



# Department of Economics





**Start building your future with**



# Why Study Economics?

## → **Understanding:**

Economics is all around us. As you progress in studying economics you will understand the way world around you works.

## → **Career:**

A degree in economics provides you with essential problem-solving skills that are highly evaluated in the workplace.

## **It supports careers in:**

- Economics
- Finance
- Management
- Entrepreneurship



# Economics at EPOKA.

Economics is about making decisions. Studies how do individuals, organizations, and societies use limited resources to meet unlimited wants?

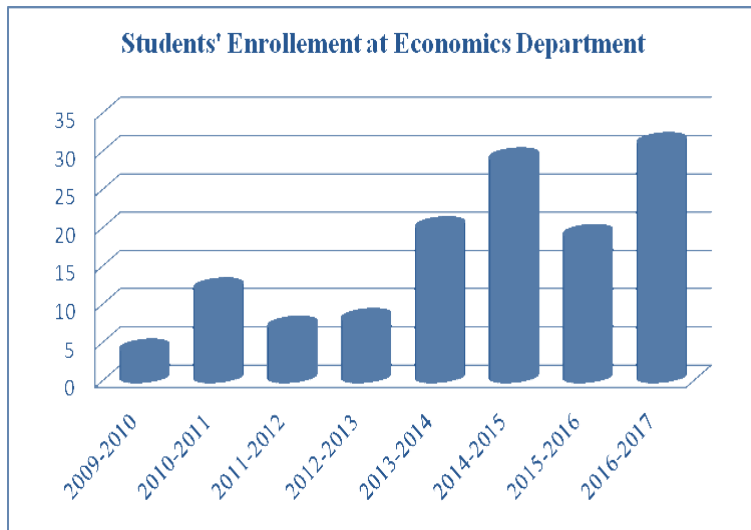


## Mission

The mission of the Department of Economics consists of three interrelated components: providing the highest quality instruction to our undergraduate students, conducting leading-edge research in economics, and providing leadership and service to our professional communities.

## Vision

The Department of Economics aims at the qualification of new staff with general knowledge alert to the challenges in economy, and able to work in the administration of local and foreign private companies.





# Degrees Offered:

**Bachelor**

**Master of Science**

**PhD**



# Why Choose Economics at Epoka?

- Engaged Faculty
- Many Electives
- Problem Based Learning/Student-centered learning
- Employability and Career Assistance

## Internationalization of Education in English

- *Study abroad*
- *Foreign lecturers*
- *Foreign students*
- *Exchange Opportunities*



# Bilateral and Erasmus+ Student Exchange Agreements with Universities.

→ *California University of Pennsylvania, USA*

→ *American University in Bulgaria, Bulgaria*

→ *University of NIS, Serbia*

→ *South East Europe Lumina University Bucharest, Romania*

→ *EADA Business School Barcelona, Spain*

→ *International Burch University Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina*

→ *Hochschule Mainz, University of Applied Sciences Mainz, Germany*

→ *University of Texas at Austin Texas, USA*

→ *Universita degli studi di Salerno Salerno, Italy*

→ *Polytechnic of Bari Bari, Italy*

→ *Nicolaus Copernicus University Torun, Poland*

→ *Tallinn University of Technology Tallinn, Estonia*

→ *International Black Sea University Tbilisi, Georgia*



## Internationally Experienced Academic Staff

<i><b>Name</b></i>	<i><b>Title/ Institution</b></i>
<i>Güngör Turan</i>	<i>Prof. Dr./Dokuz Eylül University, Izmir , Turkey</i>
<i>Eglantina Hysa</i>	<i>Assoc. Prof. Dr/ Tirana University, Tirana, Albania</i>
<i>Timothy Hagen</i>	<i>Dr./ Clemson University, Clemson, USA</i>
<i>Naqeeb Ur Rehman</i>	<i>Dr. /University of Glasgow, Glasgow, United Kingdom</i>
<i>Mirela Alhasani</i>	<i>Ongoing PhD/St.Kliment Ohrid University, Sofia, Bulgaria</i>
<i>Nihat Cengiz</i>	<i>M.Sc./ Epoka University , Tirana , Albania</i>
<i>Erjon Gjoçi</i>	<i>M.Sc./ The University of Akron , Akron, USA</i>
<i>Arjona Çela</i>	<i>Ongoing PhD/ Epoka University, Tirana, Albania</i>



# What Skills will I learn?

- Written
- Analytical and problem solving
- Numerical and computing
- Presentation
- Research
- Communication
- Team working
- Political awareness

*Economics is applicable in almost all aspects of our lives, since it is at the heart of all decision-making.*

# Job Perspectives

- Terminal Stock Controller Fixed-income Derivatives Trader
- Assistant Economist Researcher Partner in Accountancy Firm
- Director of Campaigns and Communications Business Consultant
- Director of Finance and Corporate Governance Relationships Director
- Logistics Manager Internet and CRM Marketing Manager Investment Banker
- Press Associate Director Credit Analyst Expatriate Tax Manager
- Economic Advisor
- Account Executive
- System Analyst Editor Professor and Director
- Environment and Climate Change Analyst
- Assistant Government Economist
- Assistant Statistician
- European Regulatory Manager
- Underwriting Assistant
- Social Worker
- Lecturer at Universities
- Program Manager: Fiscal Policy

# Potential Employers

PriceWaterhouseCoopers  
Deloitte  
KPMG  
Ernst & Young  
DM-Consulting  
A.T. Kearney

Raiffeisen Bank  
Intesa San Paolo  
Pro Credit Bank  
Credins  
Societe General Bank

Vodafone  
AMC  
Abcom  
Abissnet  
Tring  
T-Mobile  
Siemens

Microsoft  
IBM  
General Electric  
Infosoft Group  
Aleat  
Neptun

Everest  
Heineken  
Henkel  
Coca Cola  
Agna Group  
Conad  
Procter & Gamble  
Nestlé

Bank of Albania  
European Commission  
Ministry of Finance  
INSTAT  
United Nations

Sigal  
Sigma  
Atlantik  
Orion Construction  
Edil AL

DHL  
American Hospital  
Volkswagen  
Mercedes Benz  
BMW

# Statistics of Epoka University Graduates



**90.38%**  
**Employed +**  
**Continuing**  
**Education**



**50%**  
**Received job**  
**Before**  
**graduation**



**63.46%**  
**More than one**  
**job offer**



**98.08%**  
**Satisfied with**  
**their current**  
**job**



**88.46%**  
**Current job**  
**related to**  
**area of study**



**69.23%**  
**Participated in**  
**internships**



**82.69%**  
**Reputation of**  
**University is**  
**important**



**94.13%**  
**Useful tools**  
**and resources**



**90%**  
**Financial**  
**University**  
**support**

# Economics Department Graduates Statistics



**51 %**  
**Employed**



**34 %**  
**Master  
students**



**10 % no  
data**



**5 %**  
**Unemployed**





## Some of Economics Graduate's Achievement Stories

**Taulant Kastrati**, *Master at EU Business School, Germany.*



**Resilda Kalia**, *Master of Sciences at University of Edinburgh Germany, currently working as CEO of Liqeni VII sh.a company.*



**Elena Pici**, *was awarded with a full scholarship in London School of Economics (LSE).*

**Ariola Shahinaj and Alisa Rruga**, *Masters at Charles University, Czech Republic.*



## Some of Economics Graduate's Achievement Stories

**Dirseo Pasha and Dijena Drenova**  
*internship at Netherlands Embassy in Albania.*

**Jurida Çeka,** *Master at Goethe University, Frankfurt Germany.*

**Elvira Meti,** *Master at Charles University, Prague. Chez Republic.*

**Sajda Kërçishta,** *working as a Business Analyst for PNC Bank, USA.*

**Denisa Dervishi,** *working at Aleat Ltd., part of the IDEMIA group.*



# Internship Practices from our Students



- *Bank of Albania*
- *Intesa SanPaolo*
- *Albtelecom*
- *National Commercial Bank Albania (BKT)*
- *Epoka University*
- *Procredit*
- *Societe Generale Albania*
- *NOA*
- *Netherlands Embassy of Albania*

- *Deloitte*
- *Colliers International*
- *Vodafone Albania*
- *Ministry of Finance*
- *Telekom Albania*
- *INSTAT*
- *World Vision*



World Vision



Deloitte.

Albania and Kosova



ProCredit Bank





# National and International Collaboration with Universities and Companies

## *Partner Universities*

### ○ **Albanian Universities**

- University of Tirana
- Shkodra University "Luigj Gurakuqi"
- Institute of Geosciences Polytechnic University of Tirana
- Hëna e Plotë (Bedër) University
- Academy of Science
- Polis University
- Agricultural University of Tirana
- University "Marin Barleti"

### ○ **Balkan Universities**

- University of Prishtina, Kosovo
- International Balkan University, Macedonia
- State University of Tetovo, Macedonia
- International Burch University, Bosnia & Herzegovina
- South East Europe Lumina University, Romania
- University of Nis, Serbia
- Mediterranean University, Montenegro



## ○ **Other European Universities**

- Leeds Beckett University UK
- University of Applied Sciences, Germany
- Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia
- Nicolaus Copernicus University, Poland
- EADA Business School, Spain
- University of Technology (HSZ-T), Switzerland
- Sapienza University of Rome, Italy
- Polytechnic of Bari, Italy
- University of Salerno, Italy
- University of Cassino and Southern Lazio, Italy

## ○ **US Universities**

- Illinois Institute of Technology
- Sam Houston State University
- North American College
- University of Texas at Austin
- California University of Pennsylvania





# Research at Economics Department

## Research areas

→ **Labor Economics and Social Work**

→ **Human Development and Growth**

→ **Economics of Innovation and Institutional Growth**

→ **Optimizing Language Instruction for Academic Purposes (OLIAP)**

## Research groups

→ *Prof. Dr. Güngör Turan, Assoc. Prof. Eglantina Hysa Dr. Timothy Hagen, Msc. Erion Gjoci*

→ *Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eglantina Hysa, Dr. Timothy Hagen, Prof. Dr. Güngör Turan, Dr. Naqeeb Ur Rehman, Dr. Patrice Kandolo Kabeya*

→ *Dr. Naqeeb Ur Rehman, Prof. Dr. Güngör Turan, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eglantina Hysa, Dr. Patrice Kandolo Kabeya*

→ *Dr. Timothy Hagen, Ms. Mirela Alhasani, other foreign language instructors within university*



# Research at Economics Department

## Projects

- *Graduate Employability for Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences*
- *Erasmus+ Project Application "Promoting Graduate Skills and Employability at the Albanian Labor Market (PGSEAL)"*
- *Environmental Economics for a Sustainable Development." Evaluation of environmental and recreational values of the area Lezhe – Shengjin using indirect approximate methods "Travel Cost Method" and "Hedonic Price Method"*

## Publications and Conference Participations

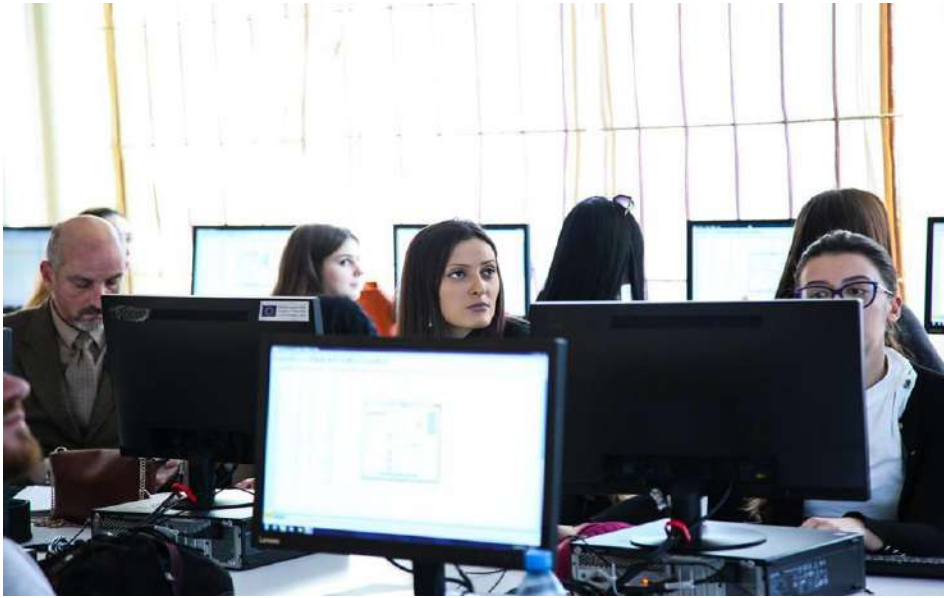
- *A number of scientific publication published by academic staff of department each year.*
- *Academic staff participating at different conferences such as:*
- *Geneva Peace Conference,*
- *9th EBES Conference, Rome, Italy*
- *Annual Conference of the Urban Affairs Association in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in the USA*

# Researched Based Learning

Training on research methodologies:

→ Identifying strategies to build research teams.

→ Quantitative analysis using SPSS and Eviews.





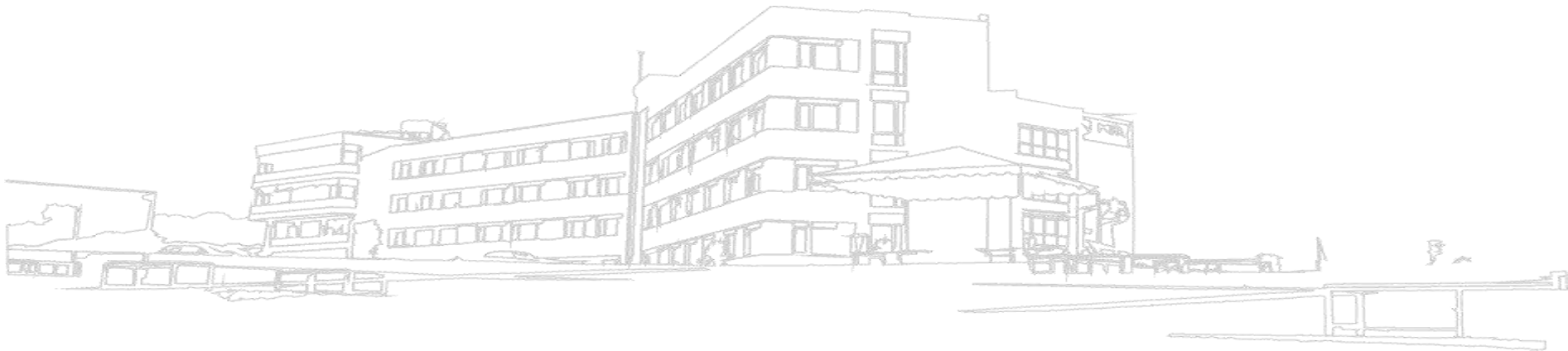
*Economics Department in collaboration with Economic Society of Albania organized the First Symposium on Promoting Manufacturing Industry in Albania at Sheraton Tirana Hotel.*



*The first Research Workshop for PhD students and young researchers.*

## Research Award

**Denisa Dervishi**, our honor graduate from Economics department receives the **“Governor Price” awarded by Bank of Albania** for the best Bachelor Thesis of 2017 with thesis title “The quantity theory of money and its Albanian application under the inflation targeting regime”, supervised by the rector of Epoka Univeristy, Prof. Dr. Güngör Turan.





# Accreditation on Study Programs

→The Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education has accredited Master of Sciences and Bachelor in Economics programs for six years, the maximum duration of accreditation ASCAL).



# Extracurricular Activities

## *Student Club Activities*

### Young Economist's Network



The Young Economist Network (YEN) was created in 2014 from students of Economics Department in Epoka University. YEN provides young economists opportunities to interact with professors of the field in order to work toward organization of economic events in Albania and provide professional enhancement of students and strong network with professors and companies in Albania.

YEN has 52 members that actively organize events and participate different activities related with economics inside and outside Epoka University.

# Collaboration with prestigious companies in Albania, Region and abroad!

## *Annual Career Fair: 50+ Companies*

- Raiffeisen BANK
- Intesa San Paulo Bank
- ProCredit Bank
- NBG Bank
- Bank Asia
- Societe Generale Albania
- TEB&BNP Paribas
- Sfvs USAID
- American Embassy
- Turkish Chamber of Commerce
- Albanian Chamber of Commerce



- KPMG
- Deloitte
- Ernst & Young
- Coca-Cola
- Vodafone
- AMC
- Abcom
- Pierre Cardin
- Ande-LM
- DM- Consulting

and **MANY** other companies...



## Questions?

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Thank you!

