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AER Scholarship 2009 Report

For the second consecutive year, the AER offered a scholarship for students interested in a master-level, one-year degree, taught during the 2009-2010 academic year and focused on relevant aspects of regionalism. For more detailed information on the scholarship and how to apply, please visit: <http://www.aer.eu/home/vacancies/aer-scholarship.html>

The AER received 39 applications for the scholarship emanating from 31 different regions (15 countries). Applications were first checked by the AER Secretariat in order to assess their validity especially from the formal point of view. All applications received are presented by alphabetical order in **Table 1**.

The AER first proceeded to a selection of the 10 best applications on the basis of an evaluation grid. The type of master, thesis and university were all considered. The 10 best applications were then evaluated by a Jury made of 3 scholars, namely:

- Joanna Modrzynska, Institute of International Relations, Nicolas Copernicus University, Poland,
- Peter Bußjäger, Director of Innsbruck's Institute for Federalism,
- Silvia Mihalikova, Director of the Institute of European Studies and International Relations, Comenius University, Slovakia.

The jury evaluated the applications on the basis of their relevancy to regionalism and on other aspects of the candidates' personalities and projects according to the evaluation grid drafted by AER Secretariat. Criteria notably included:

- proposed academic project,
- master thesis topic,
- educational background,
- application essay,
- number of languages spoken,
- previous awards and grants,
- previous work experience,
- extra-curricular activities.

Each Jury member gave a score out of 85 to each candidate. Applications were thus marked out of 255 (=85x3). **Table 2** summarizes the final scores obtained by the 10 best applications.

Considering that Veronika Vankova eventually did not enroll at university, that Teresa Peiro-Camaro Llobet faced a deadline issue, that the master for which Valbona Zefi applied to was not provided in the end, and that Anja Strelec dismissed their applications and Irene Papanikolaou's application was not eligible, the scholarship was finally awarded to Floreta Kërtusha from Durrës, Albania.

Just as last year, the scholarship will cover tuition fees and living costs up to 11 500EUR for the year.

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TABLE 1: LIST OF APPLICATIONS

Surname	Name	Region	Country	Proposed field of study	Proposed host Country/Region
ANGELI	Nicola	Friuli-Venezia Giulia	Italy	European studies	Spain (Valencia)
BARAMIDZE	Eka	Guria	Georgia	Law and International relations	UK (West Sussex)
BARAT	Alexandra	Baranya	Hungary	Comparative literature	UK-France
BERDZENISHVILI	Nazi	Guria	Georgia	International relations	Belgium (Brussels)
BUSELIC	Petar-Kresimir	City of Zagreb	Croatia	International relations	Austria (Vienna)
CACIJA	Dejan	Osijek-Baranja	Croatia	Music Therapy	UK (London)
CAGRI	Ilkan	Kocaeli	Turkey	International relations	Spain (Catalunya)
CALU	Marius-Ionut	Braila	Romania	International relations	UK (Exeter)
CHUCHULASHVILI	Ann	Guria	Georgia	Management	UK (Hampshire)
CORSO	Luisa	Piemonte	Italy	Competition and market regulation	Spain (Catalunya)
DEBSKA	Malwina	Województwo Slaskie	Poland	Business Management	UK (West Sussex)
DODA	Silvana	Lezhe	Albania	International relations	UK (Essex)
DRLIČKA	Pavol	Trnava	Slovakia	International relations	Austria (Vienna)
HASANOVIC	Lejla	Sarajevo	Bosnia and Herzegovina	European law/integration	Austria (Graz)
JIRASEK	Vanda	City of Zagreb	Croatia	Marketing	UK (London)
KËRTUSHA	Floreta	Durrës	Albania	European Politics and Administration	Netherlands (Limburg)
KOMADINA	Sanja	Hrvatska	Croatia	International relations	Austria (Vienna)
LAZAR DELIA	Elena	Arges	Romania	International relations & management	Belgium (Wallonia)
LOBODA	Wirginia	Lazio	Italy	European studies	Spain (Valencia)
MAJDEKOVÁ	Zofia	Banska Bystrica	Slovakia	International Relations	France (Champagne-Ardennes)
MANTA	Ilina	Timis	Romania	Int. Org. Governance	France (Rhône-Alpes)
MEMAJ	Elona	Shkoder	Albania	Public Administration	UK (West Sussex)
NIKOLIC	Nikolina	Pozega-Slavonija	Croatia	International relations	Austria (Vienna)
OBADOVIC	Irena	Serbia	Serbia	Political sc. & International relations	Belgium (Brussels)
PALCEC	Davor	Zagreb County	Croatia	European studies	Austria (Salzburg)
PAMIC	Iva	Istria	Croatia	International development studies	Netherlands (Gelderland)
PAPANIKOLAOU	Irene	Friuli-Venezia Giulia	Italy	International relations	Belgium (West Flanders)
PEIRÓ – CAMARÓ LLOBET	Teresa	Comunidad Valencia	Spain	International Project Management	France (Ile-de-France)
PEJANOVIC	Djordje	Serbia	Serbia	MBA – Mergers and Acquisitions	Austria (Vienna)
PIGNA	Caremen	Campania	Italy	European Integration and Development	Belgium (Brussels)
SOFINSKA	Iryna	L'viv	Ukrain	European law	Netherlands (Limburg)
STRELEC	Anja	County of Varazdin	Croatia	Business communication	Spain (Valencia or Catalonia)
SUPPAN	Claudia O.	Pest	Hungary	Migration Studies	Belgium (Brussels)
SURGULADZE	Anano	Guria	Georgia	Business management and local development	UK (Hampshire)
TOMIC	Tamara	Primorsko-Goranska	Croatia	International and European Law	Cyprus
VANKOVÁ	Veronika	Olomuc	Czech Rep.	European studies	Switzerland (Basel)
VINCENTE d. SANTOS	Ricardo Rafael	Lisboa e Vale do Tejo	Portugal	Corporate finance	Portugal (Alentejo)
VOKA	Valdete	Kukes	Albania	Cultural studies	Italy (Bologna)
ZEFI	Valbona	Lezhe	Albania	European integration and regionalism	Spain-Croatia-Austria (Joint degree)

TABLE 2: 10 BEST APPLICATIONS AND FINAL RESULTS

Surname	Name	Final score	Rank	Comment
VANKOVÁ	Veronika	195	1	Eventually did not apply to university
PEIRÓ – CAMARÓ LLOBET	Teresa	177	2	Incompatibility with deadline for master application
ZEFI	Valbona	170	3	Master degree not provided this year
STRELEC	Anja	167	4	Turned her application down
PAPANIKOLAOU	Irene	155	5	Region of university chosen not AER member, application not eligible
KËRTUSHA	Floreta	152	6	Scholarship awarded
CALU	Marius-Ionut	151	7	-
LOBODA	Wirginia	148	8	-
DODA	Silvana	147	9	-
SUPPAN	Claudia O.	142	10	-