

# ALBANIEN

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## Ferdinand XHAFERRI

Born on 23 January 1964 in Durres (Albania)  
Married, one child

### Academic achievements:

June 2006	PhD “On national security issues”, Defense Academy, Tirana, Albania
December 2002	Master Degree “On international relations”, Naval Postgraduate School, CA, USA
	Master Degree “On national security issues” Naval Postgraduate School, CA, USA
June 1988	Diploma University, graduated on Mechanic Engineer, Tirana University

### Other qualifications:

May 2000	Post University qualification in USA State department “On International Relations”
March 2000	Post University qualification in the American Institute on “Budget Administration Policy”
- 1999	Post university qualification in Harvard University on “Policies guarantying economic development”

### Professional career:

1989-1992	Director of Technical Directorate, Albanian Railways
1992-1995	General Director of the Albanian Railways
1995-1999	Chairman of the Democratic Party, Durres Branch
1996-1997	Secretary on Public Relations in the Albanian Democratic Party
1996-2001	MP in the Albanian Parliament, Member of Parliamentary Commission
2002-2005	Deputy Chairman of the New Democratic Party

2003 – 2009	Part-time Pedagogue in the Defense Academy
2005-2009	MP of the Albanian Parliament, Deputy Chairman of the Parliamentary Commission on European Integration
2007- 2009	Co-Chair of the Parliamentary Commission on NATO Integration
2009- onward	Secretary for Public Relations in the Albanian Democratic Party

### **Commitments on Integration and Security Issues:**

1996 – 1997	Head of the Albanian Parliamentary delegation in NATO Parliamentary Assembly
1997 – 2001	Member of the Albanian Parliamentary delegation in the NATO Parliamentary Assembly
1999 – onward	Deputy President of the Foundation “Political Academy”
2003 – onward	Board Member of the Institute for Strategic Studies
2005 – onward	Member of the Albanian Parliamentary delegation in the European Parliament
2007 – onward	President of the Institute for Dialogue and Cooperation

### **Publications and public presentations:**

- Humanitarian interventions in Kosovo: Morality facing the Law (English), 2003
- Democratic Supervision (inspection) of Armed Forces: Role of the Parliament (English), 2004
- Elections and possibility for political violence, 2005
- A model for medium-term stability in Albania, 2005
- Religious harmony and the national security, 2005
- Religion and the Transition, 2006
- Elite and stability, 2006
- Kosovo and the future of the Region, 2006
- Consensual democracy and the majority culture, 2007
- Balkans toward instability, 2007
- De-Balkanization of Balkans (book), 2007