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CURRICULUM VITAE

Current position:

July 2016 – now: Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston; Professor of the Practice of International Relation

Courses Taught at Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies:

*Diplomatic Practice; Diplomacy and International Negotiations;
Intercultural Communication; The Balkans between the EU and Russia;
Peace Keeping Operations and State Building;*

Experience in Diplomacy:

*February 2015 – Jun 30, 2016: National coordinator for NATO; MFA Montenegro:
General director for NATO and Security Policy;*

It comprised two positions: one within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration at the level of Assistant Minister (position of General Director/Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs), and another as the National Coordinator for NATO (appointed by the Government of Montenegro). As the National Coordinator, I worked for the Prime Minister Cabinet.

Tasks included an active domestic public engagement as a leader of the public campaign for NATO membership of my country as well as an intensive diplomatic interaction and numerous official visits to NATO HQ in Brussels. Both positions implied a high level of autonomy, the need for leadership quality and a high level of responsibility for delivered results.

November 24, 2010 – January 31, 2015: Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium, Kingdom of the Netherlands and Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

August 23, 2010 – January 31, 2015: Ambassador, Head of the Mission of Montenegro to NATO

NATO membership was one of a few strategic foreign policy priorities of Montenegro's Government. Duties included participation in ISAF and Resolute Support preparation meetings; various contacts with the representatives of NATO member states and so on.

August 2009 – present: *Member of the State Negotiation Commission for resolving the territorial dispute with Croatia*

A member of Montenegro's National Commission which negotiated and signed The Protocol between the Federal Government of the FR of Yugoslavia (at that time) and the Government of the Republic of Croatia on the Interim Regime along the Southern Border between the Two States (December 10, 2002). Montenegro and Croatia are now looking for the final solution for this outstanding issue.

January 1, 2009 – July 31, 2010: *MFA Montenegro, Political Director*

Political Director was the most senior career diplomat position in the Ministry. Responsibility includes coordination of the Ministry's activities in areas such as the EU common foreign and security policy; Montenegro's accession to the EU and NATO.

April 16, 2006 – December 31, 2008: *Ambassador of Montenegro to Austria*

The first Ambassador of Montenegro in Austria after the country regained independence in 2006.

Jun 21, 2006 – December 31, 2008: *Ambassador of Montenegro to the OSCE and other International organizations in Vienna*

The OSCE was the first international organization that Montenegro joined after independence. As the inaugural Ambassador, I negotiated the mandate of the OSCE Mission to Montenegro which was established in July 2006. I was in charge of setting up and organizing a diplomatic office in Vienna after the country regained independence.

January 2004 – Jun 3, 2006: *Ambassador of Serbia and Montenegro to the OSCE and other International Organizations in Vienna*

January 2002 – January 2004: *MFA Montenegro, Assistant Minister for Multilateral affairs*

May 2000 – 2002: *MFA Montenegro; Section for European regional integrations, Counselor – Head of Section*

March 2000: *Joined the newly established diplomatic service of Montenegro (Moved from Federal Service in Belgrade to Montenegro)*

1998 – March 2000: *Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs - the OSCE and Council of Europe Department; First Secretary – Counselor*

1993 – 1998: *Yugoslav Embassy in Vienna; Third Secretary; Member of the Yugoslav Mission to the UN, Diplomat in the Consular Department of the Yugoslav Embassy*

1990-1993: MFA Yugoslavia - Information Department, Attaché

1988-1990: Daily newspaper "Borba", Journalist;

Daily "Borba" was, at that time, the only opposition media to Milosevic regime in Yugoslavia. Many of my reports, interviews, and columns were published in this newspaper between 1989 and 1990.

Education and Qualification:

1983-1988: Belgrade University: BA - Political sciences

1990-1991: Diplomatic Academy - MFA of SFR Yugoslavia

Program of this specialized school of diplomacy was focused on the history of diplomacy, international affairs, multilateral and bilateral diplomacy, international organizations and security policy. In Yugoslavia, this diploma had an equivalent as MA in IR.

Other specialized courses:

August 2004: Study visit to the USA ("International visitor program" – an individual program, the US Department of State);

July 2000: "The Summer Academy on OSCE" – Stadtschlaining, Austria;

Specialization in diplomacy: The European Security Policy; South East Europe; International organizations: NATO, the OSCE, the EU, the EU enlargement policy

Languages: English and Russian; German – fair

Participation at official international diplomatic events and conferences (only summits and ministerial conferences)

NATO Summits: Lisbon (2010), Chicago (2012) and Wales (2014)
(participated as the Ambassador to NATO).

All the NATO ministerial meetings between 2009. and 2016.

The 55th and 56th UN General Assembly Sessions 2001/2002;

The OSCE Ministerial Conferences: the Netherlands (2003), Bulgaria (2004), Slovenia (2005), Belgium (2006), Spain (2007), Finland (2008) (participated as the Ambassador to the OSCE);

The first Afghanistan Conference - London (2010), the second Afghanistan Conference – Kabul (2010) and International Afghanistan Conference, Bonn (2011)

**Participation at International Security Conferences and seminars
(only internationally renowned conferences):**

Munich Security Conference: 2011 (participant)
Brussels Forum: 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2103, 2014, 2015 (participant)
Halifax Security Forum: 2009, 2010 (participant)

Centre for Strategic Decision Research – 28th International Global Workshop on Security
June 2011, Paris, (participant)

The Fourth NATO Week, Belgrade, November 2016, (Panelist)
The Fifth NATO Week, Belgrade, November 2017, (Panelist)

Lecturer:

The Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs at Brown University, October 2017;
The Summer School for Young Diplomats, Montenegro (2009, 2014, 2017, 2018, 2019);
The Emmanuel College, (Negotiation Training Courses), October – November 2018;
October – November 2019;

Panelist at many international conferences and seminars about European security, security of South East Europe or Western Balkans including those organized by *Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies at Harvard; Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies at Harvard University; Harvard's Alexander Hamilton Society; The Jackson Institute for Global Affairs at Yale University; The Kozmetsky Center of Excellence at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas; Südost Europa Gesellschaft from Munich and so on.*

Congressional and Related Testimonies:

June 2017: *The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence*: the open hearing on Russia's interference in European elections (June 28, 2017). Invited to testify about Russia's interference in the Montenegrin Parliamentary Elections and Moscow's meddling in the Balkans.

December 2018: *European Parliament, Committee on Foreign Affairs and Subcommittee on Security and Defense* The public hearing on the Russian Influence in South-East Europe.

Professional affiliation:

Board membership:

Center for Euro-Atlantic Studies, Serbia; member of the Advisory Board (2017 - present)
The Lucha Institute, Montenegro; member of the Advisory Board (2017 – present)

Emmanuel College, Institute of Eastern Mediterranean Studies; Ambassador in Residence
(2018 – present)

Publications and Media interviews:

Southeast Europe in Focus: External actors - Russia; October 2019; Südosteurupa Gesellschaft /Southeast Europe Association, Munich, Germany (the author of a chapter in the publication)

Hanging by a Thread: Russian Strategy of Destabilization in Montenegro; July 2018, The Foreign Policy Research Institute, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (the co-author of the report)

BASIC INSTINCT - The Case for More NATO in The Western Balkans, The Center for Euro-Atlantic Studies (CEAS), Belgrade, Serbia, a research study, August 2017 (Contributor)

Major aspects of the Russian involvement in Montenegro during 2015 and 2016 and the coup plot in Montenegro, October 2016 – a research paper for NATO Strategic Communication Centre of Excellence, Riga, Latvia, May 2017 (author)

Montenegro and the OSCE, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg (IFSH), Yearbook 2007 (author)

Op-Ed published in several European and the US media included Radio Free Europe – Radio Liberty; The Balkans Insight; The EastWest, Italian/EU Magazine; the Conversation; AP; the Newsweek; the Globe Post, Just Security.

Interviewed or quoted by numerous internationally renowned media outlets. This includes BBC, The Economist, The Wall Street Journal, The NYT, The Atlantic, Time, TV Al Jazeera, TRT (The Turkish International TV), The Radio Free Europe – Radio Liberty, Voice of America, The Polish Public TV 1, Austrian, Slovakian, Belgian media etc.

Interviews and statements are broadcasted or published in almost all Montenegrin media.

Specialized columns published in Montenegrin press, such as: "Neutrality versus NATO membership, what is better for Montenegro", "The role of small states in international affairs today", "Why regional cooperation matters so much" etc.

Miscellaneous:

Honorary citizen of Texas, USA