

BIOGRAPHY

Kristina Marić, MHEd

Kristina Marić, MHEd, is a lecturer in General and Business English with twenty-five years of experience in higher education in Serbia and abroad.

After graduating as the top student of the social sciences and languages program from "Jovan Jovanović Zmaj" Gymnasium in Novi Sad in 1996, she enrolled in *English Language and Literature studies* at the Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Novi Sad while simultaneously pursuing Management studies at the Faculty of Entrepreneurial Management of the "Braća Karić" University.

She graduated in 2000 with a degree in English Language and Literature and began her university teaching career at BK University, where she was repeatedly recognized as one of its best lecturers.

Through the *Junior Faculty Development Program (JFDP)*, funded by the U.S. Government, she was selected to spend the 2004–2005 academic year as a visiting lecturer at the University of Kansas. She also completed professional training at the Boston Language Institute, Massachusetts, USA.

As a European Union scholarship recipient, she completed the international postgraduate program in *Higher Education Policy, Economics and Management* in 2008, offered by a consortium of the University of Oslo (Norway), the University of Tampere (Finland), and the University of Aveiro (Portugal).

In 2006, she became a certified British Council examiner for the internationally recognized Business English Certificate (BEC), University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations. Since 2012, she has been a Certified Court Interpreter for the English language.

She is a member of the international professional associations HEDDA (Erasmus Mundus Higher Education Development Association) and TESOL International Association.

Since 2010, she has been a member of the academic staff of University Business Academy in Novi Sad, where, in addition to teaching and translation, she serves as the English Language Editor of the scientific journals *Law – Theory and Practice* and *Economics – Theory and Practice*. She is the author and instructor of the accredited professional development program "*Key Communication Skills in English for Career Development*", designed for teachers of English.

Committed to lifelong professional development, she regularly participates in national and international conferences on English language teaching, educational leadership, and innovative teaching methodologies, including conferences in Chicago (2016), Houston (2018), and London (2024).

Outside academia, she enjoys music and travelling. She treasures spending time with her family, whose much-loved member is also their dog, Jazz.

She is the mother of two sons, whom she considers her greatest achievement.