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EDUCATION and TRAINING

1 Sep 2019 – 30 May 2023 **BA, Economics** Medium of instruction: English

Institute of Economy and Trade of Tajik State University of Commerce

GPA: 3.61/4.00 Number of ECTS: 245

31 Jan 2023 – 28 Apr 2023 Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility

Varna University of Management, Bulgaria

7 Feb 2022 – 6 Jul 2022 Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility

University of Cantabria, Spain

25 Sep 2018 – 10 Jan 2019 **Exchange student**

Nanchang University, China

WORK EXPERIENCE

Institute of Economy and Trade of Tajik State University of Commerce

25 Aug 2023 – Current

Assistant Lecturer (8 hours/week) World Economy Dpt.

- Teaching over 40 students for the courses: Macroeconomics, Pricing Strategy
- Implementing student-centred approach during classes being a pioneer in university
- Managed the group to reach 95/100 scores in final exam showing the top performance

1 Sep 2022 - Current

Internationalisation Specialist (20 hours/week) International Center and Global Engagement

- Managing over 8 Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility projects for students, staff and researchers
- Coordinating over 25 students during academic mobility
- Working with 3 capacity building for higher education projects supported by Erasmus+ and Jean Monnet
- Contributed in development of the internationalisation strategy of the university
- Writing content for web-page and social networks

Public Organization "Modern Humanitarian Center" after W. Shakespeare

20 Jul 2022 - Current

Head of Department (12 hours/week) | Science and Education Dpt.

- Simplifying philosophical topics to meet the age requirement of students
- Designing and updating course materials for the Intensive philosophy, Human Studies and Critical Thinking for over 200 students
- Monitoring the quality of teaching for over 900 students and 25 teachers
- Leading the team of 15 employers
- Conducting 5 Senior Experten Service (SES) projects inviting education experts to update the curriculum and upskill local teachers
- Implemented online platform for controlling the learning process

28 Jan 2019 – 20 Jul 2022

Critical Thinking Mentor for Youth (18 hours/week)

- Taught over 45 students for the course: Human Studies
- Trained over 90 students for the course: Critical Thinking and Intensive Philosophy
- Developed over 10 topics related to Tajik mentality and the globalization process
- Co-designed special debate courses to develop fluency of the foreign language and critical thinking for students aged 13-18
- Implemented online learning to 40 students during the COVID-19

10 Jul 2017 - 1 Sep 2018

Examination Inspector of the Learning Process (20 hours/week)

- Monitored over 40 exams per month
- Led exams for B1-B2 levels of English language
- Transformed paper based exam system into computer based

Mother tongue: TAJIK

| | Listening | Reading | Spoken production | Spoken interaction | Writing |
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| ENGLISH | C1 | C1 | C1 | C1 | C1 |
| SPANISH | A2 | A2 | A2 | A2 | A2 |
| GERMAN | A2 | A2 | A2 | A2 | A2 |
| CHINESE | A1 | A1 | A1 | A1 | A1 |
| RUSSIAN | C1 | C1 | C1 | C1 | C1 |

CONFERENCES and **SEMINARS**

Jun 2023

Apr 2023

Apr 2021

Oct 2023 - Current

Nov 2023 Cesim Global Challenge Business Simulation | AACSB

Represented Tajikistan among the Central Asian and Middle East universities

Led a group of 5 students to practice the simulation based learning

UniCEN Internationalization Workshop | American Councils for Higher Education

Presented a draft project on improving internationalization of the higher education in the Central Asia

Competition Law Jean Monnet Center for Excellency University of Osijek

Presented an overview of Competition Law of Tajikistan compared to Croatia, Italy, Serbia, North Macedonia, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Moldova

Conducting a research article on "Competition Law Enforcement and Advocacy"

Student and Scientific – Technological Progress | Institute of Economy and Trade

Researched and presented the topic: "Shaping students' critical thinking through problem based teaching method" Awarded 1st place

Researched and presented the topic: "GDP of the CIS countries and their perspective" Awarded 2nd place

PROJECTS

European Integration Course for Central Asia (EICCA) | Jean Monnet Actions

Position: Institutional Coordinator Assistant

Fulbright Specialist Program | Capacity building for higher education March 2022 - Current

Coordinating two projects inviting US experts to internationalise the Entrepreneurship courses

UNICAC Erasmus+ KA2 Capacity Building for Higher Education Sep 2022 - Dec 2022

Position: Institutional Coordinator Assistant

Organized an international conference for over 50 participants

Mentors Qualification Advancement Program PO "MHC" after W. Shakespeare Aug 2021 - Nov 2022 Position: Project Manager

Lectured over 50 school and university teachers from rural schools free of charge

Introduced humanistic approach of teaching and methodologies compared to authoritarian style

SOCIAL IMPACT and **LEADERSHIP**

Oct 2023 - Current

Tajikistan Erasmus Alumni Association (TEAA)

Co-founded the association of over 60 Erasmus+ Alumni directed to UN SDGs 4, 7, 8, 13, 15;

Jul 2022 - Current

Initiated support and taught over 30 orphan students in local community

Sep 2021 - Jan 2023 Enactus IET

Chaired institutional activities and coordinated 3 social projects: Financial Literacy, Safe Water for Drinking, **Employment for Visually Impaired**

Jul 2017 - Current Young Philosophers' Club

Initiated a club for school students who are interested in philosophy

Coaching and impacting critical thinking of over 200 students free of charge

EXTRACURRICULAR LESSONS

Jun 2014 - May 2016

Social Sciences PO "Youth Education Development Center" after W. Shakespeare

Mastered over 60 hours of the intensive courses of philosophy, psychology and human studies in English

HONOURS and AWARDS

2022 Letter of Gratitude Awarding Institution: Youth Union of Tajikistan Awarded for contribution to youth capacity building and social impact 2021 *The Student of the Year* Awarding Institution: *Institute of Economy and Trade* 2020 Scholarship of the Major of Khujand | Awarding Institution: Executive Authority Awarded for social impact 2020 **Trainer of the Year** Awarding Institution: PO "MHC" after W. Shakespeare 2019 1st place in English Language Olympiad | Awarding Institution: Institute of Economy and Trade 2017 Academic Excellence Scholarship of the Major of Khujand | Awarding Institution: Executive Authority