

ACADEMIC AND SCIENTIFIC PROFILES CATALOG

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Faculty of Agribusiness
Haxhi Zeka University – Peja



The Faculty of Agribusiness is oriented towards specialized academic programs tailored to market demands in the fields of Agriculture, Environment, Food, and related disciplines.

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Prof. Dr. Ibrahim Hoxha

Full Professor & Dean

Professor and Dean of the Faculty of Agribusiness at Haxhi Zeka University, specializing in food engineering, agricultural sciences, and sustainable food systems.

Areas of Expertise

- ✓ Food Engineering and Food Processing Technologies
- ✓ Sustainable Food Production Systems
- ✓ Agricultural Sciences
- ✓ Food Science and Biotechnology

Academic Leadership & Research Activities

- ✓ Provides academic and strategic leadership in agribusiness and food sciences
- ✓ Leads and supports research initiatives in sustainable food systems
- ✓ Encourages innovation in food processing and biotechnology



Prof. Dr. Ibrahim Hoxha holds a PhD in Food Science and Biotechnology and focuses on food production and processing within sustainable agri-food systems. As Dean, he provides academic leadership and faculty management, supporting teaching, research, and institutional development. He is actively engaged in national and international academic collaboration through participation in scientific seminars and conferences.

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Prof. Dr. Nexhdet Shala

Full Professor & Vice Dean

Professor and Vice Dean with extensive experience in academic leadership, teaching, and research.

Areas of Expertise

- ✓ Food production technologies
- ✓ Sustainable agribusiness and value chain development
- ✓ Research project development and management
- ✓ International academic cooperation

Academic Leadership & Research Activities

- ✓ Provides academic leadership and strategic development at the Faculty of Agribusiness
- ✓ Contributes to teaching, research, and institutional development
- ✓ International cooperation and research project development



Prof. Dr. Nexhdet Shala is a Full Professor and Vice Dean at the Faculty of Agribusiness, Haxhi Zeka University, Peja, Kosovo. He is actively involved in academic leadership, teaching, and research, with expertise in agricultural development, food production technologies, and sustainable agribusiness. His work includes research projects, international cooperation, and accreditation processes supporting quality assurance and program development.

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Prof. Dr. Ismajl Cacaj

Full Professor

Professor at Haxhi Zeka University, Peja, with extensive experience in teaching, research, and scientific collaboration.



Areas of Expertise

- ✓ Crop protection and plant disease control
- ✓ Agricultural sciences and applied agronomy
- ✓ Sustainable agricultural practices and plant health

Research Activities

- ✓ Crop protection, plant health, and disease control
- ✓ Sustainable agricultural practices and applied agronomy
- ✓ Scientific publications and academic contributions

Prof. Dr. Ismajl Cacaj is an academic staff member at the Faculty of Agribusiness. He holds a PhD in Agriculture with a focus on disease control and has extensive experience in agricultural sciences, particularly crop protection and agronomic research. He has served as Vice Dean and study program coordinator and is actively involved in teaching, research, curriculum development, and quality assurance.

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Prof. Dr. Agim Rysha

Full Professor

Professor with specialization in food technology, nutrition, and food quality and safety, engaged in teaching, research supervision, and scientific publishing.

Areas of Expertise

- ✓ Food engineering, quality, and safety
- ✓ Nutrition and public health
- ✓ Sustainable food production systems
- ✓ Policy Development, capacity building and consultancy

Research Activities

- ✓ Dietary intake and nutritional assessment
- ✓ Chemical and microbiological food quality analysis
- ✓ Participation in EU and international food safety and nutrition projects
- ✓ Supporting policy, training, and capacity building in the food sector



Prof. Dr. Agim Rysha teaches undergraduate and master's courses in food technology, nutrition, and quality control, and conducts research focused on dietary assessment as well as chemical and microbiological analysis of foods. In addition to his academic responsibilities, he has over two decades of experience providing consultancy and capacity building for national and international projects, contributing to policy development, food safety standards, and professional training in the food and nutrition sector.

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Prof. Dr. Arsim Elshani

Full Professor

Professor and Quality Assurance Coordinator at the Faculty of Agribusiness, engaged in teaching and research.

Areas of Expertise

- ✓ Food science and food technology
- ✓ Flour production and cereal processing
- ✓ Food quality and composition analysis

Research Activities

- ✓ Fermentation processes in food systems
- ✓ Food processing technologies and innovation
- ✓ Applied research in food composition and quality assessment



Prof. Dr. Arsim Elshani is actively engaged in teaching, research, and academic quality assurance in the field of food science and technology. His scientific work focuses on crop quality, flour production, and fermentation processes, contributing to applied research and curriculum innovation in agri-food education. In his role as Quality Assurance Coordinator for the Faculty of Agribusiness, he supports internal evaluation processes and the continuous improvement of academic programs, strengthening educational quality and institutional development.

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Prof. Dr. Naser Bajraktari

Full Professor

Professor is an environmental scientist specializing in water and soil quality, heavy metal assessment, and environmental monitoring.

Areas of Expertise

- ✓ Environmental chemistry
- ✓ Water quality assessment
- ✓ Soil quality and element analysis
- ✓ Chemical analysis methodologies

Research Activities

- ✓ Environmental monitoring of water, soil, and air quality
- ✓ Heavy metals and microelement assessment in environmental and agricultural systems
- ✓ Sustainable water management



Prof. Dr. Naser Bajraktari is a faculty member at Haxhi Zeka University in Peja, Kosovo, serving at the Faculty of Agribusiness in the field of Chemistry. He holds a PhD in Chemical Sciences, with research interests in environmental chemistry, water and soil quality assessment, and chemical analysis methods. He has contributed to research on topics such as irrigation water quality and soil element distribution, and participates in international academic initiatives including the UNISUM Summer University program.

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Prof. Dr. Nazmi Hasanaj

Full Professor

Professor at the Faculty of Agribusiness, Haxhi Zeka University. He is actively engaged in teaching and research in agriculture

Areas of Expertise

- ✓ Agriculture and crop production
- ✓ Genetic improvement of plants
- ✓ Hybridization techniques
- ✓ Testing and evaluation of cereal cultivars

Research Activities

- ✓ Genetic improvement of plants through applied breeding methods
- ✓ Hybridization techniques
- ✓ Testing and performance evaluation of cereal cultivars under field conditions



Prof. Dr. Nazmi Hasanaj teaches and conducts research in the field of agriculture, with a focus on crop improvement, plant genetic enhancement, hybridization techniques, and the evaluation of cereal cultivars under different agro-ecological conditions. His academic work contributes to the development of sustainable crop production systems and the improvement of agricultural productivity. He is actively involved in curriculum development, research initiatives, and scientific projects.

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Assoc. Prof. Defrime Berisha

Associate Professor

Associate Professor engaged in teaching and research, contributing to education, scientific projects, and study program coordination.

Areas of Expertise

- ✓ Agribusiness and agricultural practices
- ✓ Crop production and management
- ✓ Agricultural research and development

Research Activities

- ✓ Applied research on crop production under diverse agro-ecological conditions
- ✓ Contributes to studies on sustainable agricultural practices



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Defrime Berisha is a staff member at the Faculty of Agribusiness, Haxhi Zeka University, Peja, Kosovo. She is involved in teaching, research, and academic activities, contributing to agribusiness education and scientific projects. She is also a member of the Faculty Council, participates in various faculty and university committees, and serves as a head of study program.

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Assoc. Prof. Ilir Morina

Associate Professor

Professor and Head of Department at the Faculty of Agribusiness, Haxhi Zeka University, engaged in teaching, research, and academic leadership.



Areas of Expertise

- ✓ Environmental management
- ✓ Pollution monitoring and control
- ✓ Environmental legislation and policy

Research Activities

- ✓ Pollution monitoring and environmental quality assessment
- ✓ Environmental policy analysis, and regulatory frameworks

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ilir Morina is actively engaged in teaching, research, and academic leadership in the fields of environmental management and agribusiness education. His work focuses on environmental sustainability, resource management, and the integration of environmental principles into agribusiness studies. He contributes to curriculum development, participates in faculty and university committees, and supports academic governance and continuous improvement of study programs.

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Assoc. Prof. Arieta Camaj-Ibrahimi

Associate Professor

Professor and Head of Department at the Faculty of Agribusiness, Haxhi Zeka University, engaged in teaching, research, and academic leadership.

Areas of Expertise

- ✓ Food Science and Technology
- ✓ Chemistry and Biochemistry
- ✓ Mycotoxin research in food
- ✓ Food safety and quality assessment

Research Activities

- ✓ Mycotoxin occurrence, analysis, and risk assessment in food
- ✓ Chemical and biochemical characterization of food products
- ✓ Applied research in food



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arieta Camaj-Ibrahimi is engaged in teaching, research, and academic leadership in the fields of food science, chemistry, and biochemistry. Her scientific work focuses on mycotoxin research in food, contributing to food safety and quality assessment. She actively supports curriculum development, research initiatives, and institutional governance, and has contributed to academic leadership and strategic development through her service on the university's Board of UHZ.

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Assoc. Prof. Milaim Musliu

Associate Professor

Professor and Head of Department at the Faculty of Agribusiness, Haxhi Zeka University. He is actively engaged in teaching and research.

Areas of Expertise

- ✓ Ecology and environmental sciences
- ✓ Environmental management and sustainability
- ✓ Ecological research and biodiversity
- ✓ Natural ecosystems and biological studies

Research Activities

- ✓ Ecological research and biodiversity assessment
- ✓ Sustainable management and use of natural resources
- ✓ Applied environmental and ecosystem studies



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Milaim Musliu specializes in ecology and environmental management, with a research and teaching focus on environmental and ecological sciences. He holds a PhD in Environmental Management and actively engages in scientific collaboration and research initiatives related to environmental sustainability and ecosystem studies. As a member of the university's scientific research group, he has contributed to scientific work and supports the advancement of research activities within the academic community.

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Assoc. Prof. Gjokë Duhanaj

Associate Professor

Professor at the Faculty of Agribusiness, Haxhi Zeka University, engaged in teaching and research in agricultural plant science, agronomy, and horticulture.

Areas of Expertise

- ✓ Agricultural plant science
- ✓ Agronomy and crop production
- ✓ Horticulture and crop management

Research Activities

- ✓ Plant science and crop management research
- ✓ Horticultural systems and sustainable agriculture practices
- ✓ Applied agronomic research



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gjokë Duhanaj is actively engaged in teaching and research in agricultural plant science, agronomy, and horticulture, with a focus on crop production, plant development, and sustainable agricultural practices. His academic work contributes to agribusiness education and applied agricultural research through involvement in research projects and curriculum development. He also participates in faculty and university academic committees, supporting academic governance and the continuous improvement of study programs.

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Assoc. Prof. Astrit Bilalli

Associate Professor & Vice Dean

Professor and Vice Dean at the Faculty of Agribusiness, Haxhi Zeka University, engaged in teaching and research in biological and environmental sciences.

Areas of Expertise

- ✓ Freshwater ecology
- ✓ Biodiversity and conservation biology
- ✓ Entomology and aquatic insects
- ✓ Environmental monitoring and water quality assessment

Academic Leadership & Research Activities

- ✓ Aquatic ecosystem research and freshwater biodiversity studies
- ✓ Taxonomy of aquatic macroinvertebrates and insect fauna
- ✓ Discovery and documentation of new insect species



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Astrit Bilalli is actively engaged in teaching and research in biological and environmental sciences, with a particular focus on freshwater ecology, biodiversity, and entomology. His scientific work includes studies on aquatic ecosystems, the taxonomy of aquatic macroinvertebrates, and the discovery and documentation of new insect species, contributing to the understanding and conservation of freshwater biodiversity and ecological systems.

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Ass. Prof. Kastriot Pehlivani

Assistant Professor

Professor at the Faculty of Agribusiness, Haxhi Zeka University, Peja, Kosovo. He is engaged in teaching and research in food science and food technology.

Areas of Expertise

- ✓ Food science and food technology
- ✓ Fermentation and brewing technology
- ✓ Food processing and product evaluation
- ✓ Sustainable food production systems

Research Activities

- ✓ Fermentation processes and brewing technology research
- ✓ Food processing studies
- ✓ Crop quality and wheat production with emphasis on qualitative components



Ass. Prof. Dr. Kastriot Pehlivani is actively engaged in teaching and research in the fields of food science and food technology, with a particular focus on crop quality, wheat production, and the qualitative characteristics of cereal products. His scientific work also includes studies in beer and fermentation technology, as well as applied research in food processing. These research activities are reflected in publications in international scientific journals.

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Ass. Prof. Granit Kastrati

Assistant Professor

Professor at the Faculty of Agribusiness, he holds a PhD in Chemical Sciences and is engaged in teaching and research.



Areas of Expertise

- ✓ Environmental & Food chemistry
- ✓ Chemical pollution & Toxicology
- ✓ Biomonitoring of essential and toxic trace elements
- ✓ Applied chemical research

Research Activities

- ✓ Physicochemical characterization of food products
- ✓ Chemical pollution and toxicological assessment in agri-food systems
- ✓ Applied chemistry research related to agriculture and food safety

Ass. Prof. Dr. Granit Kastrati is a member of the academic staff at Haxhi Zeka University in Peja, Kosovo, where he serves as an Assistant Professor and Member of the University Governing Council. He holds a PhD in Chemical Sciences and is actively involved in teaching and research within the Faculty of Agribusiness. Dr. Kastrati's research focuses on the analysis of chemical pollutants in environmental matrices and the assessment of food quality through the application of advanced analytical techniques.

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Ass. Prof. Shyhrete Muriqi

Assistant Professor

Professor at the Faculty of Agribusiness, actively engaged in teaching and research in agro-economics.

Areas of Expertise

- ✓ Agro-economics and agricultural systems
- ✓ Cooperative behavior and contract farming
- ✓ Consumer preferences and market analysis
- ✓ Applied research in agriculture

Research Activities

- ✓ Farmer behavior in cooperative and contract farming systems
- ✓ Consumer preferences in agri-food markets
- ✓ Applied economic research for sustainable agribusiness



Ass. Prof. Dr. Shyhrete Muriqi holds a PhD in Management and Business Administration Sciences and specializes in agro-economics. Her research focuses on farmer behavior and decision-making, including consumer preferences related to cooperative and non-cooperative farming, participation in contract farming schemes, and machinery-sharing arrangements. Through her academic work, she contributes to the analysis of market dynamics and the development of sustainable agribusiness practices.

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Ass. Prof. Teuta Bajra-Brahimaj

Assistant Professor

Professor at the Faculty of Agribusiness, Haxhi Zeka University, Peja, Kosovo. She is engaged in teaching and research in biological sciences.



Areas of Expertise

- ✓ Environmental biology and pollution assessment
- ✓ Ecotoxicology
- ✓ Heavy metal accumulation in plants

Research Activities

- ✓ Environmental pollution and ecosystem health
- ✓ Toxic effects of contaminants on plants and ecosystems
- ✓ Assessment of heavy metal accumulation in plants

Ass. Prof. Dr. Teuta Bajra-Brahimaj is engaged in research within the fields of environmental and biological sciences, with a strong focus on environmental pollution and ecosystem health. Her scientific work includes the assessment of heavy metal accumulation in plant tissues and the analysis of biological responses to environmental stressors. Through applied biological research, she contributes to environmental monitoring, sustainability studies, and the understanding of pollutant impacts on plant systems and ecosystems.

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Ass. Prof. Indrit Loshi

Assistant Professor

Professor at the Faculty of Agribusiness, Haxhi Zeka University, Peja, Kosovo. He is engaged in teaching and research.

Areas of Expertise

- ✓ Food Science and Food Technology
- ✓ Physicochemical analysis of food and animal feed
- ✓ Macro- and microelement profiling
- ✓ Applied research in food quality and safety

Research Activities

- ✓ Macro- and microelement profiling in food and feed matrices
- ✓ Applied physicochemical research in food systems
- ✓ Food quality and safety evaluation studies



Ass. Prof. Dr. Indrit Loshi, PhD in Food Science and Innovation, focuses his research on the physicochemical composition of food and animal feed, with particular emphasis on macro- and microelement profiling. His scientific work contributes to the assessment of food quality and safety and supports applied research in agri-food systems. In parallel, he is actively involved in teaching Food Science and Food Technology courses, contributing to academic development and the integration of research outcomes into higher education.

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