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Personal information

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Education and training

Dates **09.2006-03.2011**
Title of qualification awarded **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Human Geography**
Name and type of organisation providing education and training PhD Thesis: Transition Stories: Politics of Urban Living Space in Tirana City Region, Albania Thesis Advisor: Andrew E. G. Jonas, Ph.D., Professor
Address University of Hull, Department of Geography and Earth Sciences, Cottingham Road, HU6 7RX, Hull, UK, Quacquarelli Symonds Ltd. Retrieved 8 June 2017 is 28

Dates **09.1992-07.1996**
Name and type of organisation providing education and training **Master Professional in History-Geography**
Address University "Alexander Xhuvani", History-Geography Department, Elbasan, Albania

Dates **09.1996-07.2006**
Name and type of organisation providing education and training **Master professional in Law**
Address Faculty of Law, University of Tirana, Albania

Work experience

Dates **09/2019 - 2025**
Occupation or position held **Part-time Lecturer Syllabus in English** (Economic Regionalisation, Sustainable tourism, Introduction to tourism)
Name and type of organisation Department of Tourism, Faculty of Business, University "Aleksandër Moisiu" Durrës, UAMD, Albania
Main activities and responsibilities *Taught the following modules:*
Economic Regionalisation, Sustainable Tourism, Urban Tourism (BA in Business-Administration))

Dates **12.2023-09.2024**
Occupation or position held **Full-time Lecturer**

Name and type of organisation	Faculty of Philology and Education, Department of History-Geography, University Fan S. Noli, Korça
Main activities and responsibilities	<i>Taught the following modules:</i> Geography of Kosovo and Diaspora (BA in History-Geography) Political Geography (BA in History-Geography) Economic Geography of Albania
Dates	10.2020.12.2023
Occupation or position held	Part-time Lecturer
Name and type of organisation	Faculty of Philology and Education, History-Geography Department, University Fan S. Noli, Korça
Main activities and responsibilities	<i>Taught the following modules:</i> Human Geography Geography of Kosovo and Diaspora (BA in History-Geography) Political Geography (BA in History-Geography)
Dates	12.2016-09.2017
Occupation or position held	Full-Time Lecturer
Name and type of organisation	University Eqerem Çabej, Department History-Geography, Gjirokastra, Albania
Main activities and responsibilities	<i>Taught the following modules:</i> Research Methods in Social Sciences (MSc History-Geography) Geography of Kosovo and Diaspora (BA in History-Geography)
Dates	05.2014-08.2016
Occupation and position held	Full-time Lecturer and Head of Department
Name and type of organisation	Faculty of Environment and Urban Management, Polis University, Albania
Main activities and responsibilities	<i>Taught the following modules:</i> Urban Geography (BA Environmental Studies and MSc Urban Planning) EU and Territorial Politics (MSc Urban Planning) Research Methods (BA Art Design, BA Environmental Studies, MSc Urban Planning)
Dates	03.2013 – 05. 2014
Occupation and position held	Part-time Lecturer
Name and type of organisation	European University of Tirana (UET), Faculty of Social Sciences, Tirana
Main activities and responsibilities	<i>Taught the following modules:</i> PLSC140/B 'Research Methods in Social Sciences (BA level) ANTH330 - Research Methods in Social Anthropology (BA level) ANTH335/B - Introduction to Ethnography (BA level)
Dates	2017 - 2020
Occupation and position held	Freelance Interpreter, Disclose No 001347382783
Name and type of organisation	Recruitment Empire Ltd, Recruitment Empire, Empire House, College Road, Rochdale, OL12 6AE,
Main activities and responsibilities	Tel: 0330 202 0734, e-mail: opportunities@empire-groupuk.com Arranged contacts with third parties on behalf of Kosovo and Albanian patients, organizing the translating and interpreter procedure for medical visits.
Dates	01.2012 – 06.2012
Occupation and position held	PhD Graduate Researcher
Name and type of organisation	Business School, University of Hull, HU6 7RX, UK
Main activities and responsibilities	Arranged contacts with a wide range of postgraduate students in University of Hull campus, organizing and using appropriate research techniques, such as conducting face to face interviews.
Dates	09.1996-02.2008
Occupation and position held	Full-time Assoc. Lecturer
Name and type of organisation	<i>Taught the following modules:</i>
Main activities and responsibilities	Regional Economic Geography I (Europe) Regional Economic Geography II (North America, Asia, Africa and Australia)

Personal skills and competences

Mother tongue(s)

Albanian

Other language(s)

Self-assessment

European level (*)

English

German

Understanding				Speaking				Writing	
Listening		Reading		Spoken interaction		Spoken production			
C1	Very good	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C1	Very good	C1	Very good
A2	Independent user	A2	Independent user	A2	Independent user	A2	Independent user	A2	Independent user

(*) [Common European Frame work of Reference \(CEF\) level](#)

Social skills and competences

Familiar with multi-national environments. Communicative, sociable, non-discriminatory, collaborative in projects. High ethical values and personal integrity love working and experiment with landscape in (sub)urban areas, keen to work in groups.

Computer skills and competences

I am competent in MS OFFICE 2017, NVivo, ANOVA for qualitative and quantitative research data. Good inter-personal communication and transferable skills with staff which served to better organize department work.

GRANTS, BURSARIES and TRAINING ACTIVITIES

(8th July – 21st July 2024) Summer School: Bulgarian Language and Culture, South-West University Neofit Rilski, Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria.

(2021) Research in Project Management, Sci-Link Foundation, Holland, Certificate of Completion, the professional development course is equivalent of 5 credits, 25-26 January.

(2020) e-course: Management of Biosphere Reserves and other Designated Areas as 2nd part of the Asterousia Hybrid University 2020, with an estimated 15 hours workload for learners, 30/11/2020-20/12/2020.

(2017) RSA (Shoqata e Studimeve Rajonale) bursary for Konferencë në Evropën Qendrore dhe Jugore, "Polarisation and Unequal Development in CEE: Challenges for Innovative Place-based Policies", Fakulteti i Ekonomisë dhe Administrim-Biznes, Babeş-Bolyai Universitzi, Cluj-Napoca, Rumania, 10 - 13 September (£250)

(2017) One week training Marie Curie Fellowship – Università degli studi, Padova, Italy (Euro 500)

(2011) Summer School and Conference in Amsterdam, School for Social Science Research, University of Amsterdam (Euro 1,000)

Lists of Publications - Marcela Mele

- Projects COST, member in three working groups of COST Action.

Three Participating actions in:

<https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA22141/#tabs+Name:Working%20Groups%20and%20Membership>

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Working groups

1. CA23112 - Critical perspectives on career and career guidance (COCAG)

WG1 Kontakt: Leader Dr Mariana Lucas Casanova, Instituto Politecnico Do Porto, Portugal, +351933515521, marianacasanova@ese.ipp.pt and Vice Leader Dr Richard Gee, Nottingham Trent University, United Kingdom, 07810794226 ricky.gee@ntu.ac.uk

2. CA22141 - Integrated DSS for delivery of ecosystem services based on EU forest policies (DSS4ES)

WG 5 - the Governance (implementation and monitoring) Contact: Leader Dr. Sofia CORTICEIRO Universidade de Aveiro, Aveiro, Portugal sofiacorticeiro@ua.pt

3. CA23118 - Futures-oriented Governance of Outer Space: Towards Peace, Equity, and Environmental Integrity (FOGOS)

WG 1 - Communication and policy engagement, Contact: Leader Dr. Johannes SCHMIED

WG 4 - Space futures and equity TBA

WG 5 - Space futures and environmental integrity TBA

MONOGRAPH

1. **Mele, Marcela.** (2016) 'Politikat e Hapësirës (sub)urbane në Rajonin Tiranë', *Trans.* "Suburban Politics in Albanian Context from an Ethnographic point of view", Ditaprint Press, Tirana, ISBN: 978-9928-229-03-8

University Textbooks

1. **Mele, Marcela.** (2016) Faculty of Urban Environment Management and Planning, POLIS University:
 1. Research Methods in Urban Development and Management, Environmental studies, Art Design and Architecture

Book Chapter in Toronto Press

1. **Mele, Marcela.** and Andrew E.G Jonas. (2020). 'Property relations and the politics of the suburban living place in the post-communist city: transition stories from Tirana, Albania', In: (eds) Lisa B Welch Drummond and Douglas Young "Socialist and Post-Socialist Urbanisms Critical Reflections from a Global Perspective. University of Toronto Press, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3138/9781442632844> , pp. 227-245.

ARTICLES

1. Muka, Majlinda. and **Marcela Mele** (in process) "Toward the improvement of tourism sustainability: the role of Carrying Capacity Assessment for Durrës coastal area, Albania", *WSEAS Transactions on Environment and Development*, (Scopus Indexed) ID number 5115-1353
2. **Mele, Marcela.** and Majlinda Muka (2022) Uneven Peripheral Developments in Central and Eastern Europe: A Case Study of the Tirana City Region, Albania. *Quaestiones Geographicae*, 41 (2): 37 – 47 DOI: <https://doi.org/10.2478/quageo-2022-0018> (Impact Score: 1.18, SCImago Journal Rank)

ARTICLES IN ALBANIA

1. **Marcela Mele** & Godiva Rembeci (2016) 'Zhvillimi i qëndrueshëm bujqësor në qarkun e Fierit. Research paper, Buletin 'Kërkimi Shkencor në bujqësi dhe prodhimin shtazorë për zhvillimin rural', VI(1) pp. 35-42, ISSN 2224-7781
2. **Marcela Mele** dhe Erion Cuku (2014) 'Qeverisja e mirë: Imazh përfaqësimi' për shoqërinë civile në Shqipëri', **POLIS 13** (3): 5-18, Tiranë, UET Press, ISSN: 2223-8174
3. **Marcela Mele** & Entela Shehu (2013) 'Udhëtimi i Teorive Neoliberale në Fushën e Zhvillimit Urban në Vendet post Socialiste: Rasti Shqiptar', **POLIS 12** (2): 79-95, Tiranë, UET Press, ISSN: 2223-8174

PROCEEDING BOOKS IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

1. **Marcela Mele** & Hermis Mele (processing) Revisiting Post-Occupancy Evaluation through Ambiance and Human Geography: Toward a Sensory Framework for Urban Quality of Life in Albania, ISPEC 13th International Conference on Social Sciences & Humanities, Adiyaman University, Dubai, UAE
2. **Marcela Mele** (2025) Magnet Cities and uneven youth futures: Tirana-Kamza in the post socialist Urban Landscape, 7th International Cappadocia Scientific Research Congress August 2-4, 2025 / Göreme / Nevşehir / Türkiye, ISBN: 979-8-89695-149-0, fq. 369-372. <https://www.cappadociacongress.org/>
3. **Marcela Mele** (2025) Visual Materials and Nation-Building In Geography Education in Socialist Albania, Book Proceeding on International Congress on Culture and Literature, June 15-17, 2025 – Van, Turkey, ISBN: 978-625-378-254-2, Liberty Publishing House, pp.1250-1260,
4. **Marcela Mele** (2025) Adapting Ecotourism and Sustainable Community Development to Littoral Protection in Kune-Vain Lagoon System, Albania: A Co-C+E Approach, book proceeding of 11. International Symposium on Current Developments in Science, Technology and Social Sciences May 25-26, 2025/ Ankara- TÜRKİYE
5. **Marcela Mele** (2025) Territorial Fragmentation vs. Amalgamation: Is Urban Growth Machine a Solution for Tirana Region, Albania? *Beyşehir Proceeding Books*, Liberty Publishing Housing, ISBN: 979-8-89695-068-4, pp.621-627 [www://www.iksadkongre.com/gastronomy](http://www.iksadkongre.com/gastronomy)
6. **Marcela Mele** & Hermis Mele (2025) History and Evolution of Landscape Concept in Albania until 1925, Cyprus Proceeding Books (eds) Esra Karabacak and Ghadir Golkarian, ISBN: 979-8-89695-055-4, pp. 417-424 <https://www.euroasiacongress.org/books>
7. **Marcela Mele** (2025) Functional Urban Areas in Albania: New Territorial Realities and Challenges 11th International European Conference on Interdisciplinary Scientific Research, Lisbon Proceeding Books, Liberty Publishing House, ISBN: 979-8-89695-018-9, pp.467-473. Abstracts Book, Congress of Lisbon.pdf

8. **Marcela Mele** (in process) Impakti i Monumenteve Natyrore në Zhvillimin Socio-Ekonomik të Bashkisë Pustec, rajoni Korçë. Simpozium Shkencor "Monumentet e Natyrës së Shqipërisë dhe Vlerat e tyre Natyrore, Historike, Kulturore, Shpirtërore dhe Turistike", Akademia e Shkencave dhe UNIKO, Tiranë.
9. **Marcela Mele** (2024) Korça midis Francës dhe Greqisë: një Udhëkryq i Luftës së Parë Botërore. Book Proceeding: Korça në Luftën e Parë Botërore: Vetëqeverimi dhe zhvillimet social ekonomike Kumtesë proceeding nga UNIKO dhe Këshilli i Qarkut Korçë. ISBN 9789928471352, pp.134-139
10. **Marcela Mele** (2018) "Urban revitalization and its Impact on Community Involvement in Albania", the 2nd International Conference on "Interregional development in geographical, historical, social, economic and cultural focus", Proceeding Fan Noli Press Scientific Yearbook, No 5/1, pp. 128-143. ISSN: 2078-7111, pp. 128-143.
[http://www.unkorce.edu.al/sites/default/files/VJETARI%205.1%20\(5\).pdf](http://www.unkorce.edu.al/sites/default/files/VJETARI%205.1%20(5).pdf)
11. **Mele, Marcela** dhe Erion Cuku (2017) "The symbiosis Urban Planning - Urban Governance for the Provision of a Local Democracy in the New Administrative Units", the 6th ICTEA Conference on New Advanced Methodologies and Techniques in Scientific Research, Janinë (Greqi). ISBN 978-9928-4374-7-1, pp. 176-187
12. **Marcela Mele & Nasip Meçaj** (2015) 'Ecological Sustainability in Albania for managing coastal erosion in Kune Vain, Albania', European Conference in Geo-Environment and Construction, Tirana, Albania, ISBN 978-9928-114-63-1
13. **Godiva Rembeci & Marcela Mele** (2015) 'Coastal Planning and management, an important tool for Sustainable Development of Economy and tourism: concrete example of Durres Coast, Albania', European Conference in Geo-Environment and Construction, Tirana, Albania, November 26th -28th, 2015.
14. **Roland Lami & Marcela Mele** (2014) 'Applying to Higher Education: Information Sources and Choice Factors', INTED2014, the 8th International Technology, Education and Development Conference, Valencia (Spain), March 10th-12th, available at www.inted2014.org

PROCEEDING PRESENTATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

1. **Marcela Mele & Hermis Mele** (September 17, 2025) Revisiting Post-Occupancy Evaluation through Ambiance and Human Geography: Toward a Sensory Framework for Urban Quality of Life in Albania, ISPEC 13th International Conference on Social Sciences & Humanities, Adiyaman University, September 16-20 Dubai, UAE
2. **Marcela Mele** (August 3, 2025) Magnet Cities and uneven youth futures: Tirana-Kamza in the post socialist Urban Landscape, 7th International Cappadocia Scientific Research Congress August 2-4, 2025 / Göreme / Nevşehir / Türkiye, <https://www.cappadociacongress.org/>
3. **Marcela Mele** (July 12, 2025) Visual Materials and Nation-Building in Geography Education in Socialist Albania, Book Proceeding on International Congress on Culture and Literature, June 15-17, 2025/ Van – TÜRKİYE, <https://www.isarconference.org/kongrekitaplari>
4. **Marcela Mele** (May 26, 2025) Eco-Tourism and Coastal Management through Eco-Techniques: Case Study Kune-Vain Lagoons, Albania, 11. International Symposium on Current Developments in Science, Technology and Social Sciences May 25-26, 2025/ Ankara- TÜRKİYE
5. **Marcela Mele** (April 25, 2025) Territorial Fragmentation vs. Amalgamation: Is Urban Growth Machine a Solution for Tirana Region, Albania? 11th International Beyşehir Gastronomy Culture and Tourism Congress-II April 25-26, 2025 / Beyşehir, Konya, Türkiye, Beyşehir Ali Akkanat Vocational School, Selcuk University, Turkey.
6. **Marcela Mele** and Hermis Mele (March 21, 2025) History and Evolution of Landscape Concept in Albania until WW2, 1st International Cyprus Congress of Scientific Research, 21-23 March 2025 / Near East University, Nicosia, TRNC
7. **Marcela Mele** (January 20, 2025) Functional Urban Areas in Albania: New Territorial Realities and Challenges 11th International European Conference on Interdisciplinary Scientific Research, January 20-22, 2025, Lisbon, Portugal.
8. **Marcela Mele** (December 6, 2024) Korça midis Francës dhe Greqisë: një Udhëkryq i Luftës së Parë Botërore. Konferencë Shkencore Ndërkombëtare: Korça në Luftën e Parë Botërore: Vetëqeverimi dhe zhvillimet social ekonomike, 6 dhjetor 2024 Korçë, UNIKO dhe Këshilli i Qarkut Korçë.
9. **Marcela Mele** (June 28, 2024) Impakti i monumenteve natyrore në zhvillimin socio-ekonomik në Bashkinë Pustec, rajoni Korçë. Kumtesë proceeding nga Akademia e Shkencave dhe UNIKO. <https://akad.gov.al/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Buletini-korrik-2024-1.pdf>
10. **Marcela Mele** and Erion Cuku (2017) "Urban Revitalization and its Impact on Community Involvement in Albania", the 2nd International Conference on "Interregional development in geographical, historical, social, economic and cultural focus", UNIKO, Korçë.
11. **Marcela Mele** (2017) RSA Central and Eastern Europe Conference, Regional "Polarisation and Unequal Development in CEE: Challenges for Innovative Place-based Policies", Faculty of Economics and Business Administration Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, September 10-13, 2017. https://www.regionalstudies.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/programme_Cluj-1.pdf , https://www.regionalstudies.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Abstract_Book_Cluj-1.pdf

12. **Marcela Mele** dhe Erion Cuku (2017) "The symbiosis Urban Planning - Urban Governance for the Provision of a Local Democracy in the New Administrative Units", the 6-th ICTEA Conference on New Advanced Methodologies and Techniques in Scientific Research, Janinë.
13. **Marcela Mele** dhe Godiva Rembeci (2016) 'Zhvillimi i qëndrueshëm bujqësor në qarkun e Fierit. Research paper, Buletin 'Kërkimi Shkencor në bujqësi dhe prodhimin shtazorë për zhvillimin rural', VI(1) pp. 35-42, ISSN 2224-7781
14. **Marcela Mele** dhe Nasip Meçaj (2015) 'Ecological Sustainability in Albania for managing coastal erosion in Kune Vain, Albania', European Conference in Geo-Environment and Construction, Tirana, Albania, November 26th -28th, 2015.
15. Godiva Rembeci and **Marcela Mele** (2015) 'Coastal Planning and management, an important tool for Sustainable Development of Economy and tourism: concrete example of Durres Coast, Albania', European Conference in Geo-Environment and Construction, Tirana, Albania, November 26th -28th, 2015.
16. Roland Lami and **Marcela Mele** (March 11, 2014) 'Applying to Higher Education: Information Sources and Choice Factors', INTED2014, the 8th International Technology, Education and Development Conference, Valencia (Spain), March 10th-12th. Available at www.inted2014.org

PEER-REVIEW EDITOR

1. **WSEAS**, contact www.wseas.com
 WSEAS TRANSACTIONS ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS
 WSEAS TRANSACTIONS ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT
2. **2018-2022 Review Editor**– over 10 certificates as a reviewer for:
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 1. Ain Shams Engineering Journal.
 2. The New Directions in the Humanities Journal Collection.
 3. The Journal of Aging and Social Change.
 4. Interdisciplinary Social Sciences
 5. Humanities

BOOK REVIEWS

1. **Maj 2023** Book review "Housing Estates in the Baltic Countries. The Legacy of Central Planning in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania", Eds. Hess, Daniel Baldwin, Tammaru, Titi (2019): në Euroasian and Economic Journal (EEG)
2. **Tetor 2019** Book review "Private Rental Housing in Transition Countries, an Alternative to Owner Occupation?", Eds. József Hegedüs, Martin Lux, Vera Horváth, Palgrave Macmillan: në Euroasian and Economic Journal (EEG)
3. **Gusht 2019**: Book review "What's in a name? Talking about Urban Peripheries", eds. Richard Harris and Char-lotte Vorms, University of Toronto Press. In: The Canadian Geographer Journal, 63 (3) fq 31-32
 ONLINE <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/cag.12565?af=R>

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2. Prof. Andrew E. G. Jonas: University of Hull, Department of Geography and Earth Sciences, Cottingham Rod, HU6 7RX, Hull, UK, tel (+44)1482 465368, e-mail: a.e.jonas@hull.ac.uk