

# Curriculum Vitae

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## PERSONAL DATA

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<b>Areas of expertise:</b>	Econometrics, International trade, Statistics, Operational research, Economics and Evaluation of Labour Market

## EDUCATION

Institution	Length of study	Qualification
PhD Programme in Economics Staffordshire University	2010-2015	PhD in Economics
Postgraduate, Staffordshire University, Economic for Business Analysis programme	2008-2009	Master of Science with distinction
Economic Faculty in Sarajevo	2003-2007	Bachelor degree
First Gymnasium, Sarajevo	1999-2003	Mathematical Technician

## LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY [from 1 to 5 (1 = weak, 5 = excellent)]

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing
English	5	5	5
French	3	2	3
Italian	3	2	2

## OTHER

Name	Description
Driving licence	„B“ category
Computer programmes	Stata ,SPSS, R, Mfit, Statistica, JMulti,Limdep

## CURRENT POSITION:

<b>Institution:</b>	School of Business and Economics, University of Sarajevo	
<b>Position:</b>	Assistant Professor at Quantitative Economic Department	
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## PAST POSITIONS

INSTITUTION	DURATION	POSITION
Bournemouth University, Business School, Accounting, Finance and Economics Department, United Kingdom	2015-2017	Lecturer in Tax
Bournemouth University, Business School, Accounting, Finance and Economics Department, United Kingdom	2016-2017	Program coordinator for level I students
School of Business and Economics, University in Sarajevo	2010-2015	Senior Teaching Assistant, Department of Quantitative Economics
School of Business and Economics, University in Sarajevo	2009-2010	Teaching Assistant, Department of Quantitative Economics
Sarajevo Business School	2009-2010	Teaching Assistant, Business Mathematics and Statistics
School of Business and Economics, University in Sarajevo	2009-2010	Coordinator for the Third Cycle Doctoral Programme in Economics and Business
School of Business and Economics, University in Sarajevo	2007-2008	Teaching Assistant-external associate, Department of Quantitative Economics
ASA Insurance, Sarajevo	2007-2008	Associate for plan, analyse, actuary and reinsurance
International Forum Bosnia	2005 – 2007	Coordinator of the Regional Centres and the president of the Centre for Students Projects

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- World Bank consultant for evaluation of labor market and active labor market policies, 2016-onwards
- Visiting fellow, Bournemouth University, 2017-2020

- Research on a project “Analysis of fiscal, economics and social effects of child benefits in Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina” financed by the USAID Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2015
- Researcher on a project “Business Innovation Modes: Context-Specific Perspective” financed by the Bournemouth University, United Kingdom, 2016
- Researcher on a project "Trade in health" financed by the Bournemouth University, United Kingdom, 2015
- Researcher on a project " Tax Literacy: Improving individual tax compliance " financed by the Chartered Institute of Taxation, United Kingdom, 2015
- Short-term consultant (expert for STATA) on a project “A Study of Consumer Indebtedness, IFC, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2014
- Researcher on a project "Platform for trans-Academic Cooperation in Innovation" financed by IPA in cooperation with 8 European Universities, Faculty of Economics, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2014
- Researcher on a project "Diagnosis of labour market" financed by the World Bank, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2014

## **OTHER RELEVAN INFORMATIONS**

### **Awards**

- CERGE-EI teaching fellow, 2017-2020
- Best paper in management award at International Business Research Conference, Toronto, 2016
- Global Development Network (GDN) Research Grant, 2014
- Scholarship Soros Open Society for Master and PhD study at Staffordshire University, United Kingdom
- School of Business and Economics, student award in 2004, 2005, 2006 i 2007.
- Scholarship Canton Sarajevo for best students in 2006 and 2007

## **MEMBERSHIP**

- LSEE-CEFTA Academic Network
- Association of Canadian Economics
- TRIBUTE- Tax Research Network, Bournemouth University

## **REFERENCE – BIBLIOGRAPHY**

### **T1 (PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS)**

- Balavac, M. and Pugh, G., 2015. The link between trade openness, export diversification, institutions and output volatility in transition countries. *Economic Systems*. 40 (2), p. 273-287.
- Hamzic-Mehmedbasic, A., Rebic, D., Balavac, M., Muslimovic, A. and Dzemic, J., (2016). Prognostic indicators of adverse renal outcome and death in acute kidney injury hospital survivors, 5(2), 61-68.

- Hamzic-Mehmedbasic, A., Rebic, D., Balavac, M., Muslimovic, A. and Dzemic, J., 2015. Clinical analysis of etiology, risk factors and outcome in patients with acute kidney injury. *Materia socio-medica*, 27 (2), 70-74.
- Balavac, Merima: The role of remittances in the explanation of Feldstein-Horioka paradox: evidence from transition economies. *Economic research*.2011, Vol. 24, No.4 , ISSN 1331-677X;

*Articles under peer review:*

- Parilli, D., Radicic, D. and Balavac., M. Business Innovation Modes: Context-Specific Perspective (Revise and Resubmit in *Research Policy*)
- Radicic, D., Balavac, M. Complementarities between internal and external innovation activities: evidence from Spanish manufacturing firms (Revise and Resubmit in *Economics of Innovation and New Technology*)

### **T-3 (BOOKS)**

1. Emina Resić, Adela Delalić, Merima Balavac, Ademir Abdić, *Statistics in Economics and Management*, School of Business and Economics, University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo, 2010., ISBN 978-9958-25-056-9

### **T-5 (PEER REVIEWED PROCEEDINGS)**

- Orlic, E., Radicic, D. and Balavac, M., 2017. R&D and innovation policy in the Balkans - are there additional effects? *In:Exploring technology upgrading in emerging and transition economies: From 'Shifting Wealth I' to 'Shifting Wealth II'* Second annual conference of the UCL Centre for Comparative Studies of the Emerging Economies at UCL School of Slavonic and East European Studies.
- Radicic, D. And Balavac, M. Complementarities between internal and external innovation activities: evidence from Spanish manufacturing firms, International Business Research Conference, Toronto, 2016 (best paper award in management).
- Balavac, M. Output volatility and trade openness revisited: the role of export diversification and institutions. World Congress in Comparative Economics, Rome, 2015.
- Balavac, M. Output volatility and trade openness revisited: the role of export diversification and institutions. European Trade Study Group 2013. Birmingham, United Kingdom, September 2013.
- Balavac, M. Output volatility in transition countries. The 6th International conference "The changing economic landscape: issues, implications and policy options, Conference Programme and Book of Abstracts. Pula, Croatia, May 2013.
- Somun-Kapetanović, R, Resić, E, Balavac, M., Delalic,A.. Job security in Bosnia and Herzegovina: gender and age discrimination, The 6th International conference "The changing economic landscape: issues, implications and policy options, Conference Programme and Book of Abstracts. Pula, Croatia, May 2013.
- Balavac, M. Determinants of export diversification at the export margins: reference to transition economies. European Trade Study Group 2012. Leuven, Belgium, 2012.
- Balavac, M. 2012. Aid for trade and export diversification: reference to transition economies. Regional Trade Liberalisation, European Integration and Investment

Flows in CEFTA 2006 co-organised by the OECD and the CEFTA Secretariat. Tirana, Albania. 2012.

- Somun-Kapetanovic, R., Resić, E and Balavac, M. Growth prospectus of remittances in transition economies, ICES Conference, Sarajevo, 2012.
- Determinants of export diversification: the case of transition economics, Mini Symposium on Monetary Economics, organised by University of Sarajevo and Staffordshire University, Sarajevo, 2011
- Measures of export diversification, Phd Conference, Staffordshire University, Stoke-on-Trent, 2011
- Balavac, M. i Delalic, A. 2011. Job Security in Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2011.: EBES 2011, Istanbul, Turkey.
- Resic, E. i Balavac, M. 2010. Labour market in B&H: does education matter?, ICES 2010, University of Sarajevo

#### **T-7 (FACULTY RESEARCH SEMINAR)**

1. Determinants of export diversification: the case of transition economics, Mini Symposium on Monetary Economics, organised by University of Sarajevo and Staffordshire University, Sarajevo, June 2011
2. Measures of export diversification, Phd Conference, Staffordshire University, Stoke-on-Trent

#### **REPORTS**

- Balavac, M. and Posadas, J. 2018. Evaluation of the Employment Program Opportunity for All of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, World Bank Policy note
- Alexander, P. and Balavac, M. 2018. Tax Literacy: Improving Tax Compliance, Charter Institute of British Accountants
- Ovadiya, M, Posadas, J and Balavac, M. 2016. Formula or no formula? That is the question. Advantages and disadvantages of moving to a proxy-means-tested formula for social assistance programs, World Bank Policy note
- Halilbasic, M., Domljan, V, Oruc, N. and Balavac, M. 2015. Diagnosis of labour market, Economic Institute, Sarajevo

#### **WORKING PAPERS**

- Khorana, S., Balavac, M. and Huang, X. The impact of trade in health on human development indicators
- Balavac, M. and Pugh, G. Determinants of export diversification at the export margins: reference to transition economies
- Radicic, D. Orlic, E., Balavac, M.: Additionality effects of R&D subsidies and R&D cooperation in Western Balkans

#### *Work in progress:*

- Alexander, P. and Balavac, M. Determinants of tax morale in the US and UK
- Orlic, E., Balavac, M.: The Impact of FDI spillovers on decision and intensity of firm's export - the case of Croatia