

Mag. Dr. Idriz IDRIZI, MA

Awards, Prizes and recognitions

5/5/2022	European Commission's "Seal of Excellence" for the research proposal "Beyond Exceptionalism: The Foreign Policy Thinking of the Communist Elites of Albania and Romania from Comparative, Transnational and Cultural History Perspectives (1953–1965)", submitted under the Horizon Europe Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions call "MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2021"
29/04/2021	Winner of the Estonian Institute of Historical Memory's "International communism-themed research competition for young scholars" in the category "Published articles"
12/12/2019	University of Vienna International Award (for extraordinary commitment in the management of mobility programmes)
04/10/2017	Michael Mitterauer Sponsorship Prize for Social, Cultural and Economic History in Vienna
28/06/2017	Grete Mostny Dissertation Prize of the Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies at the University of Vienna
20/10/2016	Richard G. Plaschka Award of the Austrian Academy of Sciences

Publications

1. Monograph

Idrizi, I. (2018): *Herrschaft und Alltag im albanischen Spätsozialismus (1976–1985)*. Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter Oldenbourg (Südosteuropäische Arbeiten, 161), 326 pp.

2. Articles in peer-reviewed scientific journals

- 2.1. Idrizi, I. (2022): Enver Hoxha's Last Purge: Inside the Ruling Circle of Communist Albania (1981–1983), *East European Politics and Societies: and Cultures* 36/4, 1091–1110, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/08883254211036184>, open access: <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/08883254211036184>.
- 2.2. Idrizi, I. (2021): Stalinistische Machtspiele unter albanischen Kommunisten: Enver Hoxha und die Demontage Kadri Hazbius, *Südost-Forschungen* 80/1, 261–288, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1515/sofo-2021-800113>.
- 2.3. Idrizi, I. (2020): Between Subordination and Symbiosis: Historians' Relationship with Political Power in Communist Albania, *European History Quarterly* 50(1), 66–87, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0265691419890560>, open access: <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/0265691419890560>.
* Best Published Paper Prize Winner, Estonian Institute of Historical Memory's "International communism-themed research competition for young scholars"
- 2.4. Idrizi, I. (2014): Zwischen politischer Instrumentalisierung und Verdrängung: Die Auseinandersetzung mit dem Kommunismus in der Öffentlichkeit, Geschichtspublizistik und Historiographie im postkommunistischen Albanien, *Jahrbuch für Historische Kommunismusforschung* 2014, 93–106.
- 2.5. Idrizi, I. (2010/2011): Der Neue Mensch in der Politik und Propaganda der Partei der Arbeit Albaniens in den 1960er Jahren, *Südost-Forschungen* 69/70, 252–283.

3. Non-peer-reviewed publications

- 3.1. Idrizi, I. (2021): Debates About the Communist Past as Personal Feuds: The Long Shadow of the Hoxha Regime in Albania, *Cultures of History Forum*, DOI: 10.25626/0127, open access: <https://www.cultures-of-history.uni-jena.de/debates/albania/debates-about-the-communist-past-as-personal-feuds-the-long-shadow-of-the-hoxha-regime-in-albania>.
- 3.2. Godole, J., Idrizi, I. (eds.) (2019): Between Apathy and Nostalgia: Public and Private Recollections of Communism in Contemporary Albania. Tiranë: IDMC.
Alb. translation: Godole, J., Idrizi, I. (eds.) (2019): Mes apatisë dhe nostalgjisë. Kujtesa publike dhe private e komunizmit në Shqipërinë e sotme. Tiranë: IDMC.
- 3.3. Godole, J., Idrizi, I. (2019): Introduction. Memory and Portrayal of Communism in Albania in the Public and in the Private Sphere, in: Godole, J., Idrizi, I. (eds.): Between Apathy and Nostalgia, 7–13.
Alb. translation: Hyrje. Kujtesa dhe paraqitja e komunizmit në Shqipëri në sferën publike dhe private, in: Godole, J., Idrizi, I. (eds.): Mes apatisë dhe nostalgjisë, 7–13.
- 3.4. Idrizi, I. (2019): Typologies of Private Memories of Communism in Albania: A Study Based on Oral History Interviews in the Region of Shkodra, with a Special Focus on the Period of Late Socialism (1976–1985), in: Godole, J., Idrizi, I. (eds.): Between Apathy and Nostalgia, 85–102.
Alb. translation: Idrizi, I. (2019): Tipologjitë e kujtesës private të komunizmit në Shqipëri. Një studim bazuar në intervista gojore në zonën e Shkodrës dhe me fokus të veçantë periudhën e socializmit të vonë (1976–1985), in: Godole, J., Idrizi, I. (eds.): Mes apatisë dhe nostalgjisë, 83–99.
- 3.5. Idrizi, I. (2016): “Magic Apparatus” and “Window to the Foreign World”? The Impact of Television and Foreign Broadcasts on Society and State-Society Relations in Socialist Albania, in: Bönker, K., Obertreis, J., Grampp, S. (eds.): Television Beyond and Across the Iron Curtain. Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 227–256.
- 3.6. Idrizi, I. (2016): Përprjekjet e udhëheqjes komuniste për mbikqyrjen dhe komandimin e shtetit, ekonomisë dhe shoqërisë mes synimit totalitar dhe kufizimeve në realitet në gjysmën e dytë të viteve 1970-të“ [The Communist Leadership’s Endeavours to Control and Command State, Economy and Society between the Totalitarian Aspiration and the Limitations in Reality, in the Second Half of the 1970s], in: Schmitt, O. J. (ed.): Për Ardian Klosin, gjermanin nga Shqipëria [For Ardian Klossi, the German from Albania]. Tiranë: Fjala, 282–314.
- 3.7. Idrizi, I. (2015): RAI apo “Dyshi i Jugosllavit”? Shikimi i stacioneve të huaja në Shqipërinë komuniste mes memories publike dhe kujtimeve personale [RAI or “The Second Yugoslav (Channel)”? Watching Foreign Broadcasts in Communist Albania between Public Memory and Personal Recollections], in: Seminari XXXIV Ndërkombëtar për Gjuhën, Letërsinë dhe Kulturën Shqiptare – The XXXIV International Seminar on Albanian Language, Literature and Culture, 451–459.
- 3.8. Idrizi, I. (2014): Marrëdhëniet individ-shtet në Shqipërinë socialiste të vonë. Një studim bazuar në intervista Oral History në zonën e Shkodrës [The Individual-State Relationship in Late Socialist Albania: A Survey Based on Oral History Interviews in the Region of Shkodra], in: Seminari XXXIII Ndërkombëtar për Gjuhën, Letërsinë dhe Kulturën Shqiptare – The XXXIII International Seminar on Albanian Language, Literature and Culture, 405–412.
- 3.9. Idrizi, I. (2014): Sundimi komunist në Shqipëri në periudhën e vonë të tij nga perspektiva e historisë kulturore [The Communist Rule in Albania in its Late Stage from the Perspective of the Cultural History], in: *Përprjekja* 32–33, 70–87.
- 3.10. Rexhepaj, A., Vorpsi, I., Idrizi, I. (2014): *Përprjekja* 32–33 (Studime aktuale dhe perspektiva të reja për historinë e Shqipërisë në shekullin XX) [Current Studies and New Perspectives on the History of Albania in the 20th Century], 280 pp.

4. Book reviews

- 4.1. Elidor Mëhilli, From Stalin to Mao. Albania and the Socialist World. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2017, forthcoming in: Südost-Forschungen.
- 4.2. Afrim Krasniqi, Kriza e ambasadave. Shqipëria në vitin 1990, Tiranë: Akademia e Studimeve Albanologjike, Instituti i Historisë, 2020. 484 pp., in: Comparative Southeast European Studies 70/2 (2022), 379–381.

- 4.3. Ylli Molla, *Guerilas Made in Albania. Historia e Arafatit, Kabilës, Lulës, Amazonas dhe luftëtarëve nga 11 shtete, që u përgatitën politikisht dhe ushtarakisht nga pedagogët shqiptarë*. Tiranë: Botart, 2016, in: *Südost-Forschungen* 78 (2019), 532–534.
- 4.4. Zef Pllumi, *Live to Tell. A True Story of Religious Persecution in Communist Albania. Vol.1: 1944–1951*. Bloomington, IN: iUniverse 2008, in: *Kommunismusgeschichte.de* (<https://kommunismusgeschichte.de/lesen/liesmich/article/detail/zef-pllumi-live-to-tell-a-true-story-of-religious-persecution-in-communist-albania-band-1-1944-1/>).
- 4.5. Paul Lendvai, *Das einsame Albanien. Reportage aus dem Land der Skipetaren*. Zürich: Edition Interfrom/ Osnabrück: Fromm 1986 (2nd edition), in: *Kommunismusgeschichte.de* (<https://kommunismusgeschichte.de/lesen/liesmich/article/detail/paul-lendvai-das-einsame-albanien-reportage-aus-dem-land-der-skipetaren-6016/>).
- 4.6. Klaus-Detlev Grothusen (ed.), *Südosteuropa-Handbuch. Vol.7: Albanien*. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht 1993, in: *Kommunismusgeschichte.de* (<https://kommunismusgeschichte.de/lesen/liesmich/article/detail/klaus-detlev-grothusen-hrsg-suedosteuropa-handbuch-band-7-albanien-6015/>).
- 4.7. Jorgji Kote, *Në vetërrethim. Episode, ngjarje të jetuara dhe reflektime*. Tiranë: Botimet Toena 2012, in: *Südost-Forschungen* 72 (2013), 376–379.
- 4.8. Hamit Kaba, *Shqipëria në rrjedhën e Luftës së Ftohtë. (Studime dhe dokumente)*. Tiranë: Botimpex 2007, in: *Südost-Forschungen* 71 (2012), 644–647.
- 4.9. Blendi Fevziu, *Enver Hoxha. E para biografi bazuar në dokumentet e arkivit personal dhe në rrëfimet e atyre që e njohën*. Tiranë: UET Press 2011, in: *Südost-Forschungen* 71 (2012), 627–631.

5. School books

- 5.1. Idrizi, I., Godole, J., Xhemalaj, F. (2020), *Komunizmi përmes dokumenteve arkivore, vëll.3: Shkolla, rinia dhe “revolucioni ideologjik e kulturor” (1967–1971) [Communism on the Basis of Archive Documents, vol.3: The School, the Youth and the “Ideological and Cultural Revolution” (1967–1971)]*. Tiranë: IDMC, online: <https://idmc.al/en/assets/idmc-komunizmi-permes-dokumenteve-arkivore-3.pdf>.
- 5.2. Idrizi, I., Godole, J., Xhemalaj, F. (2018), *Komunizmi përmes dokumenteve arkivore, vëll.2: Jeta e përditshme në periudhën e vetizolimit [Communism on the Basis of Archive Documents, vol.2: Everyday Life in the Period of Self-Isolation]*. Tiranë: IDMC, online: <https://idmc.al/en/assets/idmc-komunizmi-permes-dokumenteve-arkivore-2.pdf>.
- 5.3. Idrizi, I., Godole, J., Xhemalaj, F. (2017), *Komunizmi përmes dokumenteve arkivore, vëll.1: Represioni në periudhën e vetizolimit [Communism on the Basis of Archive Documents, vol.1: Repression in the Period of Self-Isolation]*. Tiranë: IDMC, online: <https://idmc.al/en/assets/idmc-komunizmi-permes-dokumenteve-arkivore-1.pdf>.

Teaching experience

- University of Vienna: <https://ufind.univie.ac.at/de/person.html?id=101127&teaching=true>
- Lecture “Alltag im Kommunismus” at Österreichische Studienstiftung Seminar “Der Kommunismus” (organised by the Austrian Academy of Sciences”) (30/09/2021)
- Lecture “Qasjet historiografike ndaj sistemeve socialiste dhe perspektiva e historise kulturore” (Historiographical approaches to socialist systems and cultural history perspectives), Department of History, University of Tirana (20/11/2020)
- Lecture “Qasjet historiografike ndaj sistemeve socialiste dhe perspektiva e historise kulturore” (Historiographical approaches to socialist systems and cultural history perspectives), Faculty of Human Sciences, University of Elbasan (30/11/2020)

University administrative experience:

- 01/02/2018–30/09/2021: ERASMUS departmental coordinator (University of Vienna), responsible for: Bulgaria (Sofiiiki Universitet), Germany (Universität Bremen, Technische Universität Dresden, Universität Potsdam), Finland (Tampere University), Croatia (Sveučilište u Zagrebu), Poland (Uniwersytet Warszawski, Uniwersytet Jagiellonski Kraków), Slovenia (Univerza v Ljubljani), Turkey (İstanbul Üniversitesi), Hungary (Eötvös Loránd University), Incomings from Serbia and Ukraine (as well as in the Non-EU Student Exchange Program generally Incomings from Eastern and Southeastern Europe)
- * Receiver of the University of Vienna International Award for extraordinary commitment in the management of mobility programmes (12/12/2019)
- 01/9/2017–27/02/2022: Maintenance of the library of the “Albanien-Institut” (<http://www.albanien-institut.com/albanien/bibliothek.htm>)

(Co-)organisation of scientific events

1. International conference “Communist Myths in Albania, before and after the System Change”, (Tirana/online, 18/02/2022), conference co-ordinator and member of the scientific committee (<https://idmc.al/en/communist-myths-in-albania.html>)
2. International conference “The Balkans and the Post-Colonial World: Socialist Internationalism and Global Entanglements in the Cold War” (University of Vienna, Institute for East European History/online, 17–18/06/2021) (with Rinna Kullaa, Jan Zofka, Bogdan Iacob, Jure Ramšak) (<https://intbalk.univie.ac.at/>)
3. Panel discussion “Thirty Years After” (Tirana, 19/02/2021)
4. Panel discussion “Repression and Stalinism in Albania and Eastern Europe in Comparison” (Tirana, 13/02/2020)
5. Symposium “Current Approaches to Communism: Challenges and Opportunities” (Tirana, 22/02/2019)
6. International Conference “Between Apathy and Nostalgia: Public and Private Recollections of Communism in Contemporary Albania” (Tirana, 17–18/11/2017) (with Jonila Godole and Sonila Danaj)
7. Member of the organising committee of the international conference “Comparing Communisms: Perspectives from Southeast Europe” (University of Vienna, Institute for East European History, 26–28/9/2016)
8. Panel discussion “Der Umgang südosteuropäischer Medien mit der Vergangenheit” (University of Vienna, Institute for East European History, 08/06/2016) (with Ljiljana Radonić)
9. Panel “Shqiptarët në shekullin XX. Perspektiva nga historia e jetës së përditshme” [The Albanians in the 20th Century. Perspectives from the Everyday Life History] (“The XXXIV International Seminar on Albanian Language, Literature and Culture”, Pristina, 21/08/2015) (with Irida Vorpsi)
10. Panel “Shqiptarët në komunizëm” [The Albanians During Communism], (The XXXIII International Seminar on Albanian Language, Literature and Culture, Pristina, 21/08/2014) (with Irida Vorpsi)
11. Workshop “Albanische Zeitgeschichte” (University of Vienna, Institute for East European History, 01/03/2013) (with Irida Vorpsi)

Presentations at internationally established conferences or workshops

- 1.** Ambitious Ally: Albania’s Efforts to Radicalise China in the “Anti-Revisionist Struggle” in the Early 1960s (Conference “Cold War (A)Symmetries: Conflict, Cooperation and Trade”, University Valahia of Târgoviște, Târgoviște, Romania (online), 28–29/10/2021)
- 2.** Aspiring after Global Reputation through Militancy: Albania, the Alliance with China and the Anti-Superpower Struggle during the 1960s (Workshop “Influence of Choice: Alternative Histories of Non-Hegemonic Foreign Policy in the Cold War”, London School of Economics and Political Science IDEAS, online, 03–04/12/2020)

- 3.** Politische Repression im albanischen Spätsozialismus (Workshop “Disziplinieren und Strafen. Politische Repression in der DDR und anderen sozialistischen Diktaturen”, BMBF-Forschungsverbund “Landschaften der Verfolgung”, Humboldt University of Berlin, 30–31/01/2020)
- 4.** Isolationism and Militarisation in Communist Albania as Intervention: State Policies, Societal Appropriations and the Role of Space and Landscape Characteristics, (Conference “Zeitgeschichte als Interventionsgeschichte/ Contemporary History as a History of Intervention”, Institute for Contemporary History of the University of Vienna & Herder Institute for Historical Research on East Central Europe - Institute of the Leibniz Association, Vienna, 09–11/05/2019)
- 5.** From Demonisation to Glorification: Typologies of Privately Remembering Communism in Contemporary Albania (Conference “Between Apathy and Nostalgia: Public and Private Recollections of Communism in Contemporary Albania”, Tirana, 17–18/11/2017)
- 6.** Party Control Over Historians in Communist Albania (Symposium “Pluricentric Albanian”, Humboldt University of Berlin in cooperation with Southeast Europe Association, 12–13/01/2017)
- 7.** “A Small Granite Island in a Hostile Sea” and “the Only Remaining Beacon of True Socialism”? Self-Images and World and Cold War Perceptions among “Ordinary Citizens” in Isolated Communist Albania as Recollected Today (8th European Summer School on Cold War History, University of Vienna, European University Institute, London School of Economics and Political Science, University of Padova et al, Vienna, 08–10/09/2016)
- 8.** “Under Totalitarian Control? Scope of Action of Local Press Correspondents in Communist Albania in the 1970s and 1980s” (Conference “Media and Memory”, Tirana, 09–10/11/2015) (Poster presentation)
- 9.** RAI apo “Dyshi i Jugosllavit”? Shikimi i stacioneve të huaja në Shqipërinë komuniste mes memories publike dhe kujtimeve personale” [RAI or “The Second Yugoslav (Channel)”? Watching Foreign Broadcasts in Communist Albania Between Public Memory and Personal Recollections] (The XXXIV International Seminar on Albanian Language, Literature and Culture), Pristina, 17–28/08/2015
- 10.** “Marrëdhëniet individ-shtet në Shqipërinë socialiste të vonë. Një studim bazuar në intervista Oral History në zonën e Shkodrës” [The Individual-State Relationship in Late Socialist Albania: A Survey Based on Oral History Interviews in the Region of Shkodra] (The XXXIII International Seminar on Albanian Language, Literature and Culture, Pristina, 08–30/08/2014)
- 11.** Remembering the Socialist State: An Oral History Survey on Individual Perceptions and Experiences in the Region of Shkodra in Albania in the Late Socialist Phase (1976–1985)” (Graduate Conference in European History (GRACEH), European University Institute, Florence, 08–10/05/2014)
- 12.** Political Mobilization in the Context of the Great Purges of 1982 in Late Socialist Albania (Conference “Political Mobilization in East Central and Southeast Europe”, Institute for East and Southeast European Studies, Regensburg, 14–15/02/2014)
- 13.** “The magic apparatus”: The Impact of Television on Society and State-Society Relations in Socialist Albania with a Special Focus on the Phenomenon of Watching Foreign Broadcasts (Conference “Television in Europe Beyond the Iron Curtain – National and Transnational Perspectives since the 1950s”, University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, 05–07/12/2013)
- 14.** Die Kosovo-Albaner im Spiegel der Akten des ehemaligen Archivs der Partei der Arbeit Albanien (1976–1985) (Workshop “Aktuelle Forschungen zu Geschichte und Gesellschaft des Kosovo”, Institute for East and Southeast European Studies, Regensburg, 05–06/07/2013)
- 15.** Alltag im spätsozialistischen Albanien aus kulturhistorischer Perspektive (Workshop “Albanische Zeitgeschichte”, Institute for East European History of the University of Vienna, Vienna, 01/03/2013)
- 16.** Isolierender Staat – isolierte Gesellschaft (Conference “Staat und Staatlichkeit im albanischen Balkan”, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, 27–28/11/2012)
- 17.** The Totalitarian Project of Homogenizing the Society and “Eigen-Sinn” in Late Socialist Albania (Conference “Homogenizing Southeastern Europe: Balkan Wars, Ethnic Cleansing and Postwar Ethnic Engineering since 1912”, Institute for East European History of the University of Vienna & Stanley Burton Centre for Holocaust and Genocide Studies of the University of Leicester, Vienna, 08–10/11/2012)

Memberships

- “Society for Albanian Studies” (affiliated with the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES)) (since 30/01/2015)
- Academic board of “Instituti i Studimeve për Krimet dhe Pasojat e Komunizmit” [The Institute for the Studies of Communist Crimes and Consequences] in Albania (since 01/06/2018)
- Südosteuropa-Gesellschaft (since 01/07/2018)
- Research group “New Cold War Studies” at the University of Vienna (since 23/03/2020)

Reviewer for the journals: Cold War History, Hiperboreea (Official Journal of the Balkan History Association), East Central Europe Jahrbücher für Geschichte Osteuropas, Southeastern Europe, Südost-Forschungen.

Science to Public

- Co-leader of the project “Communism on the Basis of Archive Documents” (alb. Komunizmi përmes dokumenteve arkivore”) which has trained dozens of Albanian high school teachers and produced three volumes with communist-time documents for school teaching (the first material of this kind in Albania). Collaboration partners: “Institute for Democracy, Media and Culture”, “EUROCLIO Albania” & “Albanian History Teachers Association” (see section “school books” and the link: <https://idmc.al/en/communism-through-archival-documents.html>)
- Workshop with young people “Nostalgjia për komunizmin” (Communism nostalgia), Shkodër, Albania, 11-12/2/2017, in collaboration with “Institute for Democracy, Media and Culture” & “Site of Witness and Memory” (see: <https://www.idmc.al/nostalgjia-per-komunizmin.html>.)
- Public lecture “Südosteuropäische Staaten auf der großen Bühne der Weltpolitik”, event “Jubiläum 20 Jahre Universitätscampus 1998–2018: Faszination östliches Europa: viel/fältig – groß/artig – herr/lich. Themenwoche und Campus-Ausstellung (1.–6. Oktober 2018)”, Institute for East European History & Department of Slavonic Studies, 5/10/2018 (see https://iog.univie.ac.at/fileadmin/user_upload/i_iog/Campus20/Campus20_Bericht-IOG_Homepage.pdf)
- Press article “Enver Hoxhas stalinistische Herrschaft. Ausnahmezustand in Albanien”, Der Standard, Balkan-Blog, 25/03/2019, <https://derstandard.at/2000099893993/Enver-Hoxhas-stalinistische-Herrschaft-Angst-und-Ausnahmezustand-in-Albanien>.
- Interview for Radio Ö1-programme “Albanien: Die mühselige Aufarbeitung der Hoxha-Diktatur” (7/6/2021)
- Online (Instagram) educational program “Zoom in on communism” targeting Youth (in cooperation with the “Institute for Democracy, Media & Culture” in Albania.