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Education

Dr. in pedagogical sciences.

University of Tirana (UT), Faculty of Social Sciences

Dissertation Title: “Analyze of factors that influence teacher-teacher and teacher-principle relationships at school”.

Master in pedagogy-psychology, 1989. University of Tirana (UT), Faculty of Social Sciences

Bachelor in physics, 1983.

University of Tirana (UT), Faculty of Natural Sciences

Scientific Articles - journals

1. Nathanaili, Valbona (2023, September) Education in Albania under the Italian occupation (1941–1943). International Journal of Educational Development. Volume 103, November 2023, 102896. Publisher: Elsevier <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijedudev.2023.102896>
2. Nathanaili, Valbona (2023, August) Professional passive practice mentoring system in study program ‘Teaching for pre-school education’ in Albanian HEI-s. European Early Childhood Education Research Journal. Publisher: Taylor & Francis <https://doi.org/10.1080/1350293X.2023.2247590>
3. Nathanaili, Valbona (2018) Public and private Albanian universities: the admission process and the factors considering by students in choosing between them. ILIRIA International Review, Vol 8, No 2 (2018). Peer Reviewed
4. Nathanaili, Valbona (2017) Teacher-teacher and teacher-principal collaborations in the public schools of Albanian educational pre-university system. ILIRIA International Review. Vol 7, No 1 (2017). Peer Reviewed
5. Nathanaili, Valbona (2016, February) Teacher’s Influence Scale from their Colleagues and Principals. It’s Relation with School Performance in Public Schools of Albanian Educational System. The IAFOR Journal of Education. ISSN: 2187-0594 (Online) <http://iafor.org/educationjournal.html>. Peer Reviewed
6. Nathanaili, Valbona (2015) School Leadership in Pre-University Albanian Education System (1995-2012): Politics, Issues and Trends. Journal of Educational and Social Research. Vol 5, No 3 (2015). Peer Reviewed (<http://www.mcser.org/journal/index.php/jesr/article/view/7717>)
7. Nathanaili, Valbona (2015) “Ringjallja e arsimit liberal” (Reborn of liberal education). In “Social Studies” Vol. 9, No. 1, 2015, pp. 33-42. ISSN 2309-3455 (print) online 2309-3471
8. Nathanaili, Valbona (2014) Rreth librit “Fugë për violinë”, me autor Tedi Papavrami. Reflections on the book “Fuge per violin seul” by Tedi Papavrami. In “Academe”, Journal of Albanian Academy of Arts and Science. ISSN 2226-9509. Vol. 3, No.1 – Pranverë / Spring 2014, f. 121-125.
9. Nathanaili, Valbona (2013) “Lidhjet ndërmjet arsimit dhe pabarazisë: rishikuar”. Forume publike të Akademisë së Shkencave të Shqipërisë. Editor Kosta Barjaba. Në librin me titull “Rithemelimi i mirëqenies” (“Relations between education and inequality: revisited”. Public Forums of Albanian Academy of Sciences. Editor Kosta Barjaba. In the book entitled “Reestablishing well-being”. ISBN 978-9928-4193-9-2 (f. 193-198). Tiranë: june, 2013.
10. Nathanaili, Valbona (2013) “Space and Time in Giddens’ Concept on Modernity”. Reflections on Anthony Giddens book “The Consequences of Modernity”. (Tiranë: UET Press, 2013). “Sociological Analysis” (European University of Tirana) Vol. 7, Number 1, Spring 2013 (ISSN 1097-7147) (English)
11. Nathanaili, Valbona (2012) “Shkollat e shek. XXI. Faktorë që ndikojnë në formatimin e politikave arsimore. (The schools of c. XXI. Factors influencing the formation of educational policies” “Social Studies” (Albanian Institute of Sociology), Vol. 6, no. 3, 2012. ISSN 2309-3455 (print) online 2309-3471
12. Nathanaili, Valbona (2012) “Mendime rreth projektligjit të ri “Për sistemin arsimor parauniversitar” (Reflections about the new draft law “On the pre-university education system”. Optime”, No. 3. “Albanian University”.

Services, LOGOS University College

1. Different tasks for department and faculty.
2. Chair of ‘Quality Monitoring Committee’ for Magnet (Managerial and Governance Enhancement through Teaching) Project, Co-funded by the European Union, in the framework of Erasmus+ Programme (ERASMUS) (ERASMUS-EDU-2022-CBHE-STRAND-1). Project number: 101083006. Three-year project: November 2022 – November 2025, a consortium of 12 HEIs from Western Balkan. Project leader: Dimokritio Panepistimio Thrakis.
3. Chair of ‘Managerial Committee’ for ROAMING Project, Co-funded by the European Union, in the framework of Erasmus+ Programme (ERASMUS) (ERASMUS-EDU-2022-CBHE-STRAND-1). Project

number: 101083070. Two-year project: February 2023 – February 2025, a consortium of 7 HEIs from Western Balkan. Project leader: LOGOS University College.

Teaching: LOGOS University College

1. Methods of teaching science in pre-school (Level: Bachelor, 4,5 ECTS, 30 lectures and 15 seminars)

Academic year: 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024 / lectures and seminars

The course aims to analyse contemporary issues concerning the teaching and learning of sciences in the pre-school age including pupils' alternative conceptions of phenomena and concepts of science within the constructivist theory. It also aims to get students familiar with pedagogical strategies and methods for the development of the scientific method and the scientific skills. The course aims, too, to help students to develop teaching competence of: knowledge (know what), skills (know how) and attitudes (know why).

2. Natural Sciences, Focus: Physics (Level: Bachelor, 4,5 ECTS, 30 lectures and 15 seminars)

Academic year: 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024 / lectures and seminars

The course aims to provide students with the scientific basis of knowledge and competencies of natural sciences. The main topics are such as: Measurement processes, Movement and displacement, Sound, Energy, Electromagnetism, Light, Earth, Water, Air and Pollution. Students practice the experimental method for examining the different factors involving in the above mentioned concepts and phenomena.

Students can gain knowledge and skills in the field of sustainable development. Renewable energy, green business and environmental culture are becoming the motto of numerous social and environmental movements.

3. Methods of teaching mathematics (Level: Bachelor, 4,5 ECTS, 30 lectures and 15 seminars)

Academic year: 2021-2022, seminars; 2022-2023 / lectures and seminars

4. Civic Education and Methodology (Level: Bachelor, 4,5 ECTS, 30 lectures and 15 seminars)

Academic year: 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024 / lectures and seminars

The course assist students to understand core principles and concepts through which democracy is practiced, to construct a broad humanitarian education, capable of critically interpreting the contemporary challenges; to plan and implement educational unit according to the characteristics of preschool children; to distinguish, judge and discuss, in order to express their value judgments about citizenship education; to develop critical and democratic decision taking competencies.; to understand a variety of factors that contribute to the social and educational reality; to apply educational practices and methods that have as a focal point the child's holistic development, its personal rhythms and its perspectives of integration in the cultural environment.

5. Professional ethics (Level: Bachelor, 4,5 ECTS, 30 lectures and 15 seminars)

Academic year: 2023-2024 / Lectures

Teaching: European University of Tirana

6. School Management Level: Master Professional

Academic year: 2016-2017 / Lectures and seminars

Teaching: University of Tirana, Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Geography & Department of Literature

7. Theories of education Level: Master Professional

Academic year: 2013-2014 / /Lectures and seminars

Teaching: Albanian University

8. Reform and legislation in pre-university education system Level: Master Professional

Academic year: 2011-2012 / /Lectures and seminars

9. Educational systems and politics of education in Albania” Level: Master Professional

Academic year: 2011-2012 / /Lectures and seminars

Teaching: Polytechnic University of Tirana, Faculty of Engineering

10. General Physics Level: Bachelor

Academic year: 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2005- 2006 / Seminars

Policy papers

- 2019, Paper with proposals for politics and actions. Policy paper for Educational, Youth & Sports Ministry, in the ending process of consultation with teachers, professors and specialist of physics (coauthors, Valbona Nathanaili, Mimoza Hafizi, Tatjana Mullaj & Polikron Dhoqina)
- 2015 Pre-university Education 2015+. Policy paper for Educational & Sports Ministry about draft-strategy in education.

Books: textbooks

1. 2016 Physics, X. For teacher of physics in pre-university education system. Based on the text-books of Longman Publishing House. Tiranë: 2016, Dudaj. ISBN
 2. 2016 Physics, XI. For teacher of physics in pre-university education system. Based on the text-books of Longman Publishing House. Tiranë: 2016, Dudaj. ISBN
 3. 2012 Physics, 11 (as a selected subject). For teacher of physics in pre-university education system. Tiranë: Pegi, 2012. ISBN 978-9928-162-64-9
 4. 2011 Reform and legislation in pre-education system. Issues, practices & politics. Albanian Case. Albanian University, Faculty of Social Sciences, Dep. of Education, Professional master in "Management of education" UFO Press, ISBN 978-9928-127-05-1, 2011.
- In this book are documented some of the educational reforms in pre-university education system, their impact and dissemination; the characteristics of the teacher profession and the need for an ethical code; some cases from the European Court regarding parent vs school, as an awareness for the Albanian community of teachers and parents; some recommendation for improving the legislation in this level

Monograph: Author

5. (2016) The difficult journey of Albanian school (Rruga e mundimshme e shkollës shqipe), 1912-1944". Tiranë: UET Press, 2016 ISBN 978-9928-190-06-2. Forwarded: Prof. Aleko Minga. f. 330, 230 x 275 mm. The book analyses the educational politics of all the Albanian Governments during 1912-1944 period. The difficulties and the challenges; how those politics has changed during the WW 2; the % of the educated population, the measures undertaken from one to another government; an important aspect of the book are the biographical sketches of some of the most influential Alb. Ministers of Education.

Books: Author

6. (2014) Our ambassadors. The meeting point of diplomacy with creativity (Ambasadorët tanë. Pikëtakime të diplomacisë me krijimtarinë) Tiranë: UET Press, 2014. ISBN 978-9928-190-06-2
This book has 2 dimensions: the first is focused on the diplomacy issues, why the politic often choose the ambassadors from the cultural sector (theory, examples and interviews); the second is a collection of the biography of some of the most distinguished Albanian Ambassadors chosen from the cultural sectors, from the very first formation of the state until the actual times.
7. (2013) Education and inequality. The challenge of a different perception (Arsim dhe pabarazi. Sfida e perceptimit ndryshe.) UET Press, 2012. ISBN 978-9928-4193-3-0 Dhjetor, 2013.
8. (2010) Albania Rock: Political documents, European Space of Higher education. Tirana: UFO Press, 2010. ISBN 978-99956-19-61-9

Books: Co-author, editor , contributor

9. (2021) Liberal Education. CoAuthors: Valbona Nathanaili, Martha Nussbaum, Steve Fuller. Tiranë: "Henrietta Leavitt" Foundation.
10. (2019) Commercialisation of schooling. Anthology (Komericializimi i shkollimit. Antologji) Edited by Valbona Nathanaili ISBN 978 9928 4543 3 1 (272 pages). The book is a collection of essays and articles, focusing in different aspects of the commercialisation of schooling and how the neoliberal principles of the market are changing the schooling. The authors of the essays are selected for their focus on these important issues. Steve Fuller, Randall Curren, J. C. Blokhui, Colin Crouch, Gary Anderson, Valbona Nathanaili, Michael I. Cohen, et al.
11. (2015) Pre-university Education, 2015 + (Arsim parauniversitar 2015+). Tomi Treska, Ylljet Aliçka, Edi Puka, Valbona Nathanaili, Mateo Spaho. UET Press. ISBN 978-9928-190-34-5.
12. (2013) Re-establishing well-being. Editor Kosta Barjaba. Public forums of Academy of Science. Contributor: "The relationship between education and inequality. Revisited". ISBN 978-9928-4193-9-2 (f. 193-198). Tiranë: 2013.
13. (2012) Parts from the history of education (Copëza nga historiku i arsimit". Në disa rrethe të vendit). Edited: Valbona Nathanaili Tiranë: AU Press. ISBN 978-99928-127-22-8
14. (2001) Toward the physics exam (Drejt provimit të fizikës) For students of upper middle school. Tirana: Erik, 142 faqe.

Participation in International and National Scientific Conferences (with paper)

- (2022) 28 April, Tirana, Albania. Dr. Valbona Nathanaili The need to re-evaluate the passive professional practice in the study program "Teacher for Preschool Education". University College Logos. Scientific

Symposium "Challenges and problems in education" organised by University College Logos. Book of Proceedings. ISBN 978-9928-4594-9-7

- (2019) 10 June, Prishtina, Kosova. Dr. Valbona Nathanaili Even it is break, doesn't mean that need commercialisation. Lessons for Kosova from Albania Case in Education. In: International Scientific Conference "Kosova 20 years of Freedom and Efforts". Organised by University of Prishtina, Faculty of Philosophy, in cooperation with Institute of Albanology - Prishtinë.
- (2017) International Conference "Good Society – A Multidimensional Approach", Tiranë, 17-18 November 2017. Paper "The scale of teacher's involvement in professional networks".
- (2017) 3rd LSEE Research Network Conference on Social Cohesion in South East Europe organised by the LSE Research on South Eastern Europe (LSEE) at the London School of Economics in cooperation with the National Bank of the Republic of Macedonia (NBRM) and the University American College Skopje (UACS), 6-7 April, 2017 Skopje, Macedonia. Paper: "Teacher-teacher and teacher-principal collaborations in the public schools of Albanian educational pre-university system"
- (2017) Conference of Rectors, January 2017. Organised by the network of Albanian Universities. Paper "Regjistrimet e kandidatëve për studentë në institucionet e arsimit të lartë (IAL) - sfida të vjetra dhe nevoja për një qasje tjetër filozofike." ("Enrollment of student candidates in higher education institutions (HEIs) - challenges and the need for a different philosophical approach") Authors: Dr. Valbona Nathanaili, Dr. Anisa Subashi.
- (2015) 6th International Conference, 4–8 September 2015, Bulgaria, Organized by Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Union of Scientists in Bulgaria, Science & Education Foundation, Bulgaria, etc. (www.sciencebg.net) Article: School-Site Accountability: the language used in schools. Published in Educational Alternatives, Journal of International Scientific Publications: vol. Nr. 13, 2015. ISSN 1314-7277. <http://www.scientific-publications.net/en/article/1000967/>
- (2015) Athens Institute for Education and Research (www.atiner.gr) "17th Annual International Conference on Education, 18-21 May 2015, Athens, Greece". Paper: "Liberal Education as a Key for World Citizenship".
- (2014) International Conference (AIS 9th Annual Conference) "Law and Values in Contemporary Society". Organizers: Albanian Institute of Sociology (AIS), European University of Tirana (UET), Albanian Sociological Association (ALBSA) & Faculty of Education, University "Aleksander Moisiu" Durrës. Local organizing committee & Paper: "Salloni i librit universitar: Në udhëkryqin e botimeve universitare"(University textbooks: At the crossroads of university publishing). UET, Tirana-Albania, 21-22 November 2014.
- (2014) International Conference "Rethinking development and integration", Organizer: European University of Tirana (UET) Tiranë, Albania, 1-4 may 2014. Paper: "Pasqyrimi në literaturë të kërkimit shkencor rreth kënaqësisë e motivimit në punë" (The reflection in the literature of scientific research about satisfaction and motivation at work). Proceedings. ISBN 978-9928190-20-8
- (2012) The 7th International Conference of Institute of Sociology "Identity, image and social cohesion in our interdependence", Vlora, Albania, 26-27 November 2012. Paper: "The necessity for a variety of quantities in commensurability of teachers' results work". Proceedings. ISBN 9789928-4100-4-7
- (2010) "For European levels and standards in the university research and scientific work", Tirana – Shkodër, May 2010. Albanian University & University of Shkodra. UFO Press, May 2010. ISBN 978-99956-19-76-3

Forums, activities, Scientific Committees, discussions in different panels (listed partly)

- 2022, 18 march. "Astronomy Day" at University College Logos. Theme "Time and space in Ancient Greece. Mechanism Antikithera". Organiser and scientific moderator Honoured guest: Prof. Xenophon Moussas, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.
- 2022, 23 march. Promotion Campaign "Communicating science in public: Academics in the media". Moderator and scientific organiser. College University of Logos.
- 2022, 11 February. Promoting STEM. To encourage girls to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math fields /Promoting model women in STEM as base of progress and sustainable development. Academy of Science of Albania, in cooperation with Embassy of Greece and College University of Logos. Contributor: Basis and foundations of a life in engineering and science, introducing carrier and activity of Prof. Luljeta Bozo.
- 2021 25 November Organiser and Scientific Coordinator in the symposium "Orange the world. Theme: Orange the World: End Violence against Women Now!" College University of Logos, in cooperation with Ministry of Education and Sport and the State Policy.
- 2021, 5 February, Symposium "Quo Vadis Humanitas" "What is life?" 78 years after the famous lecturer of Erwin Schrödinger - What Will Life Be? Inspired by the lecturer of Erwin Schrödinger, "What is life", Trinity College, Dublin. Academy of Science of Albania. Introduction words / from the old and existing paradigm, to a

new and challenging one – the scientific revolution that inspired Erwin Schrödinger / book launch “What is life” in Albanian Language / Dr. Valbona Nathanaili, “Henrietta Leavitt” Foundation, Albania.

- 2019, 2020, 2021 Promoting STEM. “Henrietta Leavitt” Foundation and University of Tirana, Faculty of Natural Sciences. National campaign /To encourage girls to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math fields /Promoting model women in STEM as base of progress and sustainable development
- 2019, 2020, 2021 National competition in physics (for students of upper secondary schools). In collaboration with Albanian Society of Physics.
- 2020 February/ Roundtable: Integration of Western Balkan in European Union on the Agenda of HEIs. Integration from inside. Speaker and Panel /Contributor: Integration of AKNM area from inside. University “Fan. S. Noli”.
- 2020 “My city, my future” Children Competition in paint and fairy tale (City range). In cooperation with Library of Elbasan City.
- 2019, December 13 /Public Forum “Remix Albania”, in collaboration with Theatre of Metropol Tirana /Theatre and education, theatre and liberal education. Member of Organised Committee and Speaker. Contributor: Liberal Education through the theatre.
- 2018, 5 December “Theatre of Metropol, Tirana”. Topic: “Albanian Drama as an laboratory for knowledge and research”, Contribution: “Theatre of Metropol between choices and solutions”.
- 2016, 23 April Forum: “Books for a good society”. UET Press, in collaboration with Albanian Institute of Sociology, Panel Valbona Nathanaili, Lekë Sokoli.
- 2015, 22 May “Book and its problems in today actuality”, In “Fier Book Fair, 2015”.
- 2015, 11 April Debate about Draft-Strategy of Pre-university education, 2014-2020”, organized at UET with 140 headmasters and teachers from different DARs/ZAs. Addressing section 3 of this draft-strategy “Objectives of politics, activities and outcomes”, Edited: “Arsimi Parauniversitar 2015+”. Co-author ISBN 978-9928-190-34-5. Tiranë: UET Press.
- 2015, 23 October With the invitation of “Koordinacioni i Këshillave dhe Përfaqësive të Pakicave Kombëtare” Zagreb city”, in collaboration with “Këshillin e Pakicës Kombëtare Shqiptare” Zagreb city and Shoqatën e Shkrimtarëve Kroatë, në Zagreb, Book promotion of author Ben Blushi "Otello". Panel Ben Blushi, Valbona Nathanaili, Ivana Simić Bodrožić, shkrimtare, Božidar Petrač, President of Writers Association of Croatia.
- 2014, 16 January Forum “Pirateria dëmton artin dhe kulturën e një kombi”, Universiteti Europian i Tiranës in collaboration with Ministry of Culture. Contributors: Evien Dako, Director of Albanian Office of copyright, Valbona Nathanaili, Director of UET Press and Juelda Lamçe, lector of the law of right, UET.

Books: Forward

- For the Albanian language variant of book What is life. Author Erwin Schrödinger. Publisher: “Henrietta Leavitt” Foundation.
- For the Albanian language variant of book The Rise and fall of nations. Forces of Change in the Post-Crisis World. Author Ruchir Sharma Publishing House “Pema”, Prishtinë, Kosovë, 2017.

Valbona Nathanaili is a lecturer at the department of pedagogy-psychology at LOGOS University College, Tirana, Albania. She is a Bachelor in physics and a doctoral degree holders in the science of pedagogy, both from University of Tirana. At the undergraduate level, at LOGOS, she teaches the methodology of teaching science, professional ethics, natural sciences and citizenship.

Major areas of research over the last few years are the politics and reforms in Albanian Education System, education under occupation, methodology of teaching science, university pedagogy, science and religion, the future of schooling and internationalization of HEIs. Recently she is engaged, as chair of “Quality Monitoring Action Plan Comitee” in the “Managerial and Governance Enhancement through Teaching” (MAGNET) project (2023-2025), co-founded by the European Union and project manager in ROAMING project “Strengthening International Staff & Student Mobility Offices in the West Balkans”— ERASMUS-EDU-2022-CBHE, funded by the European Union, where Logos University College is the leader. She was previously based at the European University of Tirana, where contributed to a range of different duties and chaired publishing department.

She is analyst, writers and contributor for different periodic Albanian newspaper and television outlets.

Some sole authored books: “The difficult journey of Albanian school (1912-1944)” (2016) and “Our ambassadors. The meeting point of diplomacy with creativity” (2014).