

# Lazarova Trajkovska, Mirjana (Republic of North Macedonia)

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## Curriculum vitae

Family Name:	LAZAROVA TRAJKOVSKA	
FIRST NAME:	Mirjana	
MIDDLE NAME:	/	
GENDER:	Female	
DATE OF BIRTH:	05.11.1963	
NATIONALITY:	Macedonian	
REGIONAL CRITERIA:	Eastern Europe	
SECONDARY NATIONALITY: (IF APPLICABLE)	/	
MARITAL STATUS:	Married	
LIST A/LIST B	List A	
LANGUAGES	<b>Mother tongue:</b> Macedonian	
- ENGLISH	(written) Advanced	(oral) Advanced
- FRENCH	(written) Intermediate	(oral) Advanced
- OTHERS	Serbian: (written) Advanced	(oral) Advanced
	Croatian: (written) Advanced	(oral) Advanced
	Slovenian: (written) Basic	(oral) Intermediate
	Bulgarian: (written) Intermediate	(oral) Advanced
<b>EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:</b> <i>Date, institution, qualification(s) obtained (starting with most recent)</i> <i>- Please copy/paste if more entries are needed</i>		
<b>02/2008 – 09/2012</b>		
- Institution:	Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana, Republic of Slovenia	
- Qualification(s) obtained:	Doctor of Law (PhD)	
<b>10/2005 – 06/2007</b>		
- Institution:	Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana, Republic of Slovenia	
- Qualification(s) obtained:	Master of Law (L.L.M.)	
<b>10/1991 – 11/1992</b>		
- Institution:	Ministry of Justice, Skopje, Republic of North Macedonia	

- *Qualification(s) obtained:* Bar exam.

**09/1982 – 09/1986**

- *Institution:* Univ. of "St. Cyril and Methodius" Skopje, Socialist Republic of Macedonia
- *Qualification(s) obtained:* Graduate diploma, Faculty of Law

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: Date, employer, post title, other information (starting with most recent)**

- Please copy/paste if more entries are needed

- Please indicate the relevance of the experience to the candidacy under list A or list B, as appropriate

**03/2020 – current**

- *Employer:* Supreme Court of the Republic of North Macedonia
- *Post title:* Judge, criminal section
- *Other information:* Dealing with complex criminal cases in varied areas of criminal law, including corruption, terrorist crimes, organised crimes, and serious sexual offences. Acting as section president of the Reasonable Trial Section and deputy president of the Section on Jurisprudential Harmonisation.

**02/2008 – 02/2017**

- *Employer:* European Court of Human Rights
- *Post title:* Judge and President of the First Section of the ECtHR
- *Other information:* Handling criminal and civil cases with human rights violations of procedural and substantive nature. Sitting in Grand Chambre, section, judge committee, and single-judge compositions. Presided in the First Section of the Court, collaborating intensely with colleagues from the United Kingdom, Italy, Finland, San Marino, Greece, Iceland, Albania, Armenia, and Norway. Acted as a single-judge in charge of caselaw from Ukraine, Italy, and the Czech Republic. Participated in reducing the backlog of the Court's caselaw and establishing harmonised jurisprudence as part of the Committee for Improvement of the Court's Work Methodology. Partook in the development of the pilot judgement procedure at the Court. Sat on key interstate cases dealing with allegations of human rights violations in the context of war crimes, disappearances, torture, degrading and inhuman treatment and prisoners of war.

**03/2003 – 01/2008**

- *Employer:* Constitutional Court of the Republic of North Macedonia
- *Post title:* Judge
- *Other information:* Decided on the conformity of domestic legislation with the Constitution of North Macedonia, focusing especially on guaranteeing the protection of fundamental freedoms and rights of individuals. Resolved questions of conflicts and separation of competences between holders of legislative, executive, and judicial offices, as well as conflicts of competence among State bodies and units of local governance. Dealt with the impeachment procedure of the President of the Republic as well as other key constitutional issues.

**06/2002 – 03/2003**

- *Employer:* State Election Commission of the Republic of North Macedonia
- *Post title:* President
- *Other information:* Coordinated and directed the election commission and the organisation of the 2002 post-conflict state elections, dealing with thousands of internally displaced electors. Ensured the strict following of legal procedures and rules, while working under high pressure and in a particularly fragile political context. Demonstrating expertise in leadership, team-coordination, as well as high integrity and impartiality.

**01/2001 – 06/2002**

- *Employer:* Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of North Macedonia
- *Post title:* Head of the Department on Human Rights
- *Other information:* Working as a head of the Department on Human Rights, promoting the respect of Rule of Law and democracy through abidance with international human rights standards. Improved the functioning of democratic institutions and strengthened the democratic competencies of governmental bodies.

**01/1999 – 01/2001**

- *Employer:* Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Macedonia
- *Post title:* Assistant Minister on administrative affairs at the Ministry of Internal affairs
- *Other information:* Expert on nationality and immigration, working on the implementation of international and national standards on nationality in a time of state succession. Focusing on asylum protection, as well as subsidiary and temporary protection to non- nationals on the territory following an international armed conflict.

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

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**07/2021-current**

- *Activity:* Member of the Advisory Panel of Experts on Candidates for Election as Judge to the European Court of Human Rights. Appointed by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe in consultation with the President of the European Court of Human Rights as a former judge of the Court with highest ethical standards, personal integrity, and professionalism.

**05/2019**

- *Activity:* Head of delegation on the EU-Taiwan Judicial exchange, annual programme facilitating exchange of knowledge on criminal justice and human rights between Taiwanese and European Experts, focusing on the right to life, international human rights standards and sentencing principles.

**11/2018**

- *Activity:* Member of the Public Council of International Experts for election of judges for the High Anticorruption Court in Ukraine. The appointment to this post was a proof of international reputation

as person and professional capable of highly ethical and delicate work.

**05/2018**

- *Activity:* Visiting Professor of Human Rights at the Renmin University of China in Beijing teaching graduate and postgraduate students international human rights law developments through the ECHR.

**05/2017**

- *Activity:* Visiting fellow at the Faculty of Law of Birmingham University, United Kingdom and the Faculty of Law of the Catholic University of Lille, France. Teaching a course on human rights and transitional justice.

**02/2017-current**

- *Activity:* National coordinator on assets recovery and expert in human rights protection in Eastern Europe with the AIRE Center, London, United Kingdom.

**01/2004-01/2008**

- *Activity:* Member of the European Commission on Democracy through Law (Venice Commission). Working with distinguished European lawyers and diplomats and contributing to the development of democracy and rule of law in a number of European countries.

**01/2001- 05/2003**

- *Activity:* Member of the Steering Committee on Human Rights at the Council of Europe. Partook in the drafting Committee on Protocol 14 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

**01/2001- 05/2003**

- *Activity:* Member of the Council of Europe Committee for improving the administrative Court proceedings.

**04/1995- 05/2002**

- *Activity:* Member of the Committee of Experts on nationality (CJ-NA) of the Council of Europe and member of the working party of the Committee of experts on nationality (CJ-NA-GT).

**06/2000**

- *Activity:* Head of the Delegation of the Republic of North Macedonia at the Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly “Women 2000-Gender Equality, Development and Peace in the XXI Century”.

**04/1995-11/1997**

- *Activity:* Member of the Working group of the Council of Europe Committee on Nationality (CJ-NA-GT) working on the Convention on the Avoidance of Statelessness in Relation to State Succession.

**MOST RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS**

- 2021, *Analysis of the jurisprudence of the European Court on Human Rights related to hate speech and hate crime*, Mirjana Lazarova Trajkovska, Marharyta Zhesko, Skopje (published by Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe in English, Macedonian and Albanian language).
- 2019, *Handbook on Effective Asset Recovery in Compliance with European and International Standards*, Krassimira Kamber, Will Ferris, Catharina Harby, Eriona Haxhia, Artur Selmani, Eldan

Mujanović, Darko Datzer, Ganimete Ismajli, Aleksa Ivanović, Mirjana Lazarova Trajkovska, Radmila Dragičević Dičić, published by Advice on Individual Rights in Europe (AIRE).

- 2018, *Human Rights, (Човекови Права)* J. Ananiev, B. Arifi, N. Gaber Damjanovska, M. Lazarova Trajkovska, Z. Poposka, S. Cubrik: Publisher: Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe,
- 2018, *Possibilities and perspectives for improvement of the quality of the judiciary in Macedonia*, M. Lazarova Trajkovska, online edition (<https://www.osce.org/mission-to-skopje/385947>).
- 2016, *Права на барателите на азил и мигрантите: Збирка пресуди на ЕСЧП со коментар (Rights of Asylum seekers: Compilation of judgments of the ECHR with commentary)* Skopje, 2016, Poliesterdaj.
- 2016, *The impact of the European Convention on Human Rights and the case law of the Republic of Macedonia (The Impact of the ECHR on Democratic Change in Central and Eastern Europe)* Cambridge University Press (pg. 266-289).
- 2015, *Слободата на изразување низ праксата на Европскиот суд за човекови права, Македонски центар за меѓународна соработка, Датапонс (Freedom of expression and case law of the European Court of Human Rights)* published by Macedonian Centre on International Cooperation.
- 2015, *Privacy, freedom of expression and Internet; Essays in Honour of Dean Spielmann*, Wolf Legal Publishers (WLP).
- 2014, *Liria e shprehjes dhe e drejta e respektimi te jetes private (Jeta Juridike)* Reviste Juridike Shkencore, Numri 4, Viti XV I botimi, Tirane, dhjetor 2014, Batimet Morava (pgg 91 – 103).
- 2014, *Interaction between European Courts, The Cooperation of the Constitutional Courts in Europe current Situation and Perspectives (Volume I)* pg. 146Verlag Osterreich GmbH, Wien.
- 2013, *Значењето на судската практика на Европскиот суд за човекови права за владеењето на правото на Република Македонија/ Die Bedeutung der Rechtsprechung des EGMR fur die reshtsstaatlichkeit in der Republik Mazedonien/ Европско Право бр 1/2013, Година 2, том 2 Јули 2013 (стр.11- 21).*
- 2012, *Legal analysis of the concept of the criminal offense of Hate Speech, (Правна анализа на концептот на казненото дело на омраза и говорот на омраза)* Acad. Vlado Kambovski and Phd. Mirjana Lazarova Trajkovska (published by Poliesterdej, Skopje September 2012).
- 2010, *Constitutional Complaint in Comparative Law*, published in ECtHR and Turkey-II: Constitutional Complaint and ECtHR (AIHM ve Turkiye-II) Turkiye Adalet Akademisi Yayinlari, Justice Academy, Yayin/Edition No.8, Editor Ahmet Taskin, 10 December 2010 Ankara (pp 175 – 185).

#### **MOST RELEVANT SEMINARS**

- 9 -10 March 2023, Ohrid, North Macedonia, lecturer at the Workshop on European human standards with the Constitutional Courts of North Macedonia and Kosovo on the topic "Property Rights and the European Convention on Human Rights".

- 27 January 2023 Strasbourg, Speaker on the topic "Freedom of Assembly and Association and democracy" at the Judicial Seminar 2023 on “Judges preserving democracy through the protection of human rights”, organized by the European Court of Human Rights.
- 25-26 November 2022, Tirana, Rule of Law Forum for Southeast Europe on Human Rights in Europe in times of Emergency - the role of the judiciary under the ECHR, panellists on the topic "Practical measures taken by courts to guarantee their operation during the pandemic".
- 19 March 2019, EU-Taiwan Human Rights and Legal Affairs Conference, topic Crime Prevention and Punishment—cases on child abuse and drunk driving.
- 20 March 2019, Seminar at the Judicial Academy in Taiwan, Lecture on the topic "The Investigation and Trial of Major Criminal Cases: Sentencing and International Human Rights Conventions".
- 17 – 20 June 2019, Seoul Korea, 2nd International Symposium of Association of Asian Constitutional Courts, Theme: Constitutional Review at AACC Members, speaker on the topic European Court of Human Rights.
- 2017 – current, lecturer of the Academy of European Law in Trier (last Seminar 23 June 2022 presenting the topic "Fair trial guarantees in the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights").
- 2017 – current, Trainer in many seminars organised by the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN).

**MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SOCIETIES**

- Member of the Board of Patrons of the Gender Champions in the Judiciary (GCJ) Network.
- Member of the Association of Judges of the Republic of North Macedonia
- Member of the Association of Former Judges of the European Court of Human Rights.
- Member of the Association of Former Members of the Venice Commission.
- Member of the Euro-Atlantic Judicial Network.

**AWARDS AND HONOURS**

- 2005 Champion of Freedom, Recognition for special achievements in Rule of Law and Democracy by the US President George W. Bush.

**PERSONAL INTERESTS**

Contemporary Art and cinematography, History, Philosophy of Law, Music and Travelling.

**OTHER RELEVANT FACTS**