Zahir Çerkini

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Postal code 40000, Mitrovica, Republic of Kosovo

EDUCATION

Qershor – Korrik 2026

SHER Fellowships Post-Doc - Post-doctoral studies (research) within the program SHER Fellowships Post-Doc (OEAD)

Project title: 'The Constitutional Reception of EU Law in Kosovo: A Monist Perspective on Constitutional Openness Beyond EU Membership'

University of Graz, Institut für Europarecht, Graz, Austria.

August – December 2023

FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR (VISITING PROFESSOR) - Post-doctoral studies (research) within the program Fulbright Visiting Scholar

Project title: 'The Role of Constitutional Review in protecting and developing Human Rights in Kosovo: what can we learn from U.S?'

Drake University, School of Law and Constitutional Law Center, Iowa, U.S

November 2015 – February 2020

DOCTOR OF LAW IN CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL SYSTEMS - (PhD)/ Thesis: 'Parliamentary mandate and building democracy - the case of Kosovo'

Tetovo State University, Faculty of Law, Republic of North Macedonia

November 2013 – November 2014

LL.M - MASTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW/ Thesis: 'Constitutional guarantees for the protection of fundamental rights and freedoms in the Republic of Kosovo'

Faculty of Law, University of Prishtina "Hasan Prishtina"

October 2009 – July 2013

BACHELOR OF LAW

Faculty of Law, University of Prishtina "Hasan Prishtina"

WORK EXPERIENCE

November 2026 – CURRENT

Associated Professor (Prof.Asoc.Dr.) – University "Isa Boletini" in Mitrovica, Faculty of Law

(For the courses: Introduction to law; Comparative constitutional law; Labor law; Administrative law; Theory and parliamentary practice)

December 2020 – October 2026

Assistant Professor (Prof.Ass.Dr.) – University “Isa Boletini” in Mitrovica, Faculty of Law
(For the courses: Introduction to law; Comparative constitutional law; Labor law; Administrative law; Theory and parliamentary practice)

Decemberr 2025 – January 2026

Coordinator of the project ‘Internationalizing UIBM’s Legal Curriculum for Impact - Fulbright Specialist Program, implementing in UIBM.

October 2025 – October 2026

Member and researcher of the project ‘Leadership Capacities Development in Higher Education across Albania and Kosovo - LEADALKO’ Project No: 01179476-ERASMUS-EDU-2024-CBHE-STRAND-1.

December 2023 – November 2025

Member and researcher of the project ‘Improving University Quality Assurance Resilient Strategies Toward Excellence QA-SURE’ Project No: 101129398- ERASMUS-EDU-2024-CBHE-STRAND-1.

May – October 2022

Coordinator of the project ‘Equality through education - raising awareness of the rights of persons with disabilities’ founded by HERAS+, University “Isa Boletini” in Mitrovica

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October 2019 – 1st December 2021

Central Coordinator for Academic Development - University “Isa Boletini” in Mitrovica

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November 2015 – November 2020
Teaching Assistant – University “Isa Boletini” in Mitrovica, Faculty of Law

December 2015 – June 2019
Coordinator for Academic Development - University “Isa Boletini” in Mitrovica, Faculty of Law

October 2017 - June 2018
Coordinator, Researcher and Analyst of the Legal Clinic - USAID – NCSC, University “Isa Boletini” in Mitrovica, Faculty of Law

February -August 2015
Researcher/Intern - United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in cooperation with the Assembly of Kosovo

Member of professional commissions

- 2026: Chair of the Working Group for the Preparation of the Self-Evaluation Report for the Accreditation of the Master's Programme LL.M. in Constitutionalism and European Integration.
- 2026: Member of the Working Group for the Preparation of the Self-Evaluation Report for the Accreditation of the Bachelor's Programme in Law.
- 2025: Member of the working group for drafting the strategic plan of UIBM 2026-2030.
- 16.04.2025: Member of the working group for drafting the self-evaluation report for institutional accreditation 2025;
- 20.6.2025: Member of the working group for drafting the regulations for doctoral studies;
- 9.12.2024 and present: Member of the Central Commission for Quality Assurance and Evaluation;
- May 2023-March 2024: Member of the working group for drafting the Self-Assessment Report for Reaccreditation of the Law program at University "Isa Boletini" in Mitrovica;
- February 2022-2023: Member of the working group for drafting the Self-Assessment Report for Institutional Reaccreditation of the University "Isa Boletini" in Mitrovica;
- 2019: Member of the working group for the review of the Strategic Plan of the University "Isa Boletini" in Mitrovica;
- 2021: Member of the working group for drafting the Strategic Plan of the University "Isa Boletini" in Mitrovica;
- July 2021: Participant in the AKA’s and HERAS+’s workshop for the review of accreditation standards;
- 2019-February 2022/ November 2022 and now: Member of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Law of the University "Isa Boletini" in Mitrovica;
- 2020-2022: Member of the Studies Committee of the Faculty of Law of the University "Isa Boletini" in Mitrovica;
- 2019-2021: Member of the Central Commission for Quality Assurance and Evaluation of the University "Isa Boletini" in Mitrovica;
- December 2019: Participant in the AKA’s and HERAS+’s workshop for the accreditation standards for doctoral programmes;
- 2019: Member of the working group for drafting the Self-Assessment Report for Institutional Reaccreditation of the University "Isa Boletini" in Mitrovica.

MAIN PUBLICATIONS

‘FROM CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITMENT TO WEAK ENFORCEMENT: EXPLAINING REGULATORY CAPACITY GAPS IN POST-WAR LABOR GOVERNANCE”
Zahir Çerkini

Cogent Social Sciences 2026, Vol. 12, no. 1, 2698378. Published by Informa UK limited, trading as Taylor & Francis group. https://doi.org/10.1080/23311886.2026.2698378

‘NATIONALISM AND POLITICAL CHALLENGES IN STATE RECOGNITION: KOSOVO'S LEGAL AND DIPLOMATIC JOURNEY’
Zahir Çerkini, Gjenis Haxhimehmeti

Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism, 2025; 0:1–15 https://doi.org/10.1111/sena.70008

‘HOW THE CONSTITUTION SHAPES ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE: BALANCING LAW AND ECONOMICS IN POST-WAR COUNTRIES’
Zahir Çerkini, Neshat Podvorica

Corporate Law & Governance Review / Volume 6, Issue 2, 2024, pp. 83-92. https://doi.org/10.22495/clgrv6i2p8

‘Constitutionalization of international instruments on human rights: lessons from Kosova’
Perparim Gruda, Doruntine Demiri, Zahir Çerkini

Journal: Perspectives of Law and Public Administration. Volume 9, Special Issue, 2020 2020

‘President’s Veto and His Role in Parliamentary Republics: Case of Kosovo’
Zahir Çerkini

Acta Universitatis Danubius. Juridica, Volume 14/ 120-132 2018

‘The fundamental values that Kosovo's constitution protects’
Zahir Çerkini

"Juridica" Publisher: European College "Juridica", Pristina, Number5, Spring 2016 / Pp. 171-182

‘The constitutional protection of freedoms and fundamental rights in the Constitutional Court’
Zahir Çerkini

Journal Of Interdisciplinary Research, Publisher: International Institute For Private-, Commercial-, And Competition Law (Iipccl), June 2015 / No.1, ISSN 2410-759X (print); ISSN 2411-9725 (online) / pg.219-2

‘The judicial system an important pillar of the rule of law’
Flamur Hyseni, Zahir Çerkini

Regional Magazine of Social Sciences, March 7, 2015 / No. 1/2015, ISSN: 1800-9794, KDU 33/34 (05) / p. 36-45

‘Parliamentary Control over the Government- Study Case Kosovo’
Perparim Gruda, Zahir Çerkini

“Constitutio”, ISSN: 1409- 8962 2014

CONFERENCES, MOBILITY, INTERNATIONAL LECTURES AND SEMINARS

Yeditepe University, Faculty of Law, Istanbul, Türkiye
13 April 2025
Guest Lecturer for the students of the Faculty of Law, delivering a lecture on the topic: "The Constitutional System of Kosovo"

Yeditepe University, Faculty of Law, Istanbul, Türkiye
8–14 April 2025
Academic Staff Mobility at the Faculty of Law, Yeditepe University, under the Erasmus+ Staff Mobility Programme

CONFERENCE OF THE LAW SCHOOLS FROM THE WESTERN BALKANS AND MOLDOVA
25-26 September 2025, Faculty of Law, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON HUMAN, SOCIAL SCIENCES AND ARTS, Tetovo – North Makedonia, 12-13 November 2025
Zahir Çerkini/ WHO CONSTITUTES THE CONSTITUENT POWER? CONSTITUTIONAL JUSTICE AND THE PARLIAMENT IN KOSOVO

International University of Sarajevo, Faculty of Law, 29.5.2025
Guest Speaker- FLW Public Lectures Series: "Understanding the State: Legal Principles and Administrative Function in Public Governance", Zahir Çerkini

University “Isa Boletini” in Mitrovica, University of Warsaw & Team Europe (EU), online. February 13, 2025.
Moderating and participating in the International Scientific Round Table regarding 17th anniversary of the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON HUMAN, SOCIAL SCIENCES AND ARTS, Tetovo – North Makedonia, 6-8 November 2024
Zahir Çerkini/ CONSTITUTIONAL DEBATE IN KOSOVO: THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT’S ROLE IN PROMOTING CONSTITUTIONAL UNDERSTANDING

Celje and Ljubljana, Slovenia on 20 and 21 June 2024. The visit for the group was organized and hosted by the International School for Social and Business Studies (Celje, Slovenia).
Study visit (Mobility) in Slovenia within the project “Improving University Quality Assurance Resilient Strategies Toward Excellence” (QA-SURE), within Erasmus+

Drake University Law School & Drake Constitutional Law Center, Iowa, U.S, 28 November 2023
Presentation, Fulbright Visiting Scholar at Drake University Law School Dr. Zahir Çerkini on the topic '*THE ROLE OF CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW IN PROTECTING AND DEVELOPING HUMAN RIGHTS IN KOSOVO: WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM U.S?'*

Iowa National Guard Judge Advocate General Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Conference
Dodge House, Camp Dodge, Iowa, U.S, 4-5 November 2023
Special Guest, Fulbright Visiting Scholar at Drake University Law School Dr. Zahir Çerkini on the topic 'The basic characteristics of the constitutional and judicial system of Kosovo'

University of Eastern Finland, 23 May 2023 to 29 May 2023. Joensuu. Finland.
Erasmus+ Global Staff Mobility at the International Development Services, University Services of the University of Eastern Finland.

International Scientific Conference "Security in the Western Balkans", organized by the Department of Public Administration, Faculty of Political and Legal Sciences, University "Aleksandër Moisiu", Durrës – Albania, 20 May 2022
Zahir Çerkini/ CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES IN THE PROCESS OF KOSOVO'S INTEGRATION IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

"HUMAN RIGHTS, CRIME AND ECONOMY IN THE TIME OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC", Faculty of Law, University “Isa Boletini” in Mitrovica, 20 December 2021
Zahir Çerkini/ Attack against equality and human rights? Analysis of the Impact of Emergency Legislation in the Time of Covid 19

University of Peja "Haxhi Zeka", Faculty of Law, Kosovo, 2021
Zahir Çerkini/ The relations between parliamentary immunity and human rights

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AAB College, Prishtina, Kosovo, 2021
Zahir Çerkini/ Between equality and the affirmative approach: the legitimacy of the quota for gender representation in the Assembly

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“Geosciences and Sustainable Development” hosted by University of Mitrovica “Isa Boletini” in Kosovo, 2021
Zahir Çerkini/ Kosovo's constitutional orientation in economic development: constitutional and legal specifics of the mining field

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“Geosciences and Sustainable Development” hosted by University of Mitrovica “Isa Boletini” in Kosovo, 2020
Zahir Çerkini/ "Legal aspects of mining in Kosovo - the case of Trepca sh.a."

Friedrich Ebert Stiftung –Prishtina Office, 2016
Zahir Çerkini/ "The role of the Constitutional Court in the development of democracy in Kosovo"

HONOURS AND AWARDS

- 11.10.2017- 21.10.2017: Participant in the State Department's “Open World Program: Improve Higher Education” organized by the US Congressional Library, “Open World Leadership Center” and the US Embassy in Kosovo: Study Visit to Washington D.C and New York;
- 2023: Acknowledgment from the Dean of Faculty of Law of the University "Isa Boletini" in Mitrovica, with the motivation "For the special contribution given to the accreditation process and the general development and advancement of the Faculty of Law”
- 2022: Acknowledgment from the Rector of the University "Isa Boletini" in Mitrovica with the motivation “For the contribution given to the training of the representative team of the university for the first edition of the competitions organized by 'Halimi Foundation Institute'”;
- 2021: Acknowledgment from the Dean of the Faculty of Law of the University "Isa Boletini" in Mitrovica with motivation "For performance shown and evaluation by students of the Faculty of Law in the teaching process during the academic year 2019/2020";
- 2020: Acknowledgment from the Rector of the University of Mitrovica "Isa Boletini", with the motivation "For the valuable contribution to the process of institutional re-accreditation";
- 2018: Acknowledgment from the Dean of the Faculty of Law of the University of Mitrovica "Isa Boletini", with motivation for the dedication and professional support of the students of the Faculty of Law - University of Mitrovica "Isa Boletini", in both Simulation Trial Competitions, organized by NCSC, held on 28.12.2017 and 08.06.2018 at the Palace of Justice in Prishtina ”;
- 2015: Members of the Board of the Conference III Regional Scientific Kosovo, Albania, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia; Organized on 05 September 2015 from ISLD, Gjilan;
- 14-15 of May 2011: First place in: Kosovo National Client Counseling Competition; Institution: The American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative and The United States Department of Justice.

BOOKS

Enver Hasani, Përparim Gruda, Zahir Çerkini, E drejta kushtetuese [Constitutuonal Law], University of Prishtina “Hasan Prishtina, 2023. ISBN 978-9951-00-336-0

Safet Emruli, Përparim Gruda, Zahir Çerkini, Gjyqësia Kushtetuese (Teoria dhe praktika) [Constitutional Judicary (Theory and practice)], 2023. ISBN 978-9951-28-191-1

Zahir Çerkini, Mbrojtja Kushtetuese e Lirive dhe të Drejtave Themelore në Republikën e Kosovës, Monografi. Prishtinë, 2026. ISBN: 978-9951-32-660-5

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Zahir Çerkini "McCain and the Balkan politician's model", KOHA DITORE, 2018

Zahir Çerkini "Checkpoint Charlie" vs. Checkpoint Cari", KOHA DITORE, 2019

Zahiri Çerkini "Pamflet për një rizgjim arsimor", KOHA, 2026

TRAININGS

- University "Isa Boletini" in Mitrovica and Kolegji Biznesi, Kosovo 18–20 June 2026

Trainer in the Leadership Development Programme Piloting under the LEADALKO – Leadership Capacities Development in Higher Education across Albania and Kosovo project (Erasmus+, Project No. 101179476 – ERASMUS-EDU-2024-CBHE-STRAND-1).

-15 December 2025 – 16 January 2026: Successfully completed the training and workshop programme within the Fulbright Specialist Program project "Internationalizing UIBM's Legal Curriculum for Impact", held at the University "Isa Boletini" in Mitrovica.

-6 March 2026: Successfully completed the academic workshop "Artificial Intelligence in Teaching", organized by Prof. Dr. Anja Schiemann, Faculty of Law, University of Cologne.

-9-10-11 December 2025: TRAIN THE TRAINERS, Project No: 101179476- ERASMUS-EDU-2024-CBHE-STRAND-1, LEADALKO, Erasmus+.

- 30th January 2025 from 10:00 to 15:00 via webinar: Workshop on Reviewing and Updating QA Policies of Partner HEI's to Respect ESG Standards and Guidelines for Internal Quality Assurance. QA-SURE, Erasmus+ / KA2 Capacity Building in Higher Education 101129398- ERASMUS-EDU-2024-CBHE-STRAND-1.

- Mitrovice, February 10, 2025: workshop addressing best practices in open access publishing in Scopus database journals, by Prof. Dr. DSc Marta Witkowska, Editor-in-Chief University of Warsaw.

- 28th of April and 19 & 20 May 2023: Training from HERAS+ on the topic 'Training of Trainers' for the Center for Professional Development and Education at UIBM;

- 0.6.2022: Training from HERAS+ on the topic 'Preparation and application for Erasmus+ Projects';

- 31 of May – 1st of June 2022: Training from HERAS+ on the topic 'PROJECT MANAGEMENT CYCLE'';

- 10.12.2021: Training from QAINT on "Avoidance of suspicious journals and discussion conferences";

- June 2021- Advanced level training "Planning and implementation of teaching in higher education", organized by the Center for Excellence in Teaching of the University of Prishtina "Hasan Prishtina";

- December 2020- Basic training "Teaching in higher education", organized by the Center for Excellence in Teaching of the University of Prishtina "Hasan Prishtina";

- **2019- Legal Pedagogy Training. Institution: Ohio Northern University – Kosovo Demand for Justice Program;**
- **5 and 6 December 2017- Training on developing innovative student-centered learning methods at public universities in Kosovo with the design thinking methodology; HERAS, Austria Development Cooperation, MEST;**
- **20-21 March 2013- Advocacy in Kosovo. Justice and Citizens (PILPG & ATRC);**
- **2010-2011- Introduction to Public Speaking. Institution: Center for Political Studying and European Integration (Full Semester).**

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): **ALBANIAN**

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken Production	Spoken Interaction	
ENGLISH	C2	C2	C1	C1	C1

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