

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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**FIELD of SPECIALIZATION and INTEREST: Global Education, Community Building, Slow Fashion, Social Business, Development and Security in sub – Saharan Africa, Post-Conflict Peace Building and Society Transformation**

#### EDUCATION

- August 2009                                      PhD. in International Relations, (Dissertation Thesis: *Security Challenges in Western Africa in Context of Post-conflict Reconstruction in Liberia*), Faculty of Political Sciences and International Relations of Matej Bel University (Slovakia)
- April – June 2009                                Guest Researcher, Nordic Africa Institute in Uppsala (Sweden)
- February – July 2008                            Guest Researcher, Gaston Berger University of Saint-Louis (Senegal)
- November 2006 –January 2017                Guest Researcher, Montesquieu University of Bordeaux, CERCCLE, CERDRADI (France)
- June 2006   Master in International Relations and Diplomacy, (Master Thesis: *New Development Strategies, Programs and Initiatives in Sub-Saharan Africa in 21<sup>st</sup> Century*), Faculty of Political Sciences and International Relations of Matej Bel University (Slovakia)
- February – September 2005                    Exchange student with Erasmus program, University of Bologna, Roberto Ruffilli Faculty of Political Sciences of Forli (Italy)
- May 2004   Bachelor in International Relations and Diplomacy, (Bachelor Thesis: *French Foreign Policy towards its Former Colonies in Sub-Saharan Africa 1960 – 2003*), Faculty of Political Sciences and International Relations of Matej Bel University (Slovakia)

#### OTHER TRAININGS RECEIVED

- November 2016 - May 2018                    Community Building Lab programme including 3 modules of trainings, social hackaton and barcamp on building communities and good community practice, provided by Nesehnutí and PDCS
- April 2014 – June 2015                        Training and Coaching series for NGO and Civic Initiative Consultants in Slovakia (200 hours including 5 training modules and

	consultancy to Slovak NGOs), provided by PDCS and Karpatská Nadácia
June 2013	Training on Systemic Peacebuilding, Conflict Transformation and Post-War Recovery & Reconciliation - Advance Certificate Programme accredited by COTIPSO, provided by IPDTC
March 2013	Training on Evaluation of Programs, provided by PDCS
February 2013	Training on Using Experiential Learning Methods in Review of Activities - „Outdoor is more“, provided by Preles
March – May 2012	Training on Participative methods for lectures & trainers, Training on Facilitation of meetings, provided by PDCS Certificates obtained: Certificate of Training for Trainers of Social Skills and Certificate of Facilitation – Conducting of Meetings

## WORK EXPERIENCE

October 2011 – present	Programme Coordinator and Consultant, PDCS in Bratislava (Partners for Democratic Change Slovakia), member of global network – Partners for Democratic Change: <i>managing projects and consulting, coordination and lecturing of global education projects at Slovak Universities</i>
January – December 2018	Management and Project Coordinator, Cila Atelier, s.r.o. – slow fashion Slovak brand, Jasenica
September 2010-January 2012	Guest lecturer at Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences, Comenius University in Bratislava: <i>African Studies</i>
January 2010 – October 2011	Business Coordinator for French market, Swiss Re Bratislava
September 2007-January 2010	Lecturer at Faculty of Political Sciences and International Relations, Matej Bel University: <i>African Territorial Studies</i> , Guest Lecturer at Armed Forces Academy of General Milan Rastislav Štefánik in Liptovský Mikuláš (Slovakia): <i>International Relations and Slovak Republic (aimed at African Union and African Peace and Security Architecture)</i>
June 2007 – December 2007	Co-organisation of the project "National Convention on Future of EU 2007“, responsible for organisational administration of sessions of Working group on Energy Security and Climate Change, (organisers: Office of Government of Slovak Republic, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovak Republic and Faculty of Political Sciences and International Relations of Matej Bel University)
February – March 2006	Trainee at Embassy of Slovak Republic in Paris
August 2004	Trainee at Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovak Republic (1st Territorial Department of Bilateral Section, relations with Western Europe and North America)

## **LANGUAGES**

Slovak (native), English (fluent), French (fluent), Italian (fluent), Spanish (basic), German (basic), Arabic (basic)

## **SELECTED LIST of ATTENDED SUMMER SCHOOLS/ ACADEMIES/ CONFERENCES :**

NEONYT Trade Fair and Conference – Global Hub for Future Fashion and Sustainable Innovation, January 2019 (Berlin, Germany)

NECE (Networking European Citizenship Education) conference on *Brave new Worlds?! The Future of Democracy and Citizenship Education*, September 2018 (Marseille, France), *providing Bistro Afrika workshop*

PREMIERE VISION – Cloud of Fashion, September 2018 (Paris, France)

CEE CSR Summit, November 2018 (Bratislava, Slovakia)

Conflict Matters Conference *on the educational policies and practices needed to transform societal tensions and controversies into learning opportunities in the classroom and beyond*, November 2017 (London, UK)

Medzinárodná konferencia EPIC: *Kam smeruje sociálne podnikanie?* International Conference on current situation of Social Business in Slovakia, June 2017 (Bratislava, Slovakia)

UNITED conference *Living together: Transform a divided past into our common future*, October 2016 (Ohrid, Macedonia)

European Development Days, November 2013 (Brussels, Belgium)

The Power of One Conference 2012, *inter-regional exchange of citizens & leaders from Cyprus, Central & Eastern Europe, and the Arab Region* (Nicosia, Cyprus)

Europeen Conference on African Studies (ECAS) III 2009 (Leipzig, Germany), IV 2011 (Uppsala, Sweden – chair of the panel on *African Research from Central European Perspective: Society Transformation. How to Cope with Oppressive Past Experiences?*), V 2013 (Lisbon, Portugal)

Nordic Africa Days (NAD) 2009 (Trondheim, Norway), 2010 (Turku, Finland)

Fatal Transaction Summer School in Poland (organisers: Fatal Transactions, University of Wroclaw Institute of International Studies), September 2007

8th International Student Academy in Germany (organiser: Studentenforum im Tönissteiner Kreis e.V.), September 2007

Summer Francophone University in Romania (organisers: Young Leaders Europe), July 2006

6th International Student Academy in Slovakia (ISA 6) (organisers: EFPOLIT – Association of Francophone students), September 2005

5th International Student Academy (ISA5) in Mexico (organiser: Conferencia Mariano Otero), September 2004

## **OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES**

Mentorship and Opponent Evaluation of Bachelor, Master and PhD. Thesis and Student Scientific Activities (May 2007 – January 2010, August 2016)

Co-ordination of Hungarian – Slovak Seminar of Students of International Relations, organisers: Corvinus University, Faculty of Political Sciences and International Relations of Matel Bel University, Embassy of Slovak Republic in Budapest (March 2007)

Organisation of International colloque on tribute of L. S. Senghor, organisers: EFPOLIT – Association of Francophone students, Embassy of France in Bratislava and Alliance Française in Banská Bystrica) (October 2006)

Organisation of the 6th edition of International Summer Academy ISA 6 "Integration of the new members in the EU: current situation and prospects for the future" (organiser: EFPOLIT– Association of Francophone students) (September 2005)

## **LIST of PUBLICATIONS:**

BAJZÍKOVÁ, K. (ed.): Conflict Resolution in Development Context. Bratislava: PDCS. 2016. ISBN 978-80-89563-43-2 (Slovak version with additional study material in English version)

BAJZÍKOVÁ, K. (ed.): Active Citizen Guide. Bratislava/ Tunis: PDCS. 2015. ISBN 9-788089-563401/ ISBN 9-788089-563395 (English and Arabic version)

BAJZÍKOVÁ, K. – Dukhyan, D. - Othman, E. - SALIB, M.: The Slovak Transition Experience-sharing within Slovak – Tunisian case of Cooperation. IN: Proceedings from International Conference on Development and Democracy. Bratislava: Pontis Foundation. 2012. ISBN 978-80-968229-6-6. (English version)

BAJZÍKOVÁ, K. 2009. Security Challenges in Western Africa in Context of Post-conflict Reconstruction in Liberia (Dissertation Thesis). Žilina: Knížné centrum. 2009. ISBN 978-80-8064-361-4 (Slovak and English version)

BAJZÍKOVÁ, K. 2008. Western Africa Security Protocomplex. IN: Proceedings from International Conference of PhD. Candidates and Young Scholars – Interpolis' 08. Banská Bystrica: Institute of Science and Research of Matej Bel University. 2008. p. 72 – 79. ISBN 978-80-8083-724-2. (Slovak version)

BAJZÍKOVÁ, K. 2008. Phases of Reconstruction Process in Liberia during Ellen Johnson – Sirleaf Administration. IN: Mattoš, B. (ed.). Proceedings from International Scientific Conference: „Development Aid and Cooperation 2008“. Bratislava: EKONÓM. 2008. p. 55 – 63, ISBN 978-80-225-2640-1. (Slovak version)

BAJZÍKOVÁ, K. 2007. Models of International Community for Darfur Crisis IN: Lupták, L. (ed.) 2007. Panorama of Global Security Environment 2006 – 2007. Bratislava: Ministry of Defence of Slovak Republic. p. 403 – 410. ISBN 978–80– 89261–11-6. (Slovak and English version)

BAJZÍKOVÁ, K. 2007. Security Situation in Western Africa: A Liberian Viewpoint viewed from Liberia IN: Lupták, L. (ed.) 2007. Panorama of Global Security Environment 2006 – 2007. Bratislava: Ministry of Defence of Slovak Republic. p. 419 – 429. ISBN 978–80– 89261–11-6. (Slovak and English version)

BAJZÍKOVÁ, K. 2007. African Oil – The Way to Reduction of Poverty (Nigerian Case)? IN: Proceedings from International Conference of Young Scholars – „Crucial Problems of the International Relations through the Eyes of Young Scholars“. Prague: Prague School of Economics, Oeconomica, 2007, p. 30 – 36, ISBN 978-80-245-1258-7. (English version)

BAJZÍKOVÁ, K. 2007. Initiative of New Partnership for Africa's Development - NEPAD. IN: Proceedings from International Scientific Conference of PhD. Candidates - „Economic, Political and Legal questions of International Relations“. Bratislava: EKONÓM, 2007, p. 11 – 18, ISBN 978-80-225-2410-0. (Slovak version)

BAJZÍKOVÁ, K. 2007. Liberian Post-Conflict Reconstruction in Context of Western Africa Stabilization. IN: Ed. Hoscheková, D., Kazanský, R. and Pajtinka, E.: Proceedings from International Conference of PhD. Candidates and Young Scholars – Interpolis' 07. Bratislava: Pamiko for Matej Bel University. 2007. p. 138 – 143. ISBN 978-80-85660-07-4. (Slovak version)