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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 Politics;
Peace Keeping Operations and State Building;*

Experience in Diplomacy:

*January 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 the Montenegro's Government. Duties included participation in ISAF and Resolute Support preparation meetings; various contacts with representatives of NATO member states and so on.

August 2009 – July 2016: Member of the State Negotiation Commission for resolving

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.

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 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, Diplomatic Academy program was equivalent to MA in IA.

Prizes: The Pardee School's 2022 Gerald and Deanne Gitner Family Prize for Faculty Excellence;

Other specialized courses:

August 2004: Study visit to USA ("International visitor program" – 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, 2013, 2014, 2015 (participant);

Halifax Security Forum: 2009, 2010 (participant);

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

Lecturer at many schools and universities, including the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs at Brown University (October 2017); The Summer School for Young Diplomats, Montenegro; Emmanuel College, Boston, etc.;

Panelist at many international conferences and seminars about European security, security of South East Europe and the Balkans, including those hosted by the Center for European Studies, Alexander Hamilton Society and Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies at Harvard University; the Jackson Institute for Global Affairs at Yale University; The Kozmetsky Center of Excellence at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, The Fourth and the Fifth NATO Week, Belgrade, November 2016 and 2017, etc.;

Board member:

The American non-profit - EOS Tech Trust (2022 -)
The Center for Democratic Transition – Montenegro (2021 -)
BU Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies – Center for the Study of Europe (2020 -)
Center for Euro-Atlantic Studies, Serbia; A member of the Advisory Board (2017 - 2020);
The Lucha Institute, Montenegro; A member of the Advisory Board (2017 – 2021);
Cooperation with the UNDP, IRI and NED on several regional projects in the Balkans.

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

Publications and Media interviews:

Duality and Divergence in Serbia and Montenegro (working title); book, the manuscript due in August 2023; Bloomsbury Academic; (co-author);

The Palgrave Handbook of Diplomatic Reform and Innovation: Small States: From Intuitive To Smart Diplomacy; (book chapter, accepted, publication due in October 2022) Palgrave Macmillan: (author);

Montenegro: From Intuitive to Smart Diplomacy, April 2022, The Center for Democratic Transition, (author);

The European Union Dilemma: Russia's and China's Increasing Influence in the Western Balkans (Case study: Serbia and Montenegro); May 2021; The Rising Power Initiatives, The Frederick S. Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future, working paper 1: (author);

Imagining Yugoslavia: a social construct or/and an idea with the purpose, July 2020, The Montenegrin Journal for Social Sciences, Volume 4, issue 1; (author);

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 - The year-long research study published in 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*.

Interviews, statements or announcements are broadcasted or published in almost all Montenegrin media outlets.

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

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", etc.

Miscellaneous

Honorary citizen of Texas, USA