

PERSONAL INFORMATION Amira Sawan

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- March- November 2017 European School "Ovidiu Șincai" – 13th Edition
Social Democrat Institute „Ovidiu Șincai”
- 28 - 30/10/2016 European Academy for Young Political Leaders
OMV PETROM
- April - July 2016 Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Scholarship
FES Romania
- 1/10/2015 - 28/09/2020 Postgraduate doctoral degree (PhD.) in International Relations
National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA)
- PhD. Thesis Title: "Securitization of the European Union's borders in the context of the Syrian refugee crisis. The need to rethink European asylum and migration policy".**
- 23/05/2014 - 25/05/2014 Public Procurement Expert
Macro Structural Consulting, Bucharest (Romania)
- 04/04/2014 - 06/04/2014 European structural and cohesion funds accession expert
Macro Structural Consulting, Bucharest (Romania)
- 01/10/2013 - 09/07/2015 MA in Conflict Analysis and Resolution
Department of International Relations and European Integration-SNSPA, Bucharest (Romania)
- The main purpose of this Master of Science in Conflict Analysis and Resolution is to offer the knowledge and understanding of crisis, conflict, risk, crisis management, decision unit, decision- making, conflict prevention, resolution, and post-conflict reconstruction. Moreover, this programme develops my capacity to understand the models of analysis, ways of interpreting the evolution of crises and opportunities for decision making, as well as models for resolving international conflicts.
- Apart from the theoretical aspects regarding conflict, this Master was important for me due to its special focus on international affairs through themes like: the actors and structure of the international relations, main theories in the field, major geopolitical changes after the Cold War, an analyse of the doctrine of foreign policy, security strategy of the main international actors.
- Finally, yet importantly, this programme offered me a knowledge and understanding of Romanian foreign policy after 1990 to identify Romania's role in promoting regional and international security.
- Dissertation Title: "Romania as a NATO border state. Current geopolitical perspectives after the annexation of Crimea".**
- 01/10/2013 – 09/07/2015 MA in Diplomacy and Negotiations
Department of International Relations and European Integration-SNSPA, Bucharest

(Romania)

This Master programme offers the tools for understanding Diplomacy and Negotiation in this current globalised and interdependent world.

In this respect, this programme: underlines the appropriate knowledge of approaches, concepts and specific forms of diplomacy and negotiations; knowledge of key institutions, organizations and relevant epistemic networks; develop skills for identifying relevant and reliable data sources; applying methods of documentation and primary data analysis on solving a specific problem in the field of diplomacy and negotiation; finding suitable solutions and the ability to take decision based on reliable data in real situations specific diplomacy and negotiation.

Due to its curricula, this Master prepared me for a career in diplomacy, international governmental and non-governmental organizations, national or international public administration, “think tanks” and research institutions and international business.

Dissertation Title: "Refugee diplomacy in the European Union. The case of Syrian refugees"

01/10/2010–03/07/2013

Bachelor's degree in Political Science

Faculty of Political Science of the University SNSPA, Bucharest (Romania)

The main areas of my studies and research are connected to the theory and political philosophy, comparative politics, European studies, public policies, politics of Central and Eastern Europe, but also the study of democracy and minorities.

Bachelor thesis title: “Arab Spring. New perspectives in the European Union Asylum Policy”

WORK EXPERIENCE

01/02/2016 - Present

Senior Adviser in SGP FEADR ROIF PM

National Agency for Land Improvement (ANIF), Bucharest (Romania)

01/09/2015 – 01/10/2018

Project assistant at the Centre of Excellence "In and out: Understanding the European Union beyond its borders"

The National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Department of International Relations and European Integration, Bucharest (Romania)

The project “In and Out: Understanding the European Union beyond its Borders” intends to develop border management trainings for frontier workers from Romania, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, as means to improve knowledge and practices on the European policies in particular those related to the border management and security.

Website: <http://europolity.eu/in-out-centre-of-excelence/>

09/02/2015 - Present

Counsellor in a parliamentary bureau

Chamber of Deputies, Romanian Parliament, Bucharest (Romania)

06/05/2014–30/06/2014

Intern in the Office for the EU Strategy for the Danube Region

Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bucharest (Romania)

- I helped to organize and conduct of the third ASEM seminar entitled Water Management - Fostering Stability and Prosperity Through (Inter) Regional Cooperation, held between 2-3 of June 2014 in Tulcea;
- I provided the translation of the EUSDR brochure ;
- I realized fact sheets for other macro strategies at European level, namely, strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Sea and Baltic Sea;
- I archived documents;
- I helped preparing the documents necessary for our minister of Foreign Affairs participation at the third Annual Forum EUSDR that took place in Vienna.
- I was also involved in the daily activities of the EUSDR Office.

01/11/2013–01/01/2014

Assistant Coordinator of a Support Structure

Save Danube and Delta Association, Bucharest (Romania)

- I was involved in the implementation of the project "Social Economy, a solution for the environment"- a project financed through the European Social Fund, in its field of activity especially by assisting the coordinator and contributing to a proper fulfilment of the conditions required by the guidelines, rules and instructions and decisions of the Management Authority, but also those of the management team of which I was part of;
- I contributed to the good development of the awareness campaign and training programs for persons that were part of our target group (humans in difficult social situation) and will ensure the later functioning of our social enterprise;
- I organised conferences and public meetings between local and regional actors in the field of social economy;
- I managed the project's database and registered people from Bucharest and Tulcea - I made sure of the accuracy and confidentiality of records and documents resulting from the project.

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Romanian

Other language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
Arabic	A2	A2	A2	A2	A2
English	C1	C1	B2	B2	B2
French	B1	A2	A2	A1	A1
German	A2	A2	A2	A2	A2
Spanish	B2	B2	B1	B1	B1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user - B1 and B2: Independent user - C1 and C2: Proficient user
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Communication skills

good communication skills acquired from the activities in which I was involved over time
 excellent interaction skills, diplomacy, tact
 good negotiator

good listener

Organisational / managerial skills

ability to analyse and synthesize
decision-making capacity
coordination skills
punctuality
ability to make decisions under pressure and meet deadlines
ability to analyse tasks and responsibilities
analytical mind
teamwork
spirit of evaluation and improvement

Job-related skills

effectiveness
vision
flexibility
pro result-orientation
appropriate behaviour
effective communication
professional attitude
willingness to learn continuously
ability to work in a multicultural environment

Computer skills

An exceptionally good command of Microsoft Office™ tools (Word™, Excel™, PowerPoint™), internet, social communication, and network management.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Volunteer

- October 2010 - May 2011: Volunteer in the Syrian Students League, at the Syrian Embassy in Romania
- 3 - 23 April 2011: volunteer in the project called "I'm gypsy, I'm proud" initiated by Bright Light Foundation
- February 2011 - April 2011, May 2012 - March 2013: Volunteer of the Save Danube and Delta Association in a project financed through European Social Fund, called "Partnership for Sustainable Development"
- 26 to 28 April 2012: volunteer at the Eighth Ministerial Conference of the Bologna Process and the third edition of the Bologna Policy Forum, event organised by the Ministry of Education, held at Parliament House Victoria Palace;
- March 4 - May 31, 2013: Volunteer at the Romanian Group for Human Rights Association, during the process of monitoring the revision of the Constitution.
- October 2014 - October 2017: volunteer at the Centre for European Studies in the Department of International Relations and European Integration, NUPSPA (National University of Political Studies and Public Administration).

Youth Exchange

- 7 to 15 May 2011: exchange held in Poland, in a project called "Eco-Friendly Factory," which gathered participants from countries such as Poland, Romania, Lithuania, Italy, Portugal
- 19 to 28 July 2013: exchange held in Turin, Italy, in the project called "Conflicts,

democracy, culture and identity, me, myself and we", that brought together participants from countries such as Italy, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Slovenia

- Projects**
- On 20th January 2012, I participated in a simulation of the European Council, organized by the Centre „Policy... making of” from SNSPA, entitled on "Troubleshooting generating interstate conflict: the case of Romania-France".
 - I was Co-initiator of MAEDRI – a project of the students from the Master of Diplomacy and Negotiations, dedicated to students passionate about international relations, meant to simulate the communication activity of the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
I contributed to the drafting of the funding application for the project In and Out: Understanding the European Union Beyond Its Borders, funded by the Erasmus + program for the establishment of a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence within SNSPA.
 - I was part of the team that elaborated of the Manual of procedures regarding the implementation of the ANIF attributions in accordance with the Delegation Agreement no. 14859 / 19.10.2016 regarding the specific verifications necessary in the technical and financial implementation of the sub-measure 4.3- Investments for the development and modernization or adaptation of the agricultural and forestry infrastructure- the irrigation infrastructure component.

- Publications**
- Amira SAWAN, Raluca Georgiana SĂFTESCU, "**TOWARDS THE SUNSET OF EU-RUSSIA STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP?**", Europolity - Continuity and Change in the European Governance, Vol. 8, Nr. 2, 2014, pp 133-148.
 - Amira SAWAN, Raluca Georgiana SĂFTESCU, "**Long term strategies for Romania: Where are we heading to?**", Europolity - Continuity and Change in the European Governance, Vol. 8, Nr. 1, 2014, pp 67-82.
 - Amira SAWAN, "**THE EU POLICIES FOR REFUGEE INTEGRATION. THE FAILURE OF MULTICULTURALISM?**", Romanian Journal of International Relations and European Studies, Vol. 4, no. 1/ 2016
 - Amira SAWAN, "**IS EUROPEAN UNION A FORTRESS FOR REFUGEES FROM MENA REGION?**" in "Interconnectivity and EU Foreign Policy Making", ed. Tritonic, Bucuresti, 2017
 - Amira SAWAN, "**The EU relations with Syria: institutional framework, regional framework, cooperation- institutional reform, Assad, ISIS and the refugee crisis, way ahead**", in STRUCTURES OF INTERCONNECTIVITY IN THE EU'S NEIGHBOURHOOD: MAIN FACTORS THAT SHAPED THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ENP, ed. Tritonic, Bucuresti, 2018

Driving licence

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