



## Arif Shala

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### ● WORK EXPERIENCE

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01/10/2017 – CURRENT

#### **PROFESSOR – AAB COLLEGE**

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Teach the following courses: Civic Education and Principles and teaching methodologies for social sciences.

<https://aab-edu.net/persons/arif-shala/> | Fushe Kosove, Kosovo

01/10/2014 – 31/07/2016

#### **DOCTORAL RESEARCHER-EDUCATION SCIENCES – LUDWIG MAXIMILIANS UNIVERSITY**

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Conduct literature reviews

Collect and analyze data

Prepare materials for submission to granting agencies and foundations

Attend project meetings

Attend area seminars and other meetings as necessary

Prepare other articles, reports, and presentations

Munich, Germany

01/12/2021 – CURRENT

#### **PROJECT LEAD FOR AAB COLLEGE**

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APPEAR Project "Setup a *Learning-along-lifespan* Community Center in Pristina: Researched based early childhood education with living labs across vertical and horizontal borders"

Partner Institution Danube University Krems

CURRENT – Kosovo

#### **PROJECT LEAD FOR AAB COLLEGE**

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Erasmus+ Project "Sensitive and Inclusive Teacher Empowerment Training: By Teachers, For Teachers"

### ● EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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01/09/2014 – 09/02/2017 – Munchen, Germany

#### **PHD IN EDUCATION – Ludwig Maximilians University**

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01/01/2017 – 26/04/2019 – Derby, United Kingdom  
**MA IN EDUCATION – University of Derby**

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Mastery Academic Practice  
Evidence Based Practice  
Measuring and Evaluating Learning  
Quality, Leadership and Management  
Principles of Language Teaching  
Innovative 21st Century Teaching  
Independent Practice

01/10/2009 – 01/09/2012 – Zona Industriale Prishtinë-Fushë, Prishtine  
**MASTER OF ARTS IN FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT – AAB-Riinvest University, Prishtine (Kosovo)**

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Economic policies, economic research, education policies, finance.

27/09/2005 – 01/04/2009 – Rruga Gazmend Zajmi nr. 75, Prishtine  
**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS – Iliria University**

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Economics, finance, business studies.

## ● **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

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Mother tongue(s): **ALBANIAN**

Other language(s):

	<b>UNDERSTANDING</b>		<b>SPEAKING</b>		<b>WRITING</b>
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
<b>ENGLISH</b>	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2

*Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user*

## ● PUBLICATIONS

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### Publications

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Academic publications:

Shala, A., Latifi, F., & Grajevci, A. (2021). Do teacher characteristics matter? Findings from the PISA performance of Kosovar students International Journal of Management in Education. <https://www.inderscience.com/jhome.php?jcode=ijmie>

Shala, A., & Grajevci, A. (2021). A Review of Kosovo's 2015 PISA Results: Analysing the Impact of Teacher Characteristics in Student Achievement. International Journal of Instruction. <http://www.e-iji.net/>

Shala, A., Latifi, F., & Grajevci, A. (2021). Does socioeconomic status influence achievement? An analyses of the performance of Kosovar students in the 2015 and 2018 PISA assessment. Journal of Elementary Education <https://journals.um.si>

Shala, A., Latifi, F., & Grajevci, A. (2020). ICT and internet usage among Kosovar Students: The impact of trends on achievement in the PISA scales Educational Process: International Journal <http://www.edupij.com/>

Shala, A., Latifi, F., & Grajevci, A. (2020). Exploring Achievement goals tendencies in students: The link between achievement goals and types of motivation. Journal of Education Culture and Society.

Shala, A. & Grajevci, A. (2019). A study of research skills of Kosovar students: An assessment of the influence of inclusion, exclusion, ethnicity, parental education and gender. Journal of Education Culture and Society.

Shala, A., & Grajevci, A. (2018). Examining the Role of Socioeconomic Status, Formal and Informal Education on Political Interest Level among University Students. Politics & Policy.

Shala, A., & Baliqi, B. (2018). Leadership Development among Universities in Kosovo: Challenges and Alternatives. Comparative Professional Pedagogy 8(3), pp. 49-56. Available online at <https://content.sciendo.com/view/journals/rpp/8/3/article-p49.xml>

Bicaj, A., & Shala, A. (2018). Theoretical Approaches vs. Teacher as a Role Model towards Language Learning 7(4). Available online at <http://www.edupij.com/index/arsiv/30/149/theoretical-approaches-vs-teacher-as-a-role-model-towards-language-learning>

Shala, A. and Grajevci, A. (2018). Kosovo's Low Performance in PISA 2015: An Explanation From a Socioeconomic Perspective. Educational Process: International Journal. doi: 10.22521/edupij.2018.71.4

Shala, A. and Grajevci, A. (2017). Digital competencies among students populations in Kosovo: the impact of inclusion, socioeconomic status, ethnicity and type of residence.

Grajevci, A. & Shala, A. (2017). Investigating the link between achievement goals, motivation and parent expectations in university students in Kosovo. Center for Educational Policy Studies Journal, 7(4).

Grajevci, A. and Shala, A. (2016). Formal and Non-Formal Education in the New Era. Action Researcher in Education.

Shala, A. and Grajevci, A. (2017). The Relation between Socioeconomic Status (SES) and Early Development: Empirical Findings and Theoretical Perspectives. Socioeconomica, pp. 309-329.

<https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Arif-Shala> <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=1ns-oEcAAAAJ&hl=en>

## Publications

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### Upcoming Scientific Publications:

**Shala, A. & Grajcevci, A. (2022). Explaining TIMSS results through the impact of socioeconomic status: Student achievement in Math and Science**

**Grajcevci, A. & Shala, A. (2022). Impact of teacher characteristics on the achievement of Kosovar students in Math and Science.**

Blog Active EU-Personal page available at <https://shalaarif.blogactiv.eu/>

#### Featured articles:

Shala, A. (2017). [Enhancing digital competences in student populations](http://shalaarif.blogactiv.eu/2017/01/21/enhancing-digital-competences-in-student-populations/) <http://shalaarif.blogactiv.eu/2017/01/21/enhancing-digital-competences-in-student-populations/>

Shala, A. (2017). [Apply new technologies in education](http://shalaarif.blogactiv.eu/2017/01/21/apply-new-technologies-in-education/) <http://shalaarif.blogactiv.eu/2017/01/21/apply-new-technologies-in-education/>

Shala, A. (2015). What Education Policies in Europe are Missing. Available online at <https://shalaarif.blogactiv.eu/2015/04/07/what-education-policies-in-europe-are-missing/>

Shala, A. (2015). Are we Active Citizens? Available online at <https://shalaarif.blogactiv.eu/2015/04/07/are-we-active-citizen/>

Shala, A. (2015). Education is the Fundamental Driver for Kosovo. Available online at <https://shalaarif.blogactiv.eu/2015/04/07/education-is-the-fundamental-driver-for-kosovo/>

Shala, A. (2015). What can Kosovo learn from PISA? Available online at <https://shalaarif.blogactiv.eu/2015/08/07/what-can-kosove-learn-from-pisa/>

Shala, A. (2015). Quality Education. Available online at <https://shalaarif.blogactiv.eu/2015/05/03/quality-education/>

Shala, A. (2014). The Future of Balkans: Embracing Education. Available online at <http://guests.blogactiv.eu/2014/07/10/the-future-o...>

#### Articles in other online websites:

Shala, A. (2014). Good Governance as our Goal: Because it matters. Available online at <http://www.sharnoffsglobalviews.com/good-governanc...>

Shala, A. (2015). On European immigration: Europes Missing Citizens. Available online at <http://europeansting.com/2015/01/09/on-european-im...>

## ● **DRIVING LICENCE**

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**Driving Licence:** B

## ● **CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS**

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### Conferences

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European Academy- Otzenhausen, Germany  
01.08.2013- 30.08.2013 Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

Soziale Gerechtigkeit, Migration und Integration- Weimar, Germany 17.11.2014-23.11.2014 Stiftung  
Europäische Jugendbildungs- und  
Jugendbegegnungsstätte Weimar (EJBW)

Conference "Hear my Voice!"-Brussels, Belgium 06.09.2014-08.09.2014 Jugend fur Europa

## ● COURSES

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### Courses

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International Project Management Course  
American University in Kosovo  
10 October 2008-7 February 2009