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## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Teaching and Research Assistant

**University of Banja Luka, Faculty of Economics** [ 2022 – Current ]

**City:** Banja Luka | **Country:** Bosnia and Herzegovina | **Website:** <https://ef.unibl.org/> | **Name of unit or department:** Department of International Economic Relations

- Conducting practical exercises in the courses International Trade and Foreign Trade Business at the Department of International Economic Relations;
- Designing and administering examinations to periodically assess students' knowledge and evaluate outcomes;
- Assisting professors with daily administrative tasks;

### Coordinator for International Cooperation

**Faculty of Economics, University of Banja Luka** [ 12/2022 ]

**City:** Banja Luka | **Country:** Bosnia and Herzegovina | **Website:** <https://ef.unibl.org/medjunarodna-saradnja/kancelarija-za-medjunarodnu-saradnju>

- Providing expert, administrative, and technical support to incoming and outgoing students and staff in the field of international cooperation;
- Informing and staff about opportunities in international cooperation, specifically offering information related to student and staff exchanges;
- Facilitating support related to administrative issues, including assistance in organizing accommodation, obtaining visas and residence permits, health insurance, and other logistical needs;

### Junior Analyst

**Metrics LLC** [ 2021 – Current ]

**City:** Banja Luka | **Country:** Bosnia and Herzegovina

- Data manipulation using STATA and Excel (data cleaning, analyzing, and interpretation of output results)
- Data visualization (Tableau) and reporting research results.

### Junior Data Analyst (Internship)

**National Bank of Serbia** [ 2021 – 08/2021 ]

**City:** Belgrade | **Country:** Serbia | **Website:** <https://www.nbs.rs/> | **Name of unit or department:** Economic Research and Statistics Department

**Link:** [https://www.rtv.rs/sr\\_lat/ekonomija/aktuelno/najbolji-studenti-iz-republike-srpske-na-praksi-u-nbs\\_1258905.html](https://www.rtv.rs/sr_lat/ekonomija/aktuelno/najbolji-studenti-iz-republike-srpske-na-praksi-u-nbs_1258905.html)

- Provided data from various sources, analyzing data using Excel, and visualizing data;
- Conducted independent research and presented the results to the management of Economic Research and Statistics Department.

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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### MSc in Economics (ongoing)

*Faculty of Economics, University of Belgrade* [ 2022 – Current ]

City: Belgrade | Country: Serbia | Website: <https://www.ekof.bg.ac.rs/> | Field(s) of study: International Economic Relations

### Bachelor of Economics

*Faculty of Economics, University of Banja Luka* [ 2017 – 2021 ]

City: Banja Luka | Country: Bosnia and Herzegovina | Website: <https://ef.unibl.org> | Field(s) of study: International Economics | Final grade: 9.85/10 | Type of credits: ECTS | Number of credits: 240 | Thesis: The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Developing Economies

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

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**Mother tongue(s):** Serbian

**Other language(s):**

#### English

**LISTENING C1 READING C1 WRITING C1**

**SPOKEN PRODUCTION C1 SPOKEN INTERACTION C1**

#### German

**LISTENING A2 READING A2 WRITING A2**

**SPOKEN PRODUCTION A2 SPOKEN INTERACTION A2**

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

## DIGITAL SKILLS

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Microsoft Word / STATA - basic use / Data Visualization Tableau (Good Standing) / Data Visualization (Canva)

## PROJECTS

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[ 2023 – Current ]

### Accelerating Progression on Tobacco Taxation in Low- and Middle Income Countries

- The aim of the project is to build and strengthen the capacity of research institutions, including the Faculty of Economics at UNIBL, to conduct high-quality economic research on the socioeconomic impact of tobacco taxation and to support policy dialogue by disseminating research findings;
- Responsibilities included: preparing data sets, performing basic econometric operations in STATA, and interpreting results, drafting Policy Briefs;

Link: <https://ef.unibl.org/eng/naucno-istrazivacki-rad/tobacco-taxation-o-projektu>

[ 2020 – 2021 ]

### Career Cast Podcast - BOLD Small Grant Initiative

- As the recipient of the BOLD Small Grants Initiative supported by the U.S. Embassy in Bosnia and Herzegovina, independently managed all activities related to the project "Career Cast", aimed to improve position of young people in B&H
- The project involved launching an internet radio show (podcast) that will serve as a venue for experts and young people to gather and discuss career-related opportunities.
- Responsibilities included managing all activities related to the organization of the podcast (from procurement of equipment, production, engaging hosts and guests, to conceptualizing the show's format);

Links: <https://www.youtube.com/@careercast4716> | <https://bold.ba/2020/09/02/proglasenje-pobjednika-za-male-grantove-bold-inicijativa/>

## HONOURS AND AWARDS

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Faculty of Economics, University of Banja Luka

**Award for the Best Student of the Second Year of Undergraduate Studies** Awarded as the best student of the second year of undergraduate studies in the academic year 2018/2019 with average GPA 9.81/10.

Faculty of Economics, University of Banja Luka

**Award for the Best Student of the Fourth Year of Graduate Studies** Awarded as the best student of the fourth year of studies in the academic year 2018/2019 with average GPA 10/10.

Government of Republic of Srpska

**Ministry Scholarship Recipient** Awarded by the Ministry of Scientific and Technological Development, Higher Education and Information Society of the Republic of Srpska for outstanding academic performance and contributions sustained throughout all four years of undergraduate studies.

## PUBLICATIONS

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[2022]

**Vidović N, Ritan V. "New approach to estimating macroeconomic determinants of informal employment," *Economics, Sciendo*, vol. 10(2), pages 95-108, December**

Link: [https://www.researchgate.net/publication/](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/362890624)

[362890624 New Approach to Estimating Macroeconomic Determinants of Informal Employment](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/362890624)

[2022]

**Ritan V, Spasić A. "A Comparative Analysis of Export Promotion Strategies in the Six Countries of the South-East Europe Region"**

REDETE 2022 Conference Proceedings

[2022]

**Vidović, N, Ritan V, Dujaković, N. "Citizens' Perception of the Role of Government in the Economy: Survey in the Republic of Srpska"**

REDETE 2022 Conference Proceedings

## NETWORKS AND MEMBERSHIPS

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[ 2023 – Current ] Banja Luka

**Member of the Organizing Committee of the REDETE Scientific Conference**

- Member of the REDETE (Researching Entrepreneurship and Economic Development) Organizing Committee, involved in a network that promotes applied research, public-private synergies, and reconciliation in the Western Balkans, enhancing communities and addressing "brain drain" through its annual conference and partnerships with over 28 think tanks and universities.

Link: <https://www.redete.org/organising-committee.php>

[ 2024 – Current ] Banja Luka

**Member of the Secretariat of the ASECU International Conference**

- Member of the Secretariat for the 20th International Conference of ASECU on "Strengthening Economic Resilience in the Conditions of Dis-integrated Markets and Global Crises," focusing on the development of policies for national economies to anticipate, avoid, or absorb shocks with minimal consequences, organized by the Association of Economic Universities of South and Eastern Europe and the Black Sea Region and the Faculty of Economics, University of Banja Luka, held in May 2024.

Links: [https://www.asecu.gr/index\\_en.html](https://www.asecu.gr/index_en.html) | <https://ef.unibl.org/eng/za-studente/novost?novost=1924>