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● WORK EXPERIENCE

01/01/2026 - CURRENT - SKOPJE, NORTH MACEDONIA

HEAD OF CENTER FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE INSTITUTE FOR DEMOCRACY SOCIETAS CIVILIS

- Leads the strategic development and management of the Centre for Good Governance, overseeing its research, policy, advocacy, and project portfolios;
- Develops and secures funding for projects and initiatives by preparing project proposals and cultivating partnerships with domestic and international donors;
- Manages and mentors multidisciplinary team, ensuring effective implementation of programmes, research activities, and organizational objectives;
- Conducts research and analysis on good governance, rule of law, anti-corruption, transparency, and accountability;
- Monitors public institutions, governance reforms, and political processes to assess adherence to democratic standards and good governance principles;
- Engages in advocacy efforts and policy dialogue, collaborating with policymakers, civil society organizations, international partners, and oversight institutions to promote institutional integrity and accountability;
- Represents the Centre in national, regional, and international forums, strengthening partnerships and advancing policy reform agendas;
- Oversees programme implementation, resource management, monitoring and evaluation, and organizational development to ensure impact and sustainability.

01/08/2024 - CURRENT - SKOPJE, NORTH MACEDONIA

SENIOR RESEARCHER AT THE CENTRE FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE INSTITUTE FOR DEMOCRACY SOCIETAS CIVILIS

- Conducts research and analysis on good governance, rule of law, anti-corruption, transparency and accountability, contributing to evidence-based policy recommendations;
- Monitors public institutions and political processes to assess adherence to good governance principles;
- Engages in advocacy efforts, collaborating with policymakers, civil society, and international organizations to promote open government and institutional integrity;
- Develops and implements projects focused on policy innovation, strengthening democratic resilience and anticorruption institutional reforms.

01/09/2024 - 15/10/2024 - WARSAW, POLAND

THINK VISEGRAD VISITING FELLOW CENTRE FOR EASTERN STUDIES (OSW)

- Produced a research paper titled "Assessing Political Alignment: UNGA Voting Patterns of Western Balkans and Visegrad Countries";
- Took part in OSW activities for a period of four weeks.

21/03/2024 - 15/05/2024 - SKOPJE, NORTH MACEDONIA

SENIOR CAMPAIGN FINANCE ANALYST ASSISTANT ODIHR ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSION TO

NORTH MACEDONIA

- Successfully established and maintained a network of contacts with key stakeholders involved in campaign finance activities, ensuring comprehensive coverage and collaboration;
- Provided thorough analysis of campaign finance legislation, contributing to a deeper understanding of the legal framework and its implications;
- Conducted detailed analysis of election contenders' financial reports, accurately interpreting data and assessing financial details to ensure transparency and compliance;
- Effectively tracked and analyzed social media spending during electoral campaigns, providing valuable insights into digital marketing strategies and their financial implications.

01/09/2022 - 31/12/2023 - TIRANA, ALBANIA

PROGRAM ANALYST FOUNDATIONS OPEN SOCIETY – WESTERN BALKANS (OSFWB)

- Played a role in transforming the OSF Western Balkans office, ensuring effective collaboration with other OSF entities;
- Supported the successful implementation of the EU Integration and Regional Cooperation Program through research and strategic communications;
- Delivered high-quality reports, briefs, speeches, and advocacy memos for senior management, contributing to informed decision-making;
- Actively contributed to the strategic planning and development of the 2023-2024 work plan;
- Contributed to impactful grant-making by evaluating proposals, monitoring grants, and disseminating knowledge to create a positive impact;
- Successfully coordinated the 2023 Tirana Civil Society and Think Tank Forum, managing extensive consultations and organizing a significant final event;
- Facilitated effective advocacy trips to major European cities, promoting the policy agenda;
- Organized a forward-looking foresight workshop, highlighting trends and opportunities for political philanthropy and strengthening the socio-economic and democratic resilience of the Western Balkans.

01/02/2017 - 31/08/2022 - SKOPJE, NORTH MACEDONIA

PROGRAM COORDINATOR AND RESEARCHER FOUNDATION OPEN SOCIETY– MACEDONIA (FOSM)

- Played a significant role in strategic planning and program implementation for EU accession, good governance, and rule of law;
- Actively represented FOSM in public consultations, working groups, and civil society networks including IPA Sector Working Group on Public Administration (member), Council for Open Government Partnership (member), Anticorruption Commission's working group on integrity at the local level (member);
- Edited and wrote analysis and policy papers on public policy design, oversight institution effectiveness, public administration reform, anticorruption etc;
- Delivered high-quality reports, briefs, speeches, and advocacy memos for senior management;
- Successfully collaborated with OSF global programs on changing anti-corruption narratives;
- Developed and co-authored significant research analyses on political party funding and transparency, presenting findings to political parties and coordinating follow-up actions;
- Managed projects with considerable autonomy, including risk assessments, integrity planning in municipalities, and monitoring the implementation of the public administration reform strategy;
- Organized annual conferences and multiple advocacy meetings, fostering dialogue on governance and reform initiatives.

01/06/2017 - CURRENT - SKOPJE, NORTH MACEDONIA

FOUNDER AND RESEARCHER ARTICLE 1 INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL POLITICS AND LAW

- Established the Institute for Global Politics and Law;
- Developed novel research approaches and published articles;
- Conducted foreign policy research on ambassadorial appointments and gender disparities in professional service and engaged in advocacy efforts leading to tangible policy changes;
- Addressed significant issues such as air pollution and its implications for national security.

01/09/2016 - 31/01/2017 - SKOPJE, NORTH MACEDONIA

PROJECT MANAGER MACEDONIAN YOUNG LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

- Successfully managed all project operational and financial aspects;
- Developed and implemented a methodology for conducting comparative research on the legal framework related to violence against children, contributing to identifying gaps and ambiguities in the law.

01/09/2008 - 01/06/2015 - SKOPJE, NORTH MACEDONIA

PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR RESEARCH, ANALYSIS, YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCHER YOUTH EDUCATIONAL FORUM

- Played a significant role in developing and implementing the overall strategy and planning of the Program, ensuring alignment with organization's goals and objectives;
- Successfully supported and promoted research initiatives, enhancing the Program's research capacity and profile;
- Oversaw the development and implementation of novel research approaches in the field of youth and educational policy, contributing to innovative insights and solutions;
- Prepared high-quality reports, legal briefs, advocacy memos, and other written products, facilitating communication of research findings and program activities;
- Established effective partnerships and coalitions with external stakeholders;
- Designed and implemented capacity-building activities that empowered high school and university students, advancing their legal education, rights awareness, and community mobilization efforts;
- Contributed to research projects within the "Anticorruption Student Network in Southeast Europe," addressing critical topics and providing valuable insights into corruption in higher education;
- Designed and conducted capacity-building activities that facilitated the exchange of research knowledge within the anti corruption network, fostering collaboration and learning among stakeholders.

● **EDUCATION & TRAINING**

01/09/2015 - 31/08/2016 - EDINBURGH, UNITED KINGDOM

MSC IN GLOBAL CRIME, JUSTICE AND SECURITY- UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH, SCHOOL OF LAW

Final grade: With distinction | **Thesis:** Challenges in Applying the Basic Principles of International Humanitarian Law in Urban Warfare | **Website:** <https://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/postgraduate/degrees/index.php?r=site/view&id=621>

01/09/2008 - 31/08/2011 - SKOPJE, NORTH MACEDONIA

BA IN POLITICAL SCIENCE - UNIVERSITY OF "SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS", FACULTY OF LAW

Website: <https://pf.ukim.edu.mk/politichki-studii/>

● **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

Mother tongue(s): **MACEDONIAN**

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
ENGLISH	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2

● **PUBLICATIONS**

(In progress) Intersection Between Electoral Financing and Foreign Interference in North Macedonia
2026

Mirchevska M. IDEA International

[Faster Procedures Don't Mean Safer Venues: Hospitality Law Amendments Deliver Digitalization, not](#)

[Safety Reform](#)

Mirchevska M., Hadzi Vasilev Gj. IDSCS

[Commentary on the Law on Public Enterprises and State-Owned or Partly State-Owned Companies of the Republic of North Macedonia](#)

Mirchevska M. IDSCS

[\(Media Interview\) Mirchevska: The Draft Law Does Not Guarantee a Transparent Selection of Directors](#)

2026

Prizma

[Distinguishing between the Political and the Administrative: Proposals for a Functional and Professional Senior Civil Service in North Macedonia](#)

Mirchevska M., Hadzi Vasilev Gj. IDSCS

[Threats to Rule of Law Resilience](#)

2026

Mirchevska M., Popovikj M. IEP and IDSCS

[Improving Civil Society Engagement in EU Reports](#)

2026

Mirchevska M. EPC & Connecting Europe Thinking Enlarged in 2026: Leveraging Perspectives from Future Member States p.8.

[\(Media Interview\) What Did the Year 2025 Bring to the EU Accession Candidates?](#)

2025

Mirchevska M., Greubel J. Revolt The Mercator Foundation Magazine

[Analysis of Factors Impeding the Implementation of the National Strategy for the Prevention of Corruption and Conflict of Interest \(2021-2025\)](#)

Mirchevska M. IDSCS

[Corruption in the Health Sector in North Macedonia: A Focus Group Analysis](#)

2024

Mirchevska M. IDSCS

[Assessing Political Alignment: UNGA Voting Patterns of Western Balkans and Visegrad Countries](#)

2024

Mirchevska M. OSW Centre for Eastern Studies

[Ed. The Road to the Civil Society and Think Tank Forum Tirana 2023, within the Berlin Process](#)

2023

Open Society Foundations - Western Balkans

[Key Takeaways from the First Brussels Advocacy Visit \(OpEd\)](#)

2023

Open Society Foundations - Western Balkans

[Norms and Practices of Political Party Financial Transparency in North Macedonia: Analysis of State Funding of Political Parties](#)

2023

Mirchevska M., Zhupanoska D., Danilovska-Bajdevska D., Naumovska N. Foundation Open Society - Macedonia

[Role of Political Party Financing in Ensuring Good Governance: Analysis of Political Parties as Holders of Public Information in North Macedonia](#)

2023

Mirchevska M., Zhupanoska D., Danilovska-Bajdevska D., Naumovska N. Foundation Open Society - Macedonia

[Political Parties Index of Transparency: Analysis of Active Transparency of Political Parties in North Macedonia](#)

Mirchevska M., Zhupanoska D., Danilovska-Bajdevska D., Naumovska N. Foundation Open Society - Macedonia

[\(OpEd\) Anti-corruption Resistance Is Not Futile, If We Change the Narrative: OSF Quest for a Reflexive and Learning Based Approach to Anticorruption Communication](#)

2021

Mirchevska M. Foundation Open Society - Macedonia

Third Report on Implementation Track Record of the Strategy on Public Administration Reform 2018-2022

Mirchevska M., Jusufi A. Foundation Open Society - Macedonia

Second Report on Implementation Track Record of the Strategy on Public Administration Reform 2018-2022

Mirchevska M., Jusufi A. Foundation Open Society - Macedonia

MKDiplomacy: Towards Professional Diplomatic Service 2019

Mirchevska M., Pop Ivanov L., Ristovski S., Stojkovski Lj. Article 1 Institute for Global Politics and Law

Macedonia should Treat Air Pollution as a National Security Threat 2018

Mirchevska M., Pop Ivanov L. Macedonian Academy of Arts and Sciences Pollution Of The Cities In The Republic of Macedonia: What Are The Solutions? pg. 397-410.

First Report on Implementation Track Record of the Strategy on Public Administration Reform 2018-2022

Mirchevska M., Jusufi A., Bozovikj S. Foundation Open Society - Macedonia

Tailor-Made Public Sector: Discussion on the Size of the Public Sector in Macedonia 2018

Mirchevska M., Bozovikj S. Foundation Open Society - Macedonia

The Conflict Between Military Strategy and the Legal Regime Protecting Civilians in Wartime: The Case of Sieges, Starvation and Humanitarian Access 2016

RAU and ICRC Mirchevska M., . Facing Challenges of Modern Armed Conflicts Through the Lens of IHL pg. 83-93.

Student and Academic Mobility at the University St. Cyril and Methodius 2015

Mirchevska M., Bozinovska M., Jakasanovski O. Youth Education Forum

Student Organizing and Participation in Macedonia 2015

Mirchevska M. et al. Youth Education Forum

Macedonian Diplomacy: Between Partisan Politics and Professionalism 2013

Mirchevska M., Pop Ivanov L. KAS Foreign Policy and Aspects of International Diplomacy pg. 61-70.

British Parliamentary Debate Manual 2014

Mirchevska M. et al. Youth Education Forum

Perception of Corruption in Higher Education in South East Europe 2013

Mirchevska M. et al. Anticorruption Student Network in Southeast Europe

First Aid Kit for Higher Education - A Know How Guide for Student Researchers 2011

Mirchevska M. et al. Anticorruption Student Network in Southeast Europe