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WORK EXPERIENCES

- Feb. 2021 – July 2023 **Post-Doc Research Fellow (University of Milan, Italy)**
Research project: EUROSHIP – Closing Gaps in Social Citizenship. New Tools to Foster Social Resilience in Europe
- Research on the politics of minimum income scheme in the European countries; the politics of minimum income scheme at the EU level; European minimum wages; European Pillar of Social Rights; European social governance.
- Oct. 2020 – present **Università degli Studi di Milano**
Tutor for Political Science (Bachelor SPO)
- Logistical support in the administrative procedures connected with students' university study plans and orientation initiatives.
- Jan. 2020 – present **Università degli Studi di Milano**
Tutor for Comparative Welfare States (Masters in Economics and Political Sciences)
- Didactic activities and didactic assistance
 - Exam preparation assistance, exam assistance.
- Nov. 2022 – Dec. 2022 **Università degli Studi di Milano**
Tutor for Dynamics and Evolution of Pension Systems and Social Insurance Systems in Europe (Masters in Management of Social and Pension Policies)
- Didactic activities and didactic assistance
- April 2019 – May 2019 **Ministry of Health and Social Protection (Tirana, Albania)**
Researcher
- Research on Healthcare Policy and Politics in Albania.
- April 2017 – July 2017 **L'Observatoire social européen (Brussels, Belgium)**
Research Assistant
- Research on Work-Life Balance, Long-Term Care and European Pillar of Social Rights;
 - Participation in Brussels-based events;
 - Logistical support, preparation of PowerPoints and other inputs.
- April 2016 – July 2016 **European Anti-Poverty Network (Brussels, Belgium)**
Policy Assistant
- Preparing briefings, and short research papers;
 - Participation in Brussels-based events;
 - Preparing regular short information items on key EU policies and practice for the EAPN website and EAPN Flash;
 - Responding to e-mail, phone information and queries from members;
 - Logistical support in the organization of events and meetings.
- Feb. 2013 – June 2013 **Ministry of European Integration (Tirana, Albania)**
Policy Intern
- Research on the European integration of Albania;
 - Evaluating the partnership between Albania and the EU.

EDUCATION

October 2023	Specialisation in HR Management University of Minnesota, USA • Online course in Preparing to Manage Human Resources
Oct. 2017 – April 2022	PhD in Political Studies University of Milan, Italy <i>Research project: Welfare State Change in Albania: Comparing the Politics of Healthcare and Pension Reforms.</i> • Research on the interplay between domestic political dynamics and international influence, with a particular focus on the role played by the World Bank, in pension and healthcare reforms.
Sept. 2014 – March 2017	M.Sc. in Economics and Political Science University of Milan, Italy • Advanced analytical tools in Economics, Political Sciences and Quantitative Methods; • Deep knowledge of the major international economic policy issues <i>Master thesis: The Politics of Pension Reform in Albania.</i>
Oct. 2010 – Sept. 2013	BA in Political Sciences University of Tirana, Albania • Understanding and analysing social, cultural and political issues; • Developing a persuasive argument backed by facts and evidence; • Communication skills and critical thinking. <i>Bachelor thesis: The Political Behaviour of Bosnian Community in Albania</i>
Academic activities	• Executive member of Elir Albania (January 2022 - present) • Coordinator of the Network of Albanian Academic Diaspora (June 2022 - present)
Languages	• Albanian – native speaker • English – professional working proficiency • Italian – limited working proficiency
Other competences	Well educated, curious and eager to put diverse skills to use in a new workplace environment; Considerable experience in the areas of research, writing and proof reading; Ability to work alone, while also being able to listen to others and follow instructions as part of a team; Positive attitude, reliability, critical thinking, analytical reasoning, excellent work ethic, problem solving oriented, communication and time management skills; Highly computer literate: excellent command of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, Publisher, Outlook), experience with HTML, brainstorming, mental maps, Stata, R, Tosmana and fsqca.
Peer reviewed articles	Shahini, V. (2022). Politikat e Sistemit të Pensioneve në Shqipëri. <i>Social Studies</i> , vol. 16 (3), pp- 5-15. Shahini, V. (2020). Reconstructing the Policy Trajectory: Pension and Healthcare Reforms in Albania. <i>Social Studies</i> , vol. 14 (3), pp.5-20.
Book chapters/ Working papers	Shahini, V., Panaro, A. and Jessoula (forthcoming). The politics of minimum income protection in the EU: the long road to a Council Recommendation. Book chapter in <i>Social policy in the European Union: state of play 2023</i> , eds. Vanhercke, B., Sabato, S. and Spasova, S.

Shahini, V., Panaro, A. and Jessoula (forthcoming). Towards an EU-level Minimum Income Scheme? The Politics of Minimum Income Protection in the European Union. Book chapter in M. Jessoula and M. Natili (eds.)

Panaro, A. and Shahini, V. (forthcoming). Opposing social coalitions in a fragmented party system. Explaining the contentious politics of minimum income in Italy. Book chapter in M. Jessoula and M. Natili (eds.)

Shahini, V. and Panaro, A. (2023). Analysing the Implementation of the EPSR through the European Semester, EUROSHIP Working Paper

Panaro, A., Shahini, V. and Jessoula, M. (2023). The politics of minimum income schemes reforms in seven European countries, EUROSHIP Working Paper

Shahini, V. and Panaro, A. (2023). Ensuring workers' right to fair pay and decent standard of living: the minimum wage initiatives in a multilevel governance framework, EUROSHIP Working Paper.

Shahini, V., Panaro, A. and Jessoula, M. (2022). A Supranational Social Protection Floor for All? The Politics of Minimum Income Protection in the European Union, EUROSHIP Working Paper No. 17.

Panaro, A., Shahini, V. and Jessoula, M. (2022). The Social Dimension of the European Union: Grand Strategies, Governance Frameworks and policy Development in the EU (2000-2020), EUROSHIP Working Paper No. 10.

Shahini, V. (2019). The Politics of Pension Reforms in Albania, LPF Working Paper 7/2019, Centro Einaudi, Torino.

December 2016 – Nobody Left Behind: Ensuring Access for all to Affordable, Quality Housing and Public Health Services, European Anti-Poverty Network, Brussels: Belgium.

Conferences and seminars

September 2023 – A Supranational Social Protection Floor for All? The Politics of Minimum Income Protection in the European Union, XVI Conferenza ESPAnet Italia “Welfare Systems in Transition: Between Equity and Sustainability”, Milan, Italy, 13-15 September 2023.

June 2023 - A Supranational Social Protection Floor for All? The Politics of Minimum Income Protection in the European Union, 29th CES Conference “Europe’s Past, Present and Future: Utopias and Dystopias”, Reykjavik, Iceland, 27-29 June 2023.

November 2022 - coordinator of special social session, XVII International Interdisciplinary Conference “The Role of Technology in the Shaping of Society”, Gjilan, Kosovo, 11-12 November 2022.

November 2022 – The Limits of Bismarckian Social Insurance Model: Reforming Pensions in Albania, XVII International Interdisciplinary Conference “The Role of Technology in the Shaping of Society”, Gjilan, Kosovo, 12 November 2022.

October 2022 - A Supranational Social Protection Floor for All? The Politics of Minimum Income Protection in the European Union, EuSocialCit Winter School “Social Europe after the Pandemic: Rights and Policies”.

September 2022 – Opposing social coalitions in a fragmented party system. Explaining the contentious politics of minimum income in Italy, ESPAnet Europe Conference “Social Policy Change between Path Dependency and Innovation”, Vienna, Austria, 12-16 September 2022.

November 2021 – Coordinator (with Prof.ssa Ana Uka) of session: Marriage, Family, Welfare, Social Policy and Community, XVI International

Interdisciplinary Conference “Education and Culture in Contemporary Society”,
Korca, Albania, 5 November 2021

November 2021 – The Politics of Pension Reforms in Albania, XVI International
Interdisciplinary Conference “Education and Culture in Contemporary Society”

September 2021 – Towards an EU-level Minimum Income Scheme?, XIV
Conferenza ESPAnet Italia

September 2021 – Poverty regimes and variates of minimum income schemes in
Europe, XIV Conferenza ESPAnet Italia