



Gjorgji Hadji Vasilev

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Political scientist with a strong interest in good governance, public policy, political parties, elections, and international relations. A motivated researcher with a keen eye for analysis, committed to continuous learning through formal and non-formal education. Combines years of experience in the private sector, with versatile experience in the civil society, offering a well-rounded perspective to every project.

Education

Masters of Arts (MA) in International Relations, Diplomacy and EU Integration

[Skopje, North Macedonia]

Ss. Cyril and Methodius University - Skopje

[2023 - Present]

Member, Faculty Student Assembly (FSS)

Scholarship holder, Konrad Adenauer Foundation

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Political science

[Skopje, North Macedonia]

Ss. Cyril and Methodius University - Skopje

[2020 - 2023]

Experience

Junior Researcher

[Skopje, North Macedonia]

Institute for Democracy “Societas Civilis” - Skopje (IDSCS)

[November 2023 - Present]

- Coordinate the “**Fostering Debate on Accountability and Anti-Corruption**” project (2025–2027), and the previous project cycle (2023–2025), funded by the National Endowment for Democracy (NED). The project focused on strengthening the Parliament’s oversight role on anti-corruption reforms, and improving political parties’ anti-corruption capacities.
- Works on the “**Local Inspectors Under the Lens: Strengthening Legality and Responsibility in Local Inspections**” project (2026), analyzing the legality, accountability, and effectiveness of local inspection services.
- Provide legislative corruption risk briefings to the Parliament and other state institutions.
- Conduct policy and legislative analysis at national and local levels, producing evidence-based policy recommendations and analytical reports.
- Contribute to relevant projects on anti-corruption, democracy, and EU integration.

Competence developed: Project management, Policy research, Legislative analysis.

[California, United States]

[October 2023 - April 2025]

Data Curator [remote, part time]

Veeva Systems Inc.

- Collected, verified, and compiled detailed professional profiles of U.S. healthcare sector personnel.
- Consolidated information from multiple sources to create comprehensive, error-free records for CRM systems.

Competence developed: Information research, Data polishing.

Program Assistant (Internship)

[Skopje, North Macedonia]

National Democratic Institute (NDI)

[February 2023 - August 2023]

- Provided administrative support for multiple operations and supported communication with NDI’s partners and stakeholders.
- Collaborated with senior staff on research and analysis for their ongoing projects.
- Organized 20+ public events with government officials, Members of Parliament, and state institutions, ensuring smooth execution and high impact.

Competence developed: Event management, Protocol compliance, Administrative support.

[Kavadarci, North Macedonia]

[September 2021]

Local Enumerator

State Statistical Office of North Macedonia (SSO)

- Completed one-week preparatory training prior to census implementation.
- Served as a regional enumerator under the supervision of SSO instructors.
- Successfully conducted 1,000+ interviews amid census boycott campaign and in pandemic conditions, achieving a success rate of over 95%.

Competence developed: Field data collection, Interviewing, Negotiating.

Non-formal education

Europäische Akademie Otzenhausen gGmbH

Otzenhausen, Germany

- **Encounter Europe: Summer European Academy 2025** - Two-week academy on EU integration for Western Balkans students, including study visits to NATO Headquarters, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, State of Saxony’s office in Brussels, and the European Parliament in Luxembourg.

[August 2025]

European Council and Center for Research and Policy Making (CRPM)

North Macedonia

- **XV School of Public Policy “Mother Theresa”** - Eight-month academy with weekly lectures from domestic and international experts on public policy, geopolitics and security, democracy, history and Balkan affairs.

[October 2024 - June 2025]

Faculty of Social Science, University of Ljubljana

Ljubljana, Slovenia

- **Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) in Political Science** - Six-month online program with professors from former Yugoslav universities, covering international relations, EU integration, and conflict resolution, concluded with a student conference in Ljubljana.

[December 2024 - May 2025]

Foundation Dr. Zoran Djindjic

Belgrade, Serbia

- **XI Regional School of Political Philosophy “Politics and Violence”** - One-week program with students and professors from former Yugoslav universities, exploring political philosophy, modern state, and state violence.

[November 2024]

Presidential Center for Political Education - Stevo Pendarovski

North Macedonia

- **III School of Policies** - Six-month interdisciplinary program with Presidential Cabinet partners covering various spheres of governance, security and defence, social democracy, economy, mass communication, EU integration, and democracy.

[May 2023 - November 2023]

Udruzenje Pravnika and KAS Rule of Law Programme SEE

- **International Summer School Sarajevo “Transitional Justice in Post-Conflict Societies”** - Two-week school on transitional justice in post-conflict societies, focusing on the Yugoslav wars, war crimes, and legal accountability, including study visits to Srebrenica and Potocari.

Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

[August 2023]

National Democratic Institute (NDI)

North Macedonia

- **Youth Leadership Academy** - Year-long mentorship program on leadership, gender equality, and civic engagement, collaborating with public officials and ministers and including work-shadowing of political leaders.

[May 2022 - June 2023]

Erasmus Youth in Action Programme

- **Five international training courses and youth exchanges** focused on gender equality, youth work and leadership, project management, and cross-cultural collaboration.

Portugal, Spain, Turkey, Romania

[February 2022 - November 2022]

Network & Membership

Member, European Democracy Youth Network (EDYN)	[May 2023 - Present]
Member, Global Shapers Community, Skopje Hub	[May 2023 - June 2025]

Languages and Skills

Native: Macedonian and Croatian - **Full Professional Proficiency:** English

Technical Skills: Meta Business Suite, Microsoft Office Suite, Adobe Creative Cloud, WordPress

Soft Skills: Ethical Judgment, Leadership, Teamwork, Adaptability, Critical Thinking, Problem Solving

Personal Traits: Analytical, Detail-Oriented, Collaborative, Committed, Strategic,

Publications

Conference papers:

Hadji Vasilev, G., Trajkovski. F. (2026) *Between Brussels and Washington: Has North Macedonia’s Foreign Policy Alignment Shifted since Donald Trump’s Return to the Presidency*. International Student Conference in IR, University of Ljubljana.

Hadji Vasilev, G. (2025). *The growing influence of Hungary in North Macedonia through the prism of constructivism*. International Student Conference in IR, University of Ljubljana.

Journal papers:

Jovevska Gjorgjevikj, A., Hadji Vasilev, G. (2025). *Local elections 2025: Silent message, empty ballots, and the collapse of the eternal party bastions*. Political Thought, 23(71). Konrad Adenauer Foundation & Institute for Democracy "Societas Civilis" - Skopje.

Handbooks:

Jovevska Gjorgjevikj, A., Hadji Vasilev, G., Treneska, J., & Milovski, K. (2025). *The Republic of North Macedonia’s 2025 local elections handbook*. Konrad Adenauer Foundation; Institute for Democracy “Societas Civilis” – Skopje.

Treneska, J., Smilevski, T., Hadji Vasilev, G., & Sofeska, A. (2024). *Handbook on 2024 parliamentary elections in the Republic of North Macedonia*. Konrad Adenauer Foundation; Institute for Democracy “Societas Civilis” – Skopje.

Hadji Vasilev, G., Treneska, J., & Smilevski, T. (2024). *Handbook on 2024 presidential elections in the Republic of North Macedonia*. Konrad Adenauer Foundation; Institute for Democracy “Societas Civilis” – Skopje.

Policy paper:

Hadji Vasilev, G. (2025). *Party youth and the development of anti-corruption policies: Key initiators or peripheral actors?*, [Партиските подмладоци и развојот на антикорупциските политики: Клучни иницијатори или периферни актери?] Institute for Democracy “Societas Civilis” – Skopje. (in Macedonian).

Hadji Vasilev, G. (2025). *Document for promoting good governance through election programs for the 2025 local elections*. [Документ за унапредување на доброто управување преку изборните програми на локалните избори 2025]. Skopje: Institute for Democracy “Societas Civilis”. (in Macedonian).

Institute for Democracy "Societas Civilis" – Skopje. (2024). *Comparison of political party election programs in the area of measures for combating corruption*. [Споредба на изборни програми на политичките партии во доменот на мерки за борба против корупција]. (in Macedonian).

Policy briefs:

Hadji Vasilev, G. (2026). *Faster procedures don’t mean safer venues: Hospitality law amendments deliver digitalization, not safety reform*.

Hadji Vasilev, G. (2026). *Toward better electoral cycles: Proposals for the quality improvement of electoral legislation*.

Hadji Vasilev, G. (2026). ***Distinguishing between the political and the administrative: Proposals for a functional and professional senior civil service.***

Hadji Vasilev, G. (2025) ***Strengthening local governance and the fight against corruption. What kind of municipalities should future mayors and councilors build?***

Hadji Vasilev, G. (2025) ***The Right to Participate Should Not Be a Privilege: The Need for Fair Electoral Conditions for Independent Candidates in the Local Elections 2025.***

Hadji Vasilev, G. (2025) ***Reforms for Good Governance: How Can We Earn the “Rewards” from the Growth Plan?***

Hadji Vasilev, G. (2024) ***Anticorruption 2030: What should be in the focus of the Parliament?***

Hadji Vasilev, G. (2024) ***What corruption risks should be in the focus of the new Ministry of Energy, Mining and Mineral Resources.***

Hadji Vasilev, G. (2024) ***The 2024-2028 Parliament: New commitments in the fight against corruption.***

Opinion pieces / Commentary:

Hadji Vasilev, G. (2025). ***North Macedonia 2025 local elections: Snooze-worthy campaigns and strong answer from the electorate.*** Heinrich Böll Foundation.