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### **Selected publications:**

- Maloku, E., Derks, B., Van Laar, C., & Ellemers, N. (2015). Building national identity in newborn Kosovo: Challenges of integrating national identity with ethnic identity among Kosovar Albanians and Kosovar Serbs. In S. McKeown, R. Haji., & N. Ferguson (Eds.). *Understanding Peace and Conflict Through Social Identity Theory: Contemporary and World-Wide Perspectives*. Springer Publications (in print).
- Maloku, E., Derks, B., Van Laar, C., & Ellemers, N. (2015). *Building a Kosovar Identity: Effects of Social Identity Complexity and Superordinate Categorization on intergroup relations between Albanians and Serbs in Kosovo*. Manuscript in preparation.
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- Landsman, M., & Maloku, E. (2009). *Justice denied: The state of education of children with special needs in post-war Kosovo*. UNICEF. Retrieved from <http://www.unicef.org/kosovoprogramme/Eng - Justice.pdf>
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**Professional membership and affiliation:**

- Netherlands Fellowship Program (NFP) Scholar 2013-2017
- American Psychological Association (APA) Associate
- PhD Member of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI); Profiled in the International Scholar Spotlight of the Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI), The Forward, Issue 250, Spring 2014
- Co-founder and Board Member of “Linja Telefonike e Ndhmës” - the first national emotional support helpline, Samaritans Guided Model

**Collaborative projects:**

- Participated and advised for different projects for Open Society Institute (OSI), UNICEF, Social Protection Program (World Bank funded), and so forth.
- Trained for various organizations, including Raiffeisen Bank; American University in Kosovo – Training Institute (AUK-TDI); Kids Academy; One to One; Listen to Youth; Center for a Healthy Mind (USAID-funded); Kosovo Protection Corps (KPS); Youth Council of the U.S. Embassy in Kosovo, and so forth.
- Collaborated in previous regional projects funded by the Regional Research Promotion Program (RRPP), such as: Education-Specific Corruption in Western Balkans (ESCoWeB), in collaboration with Albania, Macedonia and Montenegro, and the current project on social identity complexity in the Balkans.