

DR. KALTERINA SHULLA

Lecturer

Dr. Kalterina Shulla is a lecturer at the BSBI School of Business and Innovation and focuses on issues related to sustainable development. In her academic work, she examines how global, regional, and institutional actors can collaborate effectively to advance the 2030 Agenda – the UN’s action plan for sustainable development.

She earned her Ph.D. from the University of Bonn. Her dissertation focused on the role of multi-stakeholder networks in implementing the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In her other publications, Dr. Shulla seeks to understand how colleges and universities, in particular, can help shape policy decisions regarding sustainable transformation and bring about change at various levels of government.

Dr. Shulla is currently serving as co-editor of an anthology on “Science Diplomacy and Sustainability” to be published by Cambridge University Press and as guest editor for a special issue of Springer Nature on “Sustainability and Co-creation: Learning Interactions between Education and Business Sectors.” In addition, she is the chair of the Regional Center of Expertise (RCE) in Albania and is committed to promoting education and research on sustainable development in the region.

Through her research and her commitment, Dr. Shulla works at the intersection of science diplomacy, sustainability policy, and education for sustainable development.

Her areas of focus:

- Science Diplomacy and Sustainability
- Science–Policy Interface and Global Sustainability Governance
- Higher Education and Education for Sustainable Development
- AI, Emerging Technologies and Sustainability
- Networks and Multi-stakeholder Cooperation
- Biophilic Design and Human–Environment Interactions
- The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17SDGs

Dr. Kalterina Shulla in the media:

- European Parliament – Presentation of the study “Achieving the UN Agenda 2030: Overall Actions for the Successful Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals Before and After the 2030 Deadline” at the Committee on Development (DEVE), Brussels, 2023.
- International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), SDG Knowledge Hub – “Can Summit of the Future Support Sustainability Science Diplomats?”,

commentary co-authored with Bernd-Friedrich Voigt, 2024.

- UN DESA – Panellist at the UN Inter-Agency Expert Group Meeting on the Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty, presenting research on the impacts of COVID-19 on the Sustainable Development Goals, 2021.
- Journal of Biophilic Design – Contributor on biophilic design, human–environment relations, and sustainability.

Dr. Kalterina Shulla - Research:

- Science diplomacy and sustainability, with a particular focus on the role of higher education institutions
- Implementation and governance of the 2030 Agenda and SDGs
- Science–policy interactions and multi-stakeholder cooperation
- AI, emerging technologies, education, and sustainability
- Co-creation and university–business collaboration for sustainability
- Biophilic design, human well-being, and SDG interactions
- Sustainable development beyond 2030 and the evolving role of science diplomacy

Research papers:

- Shulla K., Voigt BF., Cibian S. et al. Effects of COVID-19 on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). *Discov Sustain* 2, 15 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s43621-021-00026-x>.
- Shulla, K., Voigt, BF., Lardjane, S. et al. People–environment relations following COVID-19 pandemic lifestyle restrictions: a multinational, explorative analysis of intended biophilic design changes. *Discov Sustain* 5, 229 (2024). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s43621-024-00423-y>.
- Shulla K, Leal W, Achieving the UN Agenda 2030: Overall actions for the successful implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals before and after the 2030 deadline, January 2023, European Parliament, EP/EXPO/DEVE/FWC/2019-01/Lot3/1/C/10. Achieving the UN Agenda 2030: Overall actions for the successful implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals before and after the 2030 deadline (europa.eu)



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