed an internship at the Department of Energy where she conducted research and analyzed Congressional Reports for DOE specific initiatives.

Kathryn is a focused, hardworking individual who wants to further herself and her education. She is dedicated to public service, serving her community, and willing to work to achieve her goals.



## CYRIL VER CONSTANTINO



Cyril holds both Bachelor's (2011) and Master of Arts (2018) degrees in International Studies major in European Studies from the Philippines. He is currently pursuing his second MA degree in International Relations and Cultural Diplomacy in Berlin at the ICD Academy for Cultural Diplomacy.

For over a decade, he has worked with foreign cultural institutes and embassies in Manila. He has since gained practical knowledge of cultural diplomacy in action and the tools for public diplomacy, i.e. social media as digital diplomacy. He continues to be involved in cultural diplomacy with the Philippine Embassy in Berlin and in supporting the cultural events at the Academy.

He is naturally curious and loves to meet new friends and share great stories together. His energetic optimism motivates him to inspire others with kindness and a smile.



## DARKO DIMITRIJEVIC



Darko Dimitrijevic studied under the major of “Traffic Technician”, getting his high school diploma in 2007. Due to the nature of his studies there, he gained an overall sense of responsibility early on in his life, which would be beneficial in his future endeavors.

In 2018, Darko had the opportunity to start working in TAV Airports in Skopje as a Ground Handling Loader. His professional attitude, sense of responsibility and commitment to his job resulted in two promotions, his current position being a Ramp Handling Supervisor. His current position requires a great deal of responsibility, punctuality and promptness, all of which are his strong suits. Some of his daily job activities involve controlling ramp-cargo activities, supervising the loading & unloading of aircrafts, cooperating with flight operations agents, securing the entire equipment for ramp-cargo operations, and more.

In a work environment, people would describe me as professional, punctual and responsible, with a positive and understanding attitude towards others, always ready to lend a helping hand whenever it may be needed.



MILICA  
DIMOVA



Milica Aleksa Dimova was born in Valandovo, where she finished her high school education. She has a master's degree in legal sciences at the Faculty of Law "Iustinianus Primus" with a passed bar exam. In order to improve her knowledge she has participated in a number of seminars and trainings as well as a Legal Clinic for vulnerable groups, the Winter Academy for Human Rights of the Council of Europe and a Regional human rights competition.

After completing her studies, she volunteered at the Basic Criminal Court in Skopje, whereas her working career begins in a notary's office and then in a law office, at which she recognizes the diversity of the legal matter. Today she is employed at UNIKA AD Skopje, a lawyer in the legal department, where she performs her work engagements with full dedication. The dynamism of work is a daily challenge and satisfaction.

In her spare time, she devotes herself to activities at the Red Cross OO Valandovo and has implemented a large number of humanitarian projects for the benefit of the community.



## ANGELA GJORGJIEVA



Angela Gjorgjieva functions as an architect within Taktik Architecture. She achieved her Bachelor's degree in Architecture and is presently in the process of finalizing her Master's degree in the same discipline. Simultaneously, she holds a representative position for SHARE architects in her designated region, facilitating interactions and collaborations between stakeholders. Over the past four years, Gjorgjieva has engaged in diverse architectural projects, gaining practical experience and contributing to the profession. Her educational background combined with her hands-on experience has equipped her with a comprehensive understanding of the field. This knowledge is reflected in her contributions both at Taktik Architecture and in her capacity with SHARE architects.



## JACOB GRONINGA



Jacob is a member of the Honors College and a student of Political Science at the University of Texas at Tyler. He has focused specifically on international relations and political theory. This pursuit of knowledge and experience has led him to many places within the United States. He is honored and humbled that it brought him to the Ivanov School for Young Leaders.

Currently, Jacob's primary professional involvement comes through his school. He is proud to have represented UT Tyler through their Model United Nations Team at the NMUN conference in New York. He is also excited to be representing his school again at the NMUN conference in Erfurt, Germany, and the subsequent one in New York.

One of the qualities that Jacob has always striven to embody is reasonableness. Through humility, compassion, and understanding, Jacob endeavors to treat others justly and reach sound conclusions on difficult issues.





NAZRIN  
HASANLI



Nazrin Hasanli was born in Baku. In 2022, she graduated from the Azerbaijan State University of Economics with a degree in business administration. While studying in the university, Ms. Hasanli was an active participant in events held in her country, such as Formula 1 Azerbaijan Grand Prix, European Youth Olympic Festival and World Islamic Culinary Congress in 2019. From 2017 to 2021, Nazrin did an internship at Humanitarian Research Public Union (HRPU) as a financial assistant. She was also the participant and project assistant at different seminars and trainings organized by HRPU and its partners.

Nazrin Hasanli is a Secretariat Administrative Assistant at the Nizami Ganjavi International Center (NGIC) since December 2021. She is also a member and project assistant at the HRPU.

Nazrin is a responsible, reliable, positive and communicative person; she is extremely competent, well organized, accurate and she takes all adversity as an opportunity to learn.



## ALEKSANDRA ILIESKA



Aleksandra, a graduate student, holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from International Balkan University, where her achievements granted her the title of the Best Student in the institution's history. Currently pursuing a Master's Degree in International Politics, her academic journey reflects an unyielding dedication to excellence.

With an acute interest for national identity, the covert currents of globalization, encompassing illicit trade, and the impacts of recent technological advancements on daily life, Aleksandra possesses a profound comprehension of evolving global dynamics. Her adept debating skills earned recognition in national debate championships, showcasing her talent for articulating complex ideas persuasively.

Fluency in four languages has enriched Aleksandra's cross-cultural communication skills, while her expertise in analytical research, content and academic writing, and adept team leadership has matured over two years of professional experience.

Aleksandra embodies enthusiasm, self-motivation, reliability, responsibility, and creativity.



## ANASTASIJA ILIEVSKA



Anastasija is a journalist with a Bachelor's degree in political science, journalism and public relations. She graduated at the top of her class in 2013 as a scholarship holder at FON University. She completed her internship at the Slovenian embassy in Macedonia.

With her 10 years of experience in journalism, she is currently editor at Alfa TV. Anastasija is focused on investigative journalism. At the same time, she is using social media and digital journalism as tools to reach a wider audience.

Words are her tools and creativity is her strength. She believes that everything we do is a form of art and leaves a mark.



MILICA  
IVANOVA



Taking into consideration that she has graduated at the Turkish Police Academy, which is one of the highest disciplinary academies in the world with high pointed hierarchy and obedience of strict living rules, she developed her competencies for responsibility, commitment, and professionalism.

During her two years of professional experience in a police uniform, as head of a secure region in a police station, she faced extremely hard varied challenges. Serving and protecting the people, and maintaining the public security, made her very confident, strategic, organized, and team-working person, with huge responsibility for the good of the community. Her five years of experience for an international organization such as INTERPOL helped her integrate into the corporation of all countries at international level. Meanwhile, her current work at the Investigation Unit for Terrorism, Violent Extremism and Radicalism made her firm with preventing strategies.

Taking all of the above into consideration, she believe that by upgrading her knowledge, education and experience , in future she can quite proactively replicate her level of engagement and more in order to contribute to the safety and security at the international level by finding her place within OSCE, UN or other international organization.



## ALEKSANDAR JOSHEVSKI



Aleksandar Joshevski holds a Master of Science degree in business and economics from Lund University in Sweden. Throughout his educational career, he attended various economics courses, with marketing and brand management as major and focal points of his learning path.

In 2014, he started his professional career at Halkbank AD Skopje, as a banking services office in one of Skopje's branches, from where he moved to the Corporate branch, an organizational unit that has enabled him to gain immense marketing and sales experience from the ongoing cooperation with the largest legal entities. Three years later, Aleksandar joined the Corporate marketing department where he currently holds the position of head of the project finance unit responsible for identifying and assessing projects and their request for financing, sculpting the financing deals and overseeing the financing process and overall progress of the projects.

Aleksandar Joshevski is a professional with strong integrity and a hard-working team player who possesses the determination and creativity to tackle the challenges imposed by the dynamic environment.



## DANILO KRSTOVSKI



Danilo Krstovski is a full-time student of the postgraduate studies of Constitutional law and political system at the "Justinian First" Faculty of Law at UKIM, Skopje. He completed his undergraduate studies in the field of political science as one of the most successful students at the faculty and the university.

At the moment, he holds the position of president of the highest student body, the Faculty Student Assembly (FSS) of the faculty, with a previous experience of six months as acting president. Often in cooperation with the non-governmental sector in Macedonia, but never involved in the non-governmental sector. He actively follows the domestic political scene, as well as international relations, especially the political spectrum from the USA, the Balkans and the EU.

Passionate lover of history, philosophy, music and football. A great adventurer with frequent summer stays outside the country.



EMILIJA  
NACESKA



Internal business and goal oriented with a strong educational background; the individual possesses a Technical Science degree specializing in Computer Science.

Skilled in a wide array of computer software and hardware, she boasts an adept command of Microsoft Office applications and ERP systems SAP, Microsoft Dynamics Navision NAV, ect. Her commitment to technological advancements is evident through her fluency with computers, local networks, and internet tools.

Her experience further solidified their attributes of adaptability, quick learning, effective communication, and teamwork. Her personal qualities underscore her ambition, positivity, and goal-oriented nature, making them a dynamic individual who thrives on challenges and progression.

Her professional journey reflects her versatility, with roles changing within organization. First, she starts with basic work tasks which give it a great advantage in further development. SAP admin, planer for machines, production supervisor, deputy production manager and factory manager.



## KATERINA NIKOLOVSKA



Katerina Nikolovska graduated Faculty of Law – Macedonian and European Law system at St., Kliment Ohridski” University. After that, she finished her Master’s Studies at the Faculty of Law Justinian’s Primus - University “Ss. Cyril and Methodius”, with a focus on Civil Law.

Currently, she works in the Human resources sphere utilizing her Law degree with a focus on Labor Law, worker’s rights, and the relationship between employer and employee. She is passionate about her work and considers it one of the most important parts of the business.

She considers herself an experienced, hardworking, and ambitious person with a keen eye for trends and a passion for success. She has the technical skills to do admin work, but she also believes that she is a natural when it comes to dealing with people. In other words, she is a people person and she has been told that she is someone people trust and can rely on. She also wants to mention that she is a correct, loyal, and honest person. She is always driven by these values in her private and professional life.





**FROSINA  
NIKOLOVSKA  
PETRUSHEVSKA**



## Education

- High school – “SUGS Nikola Karev”
- University education - “Faculty of technology and metallurgy” - Graduate Engineer – Technologist for Food and Biotechnology

## Professional involvement

- Alkaloid AD Skopje - Profit center "Chemistry, Cosmetics and Botanicals"
- in the Botanicals team as a shift leader in production.

## Personal description

- kind and polite, honest, shy, friendly, emotional, optimistic
- hard-working, dedicated, ambitious, tolerant, goal – oriented, team-working



## SOFIA OUSLIS



Sofia Ouslis is a candidate for the Honours Bachelor of Arts with a Specialization in Political Science at the University of Western Ontario. Sofia is completing a thesis in her Faculty, using qualitative and quantitative analysis to bridge the gap between public and private institutions. Upon completion, Sofia will return to her studies and complete her doctorate in Political Science along with a professional degree to hone in on her technical skills. Sofia intends to utilize her education to develop industries in Macedonia and serve her homeland.

Sofia bridges the gap between public policy and the private sector. She views community development as a means to solve problems and connect with organizations that can positively impact individuals and families. Sofia has extensive experience in government relations and risk compliance, ensuring that groups are working in cohesion to solve current societal issues.

Sofia embodies and works to consistently live by the quote, “be personally happy, and publicly helpful.” Sofia finds the crucial nature of serving communities and improving life quality through public policy. Similar to epigenesists who focus on developing the lifespan of humans, Sofia plans to dedicate her life to improving the lifespan and making the lives of everyone worth living.



## JAKOV PAVLOVIC LATAS



Jakov Pavlovic Latas recently obtained a Masters in Finance from ISEG, Lisbon. Alongside his academic pursuits, he held the position of Vice President at the Lisbon Investment Society, managing an expansive Equity Research department with 70 analysts across 14 teams. Earlier in his career, Jakov P.L. was affiliated with Generali Investments as a Junior Associate, while completing his Bachelor's in Finance. He has successfully cleared the CFA Level 1 exam of the CFA Program and is committed to progressing through the program to attain the CFA charter. His expertise encompasses financial analysis, valuation, and data science. Presently, he applies his skills as a Senior Business Analyst at JW Player.



## BLAGORODNA PESHEVSKI



Blagorodna Peshevski is a dedicated and empathetic individual with a passion for active citizenship, human rights, and diplomacy. She was born and raised in Kriva Palanka, North Macedonia, and pursued her education at the Faculty of Law Iustinianus Primus, specializing in Political Studies.

During her academic journey, Blagorodna demonstrated a strong commitment to personal growth and learning. She completed numerous courses and training programs in the fields of active citizenship and human rights. Notably, she participated in the Mitrovica Winter University, focusing on Diplomacy, Negotiation, and Peace Building, led by Emanuela Del Re, professor at Sapienza University and current European Union Special Representative for Shael.

Blagorodna's career path led her to the NGO sector in North Macedonia and provided her with valuable international experience in Lithuania through European Union Programs. Presently, she plays a pivotal role as a local event coordinator and a reference person for Europe House Kriva Palanka, an organization founded by the Delegation of the European Union in Skopje.

Known for her bravery and curiosity, Blagorodna believes that our world is at a crucial juncture, where reevaluating established norms is essential for creating better societies. Her tireless efforts and dedication to fostering positive change make her a valuable asset in her field.



## KRISTINA POCKOVA



Kristina comes from the warm and lovely town of Gevgelija. In 2009 she graduated with honors at the Faculty of Philology in Skopje and obtained BA in Translation (English to Macedonian Language and vice versa). She is currently attending an Executive MBA program in Healthcare Management at City College, University of York.

Kristina currently works as a medical administrator at the U.S. government agency Peace Corps North Macedonia, supporting American citizens who come to volunteer in North Macedonia. She also works as a freelance translator and is a certified court translator.

Due to her inquisitive nature, Kristina loves to travel, explore new cultures, read autobiographies, as well as dive into psychology and history. She loves animals and considers dancing as a form of therapy. Kristina's future aspirations lean towards meaningful work, giving back to society, continuous education and working for an organization whose values mesh with hers.



## LJUPKA RISTOVA



Ljupka is an accomplished woman with a strong educational background. During her high school years, she was focused on mathematics, pursuing a mathematics major. She later earned a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Civil Engineering, which provided her with a solid foundation in engineering principles, coupled with her mathematical prowess.

In her current professional role, Ljupka has emerged as a notable figure in the field of civil engineering. With certification as a civil engineer for roads and railways, she excels in designing and overseeing the development of transportation infrastructure. Her expertise extends to road safety, as she is also a certified engineer for road safety audit and road safety inspection. Ljupka's commitment to safety and efficiency has positioned her as a trusted professional in the industry.

Guided by ambition and precision, Ljupka approaches her work with unwavering dedication. Her willingness to collaborate seamlessly with others is a testament to her professional character. Her precision and commitment to fairness are reflected in her work ethic. Beyond her professional pursuits, Ljupka is a cherished friend, known for her warmth and loyalty.



**BORIS  
RIZOVSKI**



Boris is a dedicated and accomplished individual with a strong background in political science and diplomacy. He holds a Master's degree in Political Science in Foreign Policy and Diplomacy from FON University Skopje, demonstrating his commitment to understanding global affairs.

Boris currently serves as an Ambassador at the European Democracy Youth Network (EDYN), where he actively contributes to fostering democratic values and youth engagement in our country. In addition to his diplomatic pursuits, he generously dedicates his time as a Volunteer at the Parliamentary Institute of the Assembly of the Republic of North Macedonia, further solidifying his commitment to public service and governance.

Boris is a bright and positive person. He is passionate about diplomacy, democracy, and civic engagement, and he is determined to make a meaningful impact in these areas. He believes in the power of dialogue, collaboration, and youth involvement in shaping a better future for his country and the European community as a whole.



## DAVID SALTAMARSKI



David Saltamarski was born in Skopje, Republic of Macedonia on 8 September 1994. He holds a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics from University Ss” Cyril and Methodius “in Skopje. David obtained a Master's degree in International Economics from the same university. During his studies, he made a study visit at Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic. In 2021 he started his Ph.D. in the field of International Business at the University St. Clement of Ohrid.

He started his professional career working on a project for the Japanese International Cooperation Agency as a project coordinator. In 2019, he was employed as an Economist at Tikvesh Vinery. After that, he is continuing his career as a teaching assistant at the Integrated Business Institute in Skopje. From February 2022 until April 2023, he attended a study and research visit at the University of Opole in Opole, Poland.





## BRITTANY SEHION



Brittany Sehion is a current student at the University of Texas at Tyler, majoring in Political Science and minoring in Pre-Law. She earned her Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts in 2021 and is set to earn her Bachelor's Degree this December. She plans to continue her education in law school to earn her Juris Doctor after interning at a local law firm.

In the fall of 2022 and spring of 2023, Sehion took courses for Model United Nations. In the second semester, Sehion, with fellow delegates, went to NYC for the 2023 Model United Nations Conference, where they received the Distinguished Delegation Award.

Sehion can be described as a simple but very hardworking individual. She wants to help people, build connections, and, most of all, improve the quality of life around her. When she has a goal in mind, she will do everything in her power to achieve that goal.



## ANA SHTERJOSKA- JANESKA



Ana Shterjoska-Janeska is an Export Manager at P.I. Vitaminka. Her main activities are: running orders/sales operations for the company's overseas clients, resolving any arising problems or complaints, establishing and maintaining business relationships with existing and potential clients, elaborating respective sales and marketing documentation required by the client: business proposals, presentations, contracts, official letters etc., participating in industry trade shows, sales meetings, and other activities as required to promote products, searching for potential clients, organizing and participating in business meetings and contracting.

Ana builds strong relationships with international customers and distributors through excellent communication skills, her customers are always her first priority. She consistently met or exceeded sales targets, resulting in a 10% increase in revenue over the past year.

Anas' hobbies are travelling, long walks, reading books, and watching movies.



## ALEKSANDRA STOJKOVSKA



Aleksandra is a Master of Science in Business Management and a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering. Her educational journey consists of courses, trainings, conferences with written papers (domestic and international), seminars, and fairs, which she attends even now. Her educational process continues with learning from online platforms.

MSc Aleksandra Stojkovska is a Junior Claim Settlement Officer at Makedonija Insurance VIG and currently attends VIU Underwriting and Claims Handling Academy. Aleksandra is a powerful force in the workplace and uses her positive attitude and tireless energy to encourage herself and others to work hard and succeed.

An enthusiastic young woman who is active, dynamic, energetic, and willing to learn new things and improve herself. Team player, committed, devoted, smart working, sacrificed, leader, analytical thinking, bringing creative ideas, effective and efficient work ethics. She wants and expects to create relation, balance, success, and innovation between engineering and economics.

**MOTTO: DO NOT GIVE UP.**



## VIKTORIJA TRENESKA



Viktorija Treneska is a graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Management in the Service Sector. She earned her degree from the renowned Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality in Ohrid. Her academic journey was marked by dedication to excellence and a passion for the service industry.

Currently, Viktorija plays a pivotal role in the marketing sector at Hotel Inex Olgica. Her unique blend of academic knowledge and practical experience brings a new and fresh attitude in the hotel's marketing endeavours. She consistently pursues innovation and strives for excellence, ensuring that Hotel Inex Olgica remains a major force in the hospitality sector.

Viktorija is a dedicated, positive, and risk-taking individual. In everything she undertakes in life, she approaches it with passion, dedication, and boundless creativity. She is always ready to take risks, believing that they are opportunities in disguise. Her commitment to making a meaningful impact is evident in both her professional pursuits and the creative passions she pursues.



## JANE TRPKOVSKI



Jane Trpkovski was born in 1988 in Skopje. He holds a master's degree in the area of demographic inequalities and the Gini Ratio with an average grade of studies of 10.00. In the field of analytical sociology with political globalization, he graduated with an average grade of 9.51.

M.Sc. Trpkovski is an author and co-author of professional papers and certified by Foundations, institutes and academies as a project- participant and lecturer also- in domains of:

- evaluation of public policies, sustainable population development,
- political communication and social psychology in a global context and
- inequalities in post-transition societies.

Since 2017, he is registered on the freelancer platform [https://www.up2europe.eu/partners/jane-trpkovski\\_6805.html](https://www.up2europe.eu/partners/jane-trpkovski_6805.html)



**MITO  
VELCEV**



Mito Velcev is a Macedonian architect based in Dojran. He graduated from Faculty of Architecture at Ss. Cyril and Methodius University of Skopje in 2017 and gained professional experience in Municipality of Dojran, North Macedonia.

Participant in the local self-government of the municipality of Dojran in the urban planning sector.

Continuously involved in the spatial and urban development of the municipality of Dojran in the southeastern region of the Republic of North Macedonia.

Involved in the development of the project documentation for the arrangement of the Dojran Lake coastline and the arrangement of several beaches in Dojran.

Designer of multi-family houses and public buildings.

Involved in the socio-economic development of the municipality of Dojran in the past 10 years.

First president of the local youth council of the municipality of Dojran.

Participant of several workshops, seminars and conferences in the field of urbanism.

Member of the Chamber of Certified Engineers and Architects. And a member of the Association of Architects of Macedonia.

Supporter of finding urban solutions in harmony with the trends of humanity, without endangering nature and human himself.



## EGE YİGİTEL



Ege Yiğitel possesses a strong educational foundation, including a Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Engineering from Sabancı University. Recently, Ege acquired Ship Broker and Ship's Agent Certificates in 2022, aligning with his role as a Broker and Agent at his family's company, where his education and expertise converges

Ege Yiğitel's professional journey reflects their ability to excel in various roles. he currently serve as a Ship Agent and Ship Broker at his family company, where he coordinates vital activities related to ships in ports, analyze market trends, negotiate contracts. Prior to this, Ege held the position of Franchise Relations Manager at Getir, focusing on improving franchisee experiences and strategy.

Ege's personal values reflect a commitment to continuous growth and a passion for delivering value to both clients and stakeholders. He describes themselves as adaptable, driven, and enthusiastic, consistently seeking innovative solutions to complex challenges.



## SONAKHANIM ZEYNALOVA



Sona Zeynalova was born in Baku, Azerbaijan. She became a student at the Azerbaijan University of Languages (AUL) in International Relations and Regional Studies in the UK. In 2021, she graduated from AUL with great success and decided to continue her success by enrolling in a Master's degree from “Odlar Yurdu” University in MBA Marketing in her homeland. Sona started her career journey when she was a student. During this time, she made significant contributions to the social life of his homeland as a volunteer or paid employee in the Global Baku Forum; “Formula 1” Azerbaijan Grand Prix; European Youth Olympic Festival; 55th Session of the World Heritage Committee held by UNESCO; Conference dedicated to 96th anniversary of Haydar Aliyev; Innovation Forum. Also worked at Caspian Event Organisers as a Data Base Coordinator and many other projects.

In addition to the awards achieved for her success in these projects, she continued her career as a staff member of the Nizami Ganjavi International Center as Marketing Manager and Volunteer Coordinator.

I am a bright, creative and sociable person. And I think I can easily find a common language with someone.

In my free time I like to draw and play the piano. And I firmly believe in the ability of art to convey emotions and points of view that are sometimes difficult to convey in words.

I am interested in strengthening my academic excellence by pursuing a master's degree abroad. And I believe that my endurance and analytical skills will make a significant contribution to any program, both abroad and in Azerbaijan.





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In Chronological Order



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President of the Republic of  
Macedonia 2009-2019



**GJORGE  
IVANOV**



**ZLATKO LAGUMDŽIJA**  
Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina  
to the UN, former Prime Minister,  
former MFA of Bosnia and Herzegovina



Opening Remarks - Oct. 7, 2023



**ZLATKO  
LAGUMDŽIJA**



**ANIS  
SEFIDANIS**

Associate Professor at Faculty of Applied IT, Machine Intelligence and Robotics, University of Information Science and Technology “St. Paul the Apostle” in Ohrid, Macedonia



Mentoring the Group Work Assignment  
Oct. 8, Oct. 13 and Oct. 16, 2023



**NEVENKA  
DIMITROVA**

Biomedical Data Science & Technology  
Executive | Innovation and Strategy,  
USA



Lecture, Q&A - Oct. 8, 2023



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**ALEKSANDRA  
CREGLER**

Assistant Professor at Sociology  
Department at the University of  
Texas at Tyler, USA

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Lecture, Q&A - Oct. 9, 2023



**NIKOLA  
ILIC**

Founder & CEO of ChangeLab Global,  
Adjust Professor at Georgetown  
University, USA

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Lecture, Q&A - "Storytelling for Leadership"  
- Oct. 8, 2023





**MLADEN  
IVANIĆ**

Chairman of the Presidency  
of Bosnia and Herzegovina  
2014-2016, 2016-2017

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Remarks - Oct. 11, 2023



**ISMAIL  
SERAGELDIN**

Founding Director of the new Library of  
Alexandria, Vice-President of the World  
Bank 1993-2000; Patron of the  
International Science Council (ISC); Co-  
Chair of Nizami Ganjavi International  
Center

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Lecture, Q&As - Oct. 12





**ATANAS  
KIRJAKOVSKI**

Assistant Professor of Psychology &  
Dean of the Faculty of Humanities  
and Social Sciences at International  
Balkan University, Skopje, Macedonia

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Lecture, Q&A - Oct. 12, 2023



**IVICA  
BOCEVSKI**

Deputy Prime Minister for European  
Integration 2008-2011 and former  
Macedonian Ambassador to Brazil  
2016-2020

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Lecture, Q&A - Oct. 12, 2023



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**COLIN  
SNIDER**

Associate Professor of Latin  
American History at the University  
of Texas at Tyler, USA

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Lecture, Q&A - Oct. 13, 2023



**THOMAS  
GUDERJAN**

Chair of the Department of Social  
Sciences; Professor of Anthropology at  
the University of Texas at Tyler, USA

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Lectures Q&A - Oct. 13, 2023





**MIKE  
COBB**

NEOM, Education, Research and  
Innovation, U.S. Expatriate living in  
Saudi Arabia



Lecture, Q&A - "Charting the Course:  
VUCA Leadership in Education for Future-  
Focused Transformation"  
- Oct. 14, 2023



**ZORAN  
KOSTOVSKI**

Managing Director  
MOTIVA - Management Education  
and Training Company, Macedonia



Workshop - Oct. 14, 2023





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**ROBERT  
STERKEN**

Professor of Political Science at the  
University of Texas at Tyler, USA

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Lecture, Q&A - Oct. 16, 2023



**MARK  
DONFRIED**

Director of the Institute  
for Cultural Diplomacy  
Berlin, Germany

— ❖ —  
Lecture, Q&A - Oct. 16, 2023





**VIKTOR  
MIZO**

Vice President of Government  
Affairs at Kostal Group and Managing  
Director Kostal Macedonia



Lecture, Q&A - Oct. 16, 2023



**IGOR  
RADEV**

Chair scholar, Knowledge Centre of  
Sinology, Macedonian Academy of  
Sciences and Arts



Lecture, Q&A -  
"The Confucian Theory of Education"  
- Oct. 17, 2023





**MEHMET  
BAJRAK**

Coordinator of the Turkish Cooperation  
and Coordination Agency  
- TİKA Office in Macedonia

Speech - Oct. 17, 2023



**ALI FETHI  
OKYAR**

Assistant Professor, Department of  
Mechanical Engineering, Yeditepe  
University, Istanbul, Turkey

Speech - Oct. 17, 2023





**ILKIM BUKE  
OKYAR**

Associate Professor, Political Science  
Department, Yeditere University,  
Istanbul, Turkey



Panelist, Q&A - Oct. 17, 2023



**ENIS  
REDZEP**

DDS, PhD, OMFS at European  
University, Skopje



Panelist, Q&A - Oct. 17, 2023



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MIZRAHI**

PhD in Biochemistry of Andrology at  
the University of Guelph in Israel;  
Member of Parliament of Macedonia

— ❖ —  
Lecture, Q&A - Oct. 18, 2023



**ALEKSANDAR  
MITOV**

Public Health Expert,  
Macedonia

— ❖ —  
Lecture, Q&A - Oct. 18, 2023





**GORDANA  
SILJANOVSKA-  
DAVKOVA**

Full Professor, Law Faculty at State University Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Skopje; Member of Parliament of Macedonia; Presidential candidate in the 2019 elections

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