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EDUCATION

DPhil (PhD) Candidate in International Relations

Nuffield College, University of Oxford, 2015 to present

- Thesis working title: ‘Winning the Peace: The Struggle for Control After Armed Conflict’
- Recipient of DPIR-Nuffield Scholarship
- Visiting Scholar, Yale (Department of Political Science), January-June 2018

MPhil in Political Science (International Relations track), with distinction

Central European University (CEU), 2011-2013

MSc Global Politics, with distinction

Birkbeck, University of London, 2008-2010 (part time)

BA Philosophy, with Second Class Honours (First Division)

University of Bristol, 2005-2008

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- International fieldwork experience:
 - Elite interviews in Georgia including Abkhazia: October-December 2016, April-June 2017; Serbia: October 2017; Kosovo: October-December 2017
 - Archival research, UN archives, New York: July 2017
- Co-convenor, Graduate Workshop in Conflict Dynamics, Nuffield College, Oxford (September 2017)
 - Organised a workshop for 26 graduate students, post-docs and professors from twelve universities across Europe to present and discuss work in progress
 - Organised 2 expert round-tables on policy relevance in conflict research and future research agendas
- Founder and convenor, [Working Group on Armed Conflict](#), part of the Changing Character of War Centre (since February 2016)
- Co-convenor, Graduate Research Seminar in the Social Sciences, Nuffield College (2015-16)
- Member of [Research School on Peace and Conflict](#) at the Peace Research Institute, Oslo (2016 to present)
- Research assistance experience:
 - Assistance with literature review on quantitative studies of peace duration (Professor Richard Caplan and Dr Anke Hoeffler)

- Teaching experience:
 - Teaching assistant, ‘Research Design and Methods in International Relations’ (MA course with 50 students), CEU, October 2012-April 2013

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

Panellist (P), Discussant (D)

- ECPR General Conference, Hamburg, 2018 (P)
- ASN, Columbia University, 2018 (P)
- Harvard-MIT-Tufts-Yale Political Violence Workshop, Tufts University, 2018 (P)
- ISA, San Francisco, 2018 (P)
- Order, Conflict and Violence Program, Yale, 2018 (P, D)
- Tbilisi International Peace Conference, Tbilisi, 2017 (P)
- IR Research Colloquium, University of Oxford, 2017 (D)
- Global Justice Academy Summer School, University of Edinburgh, 2017 (P)
- OxPeace Annual Conference, St John’s College, Oxford, 2016, (P)
- PSS-ISA Joint Conference, Budapest, 2013 (P)
- European Workshop for International Studies, Tartu, 2013 (P)
- Graduate Network Conference, London, 2013 (P)
- Graduate Network Conference, Berlin, 2012 (P)

RESEARCH METHODS TRAINING

- ‘Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research’ (Syracuse University), *Summer 2017*
- ‘Introduction to GIS’ (Online course, University of Oxford), *Winter 2016*
- ‘Advanced Qualitative Methods’ (University of Oxford), *Winter 2016*
- ‘Statistical Methods in the Social Sciences’ (University of Oxford), *Autumn 2015*
- ‘Quantitative Methods in International Relations’ (University of Oxford), *Autumn 2015*
- ‘Research Design and Methods’ (University of Oxford), *Autumn 2015*
- ‘Process Tracing – Guidelines and Practice Methodologies of Case Studies’ (ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques, University of Ljubljana) *August 2013*
- ‘Multivariate Statistics’ (CEU) *Spring 2013*
- ‘Quantitative Methods: Analyzing People’ (CEU) *Autumn 2012*
- ‘Methodologies of Case Studies’ (ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques, University of Ljubljana) *Summer 2012*
- ‘Research Methods and Design’ (CEU) *Autumn 2011*

OTHER TRAINING

- ‘Governance, Identity, and War’ (International Peace Research Institute, Norway) *August-September 2017*
- Russian language training (Daugavpils University, Latvia) *March 2017*

- Cyprus Course on Peace and Conflict (PRIO Cyprus Centre) *October 2016*
- Russian language training (Center of Russian & Ukrainian as Second Languages, Odessa National Polytechnic University, Ukraine) *August 2016*
- Olympia Summer Academy, ‘Conflict and Political Violence’ cycle (Greece) *July 2016*
- ‘Prospects for Democracy, Stability and Europeanization in Ukraine: What Lessons from the Baltic Experience?’ (University of Tartu, Estonia) *August 2015*
- ‘Geopolitics of the Wider Black Sea Area’ (Centre International de Formation Européenne/Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies, Georgia) *July 2015*
- ‘Dynamics of Civil War’ (International Peace Research Institute, Norway) *May 2013*
- ‘Conflict Resolution and Negotiation in South Caucasus’ (CEU, Hungary) *April 2013*
- ‘Power and Dynamics of Civil Resistance’ (CEU, Hungary, led by the International Center on Nonviolent Conflict) *September 2011*

WRITING

Partial list of published blog posts and articles:

‘[The Importance of Local Peacebuilding in Georgia](http://www.insightonconflict.org/2015/08/importance-local-peacebuilding-georgia/)’, Insight on Conflict, August 2015
<<http://www.insightonconflict.org/2015/08/importance-local-peacebuilding-georgia/>>

‘[Georgia: Why local peacebuilding matters](http://eastbook.eu/en/2015/05/material-en/news-en/georgia-why-local-peacebuilding-matters/)’, Eastbook.eu, May 2015,
<<http://eastbook.eu/en/2015/05/material-en/news-en/georgia-why-local-peacebuilding-matters/>>

‘[Why foreign policy needs more attention this election](http://www.britpolitics.co.uk/brit-blog/uk-general-election-2015-foreign-policy-barker)’, Brit Politics, April 2015
<<http://www.britpolitics.co.uk/brit-blog/uk-general-election-2015-foreign-policy-barker> >

‘[Who will rule in Syria? Fragmented sovereignty and the problems of transition](http://strifeblog.org/2014/03/21/who-will-rule-in-syria-fragmented-sovereignty-and-the-problems-of-transition)’ Strife Blog, March 2014 < <http://strifeblog.org/2014/03/21/who-will-rule-in-syria-fragmented-sovereignty-and-the-problems-of-transition>>

EXPERIENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

Contributing Analyst, Wikistrat, December 2014 to present

- Europe, Russia and Central Asia desks
- Analyst of the Month, January 2015

European Voluntary Service (Gori, Georgia), December 2014 – August 2015

- Working for a local peacebuilding NGO (“Kartlosi”) in conflict-affected region
- Conducted research project, ‘Peace and Security in Shida Kartli’, investigating local experiences of security issues in villages on the Administrative Boundary Line with South Ossetia, through semi-structured interviews with residents (available at <https://wp.me/a7g3az-y>)

- Other responsibilities: identifying international partners and networks in the field of peacebuilding and conflict resolution; writing articles and publicity material to promote Kartlosi's work; teaching English

Researcher, [Survation](#) (London, UK), February 2014 – August 2014

- General research within a political and social research company, including the preparation and analysis of opinion polls, background research for projects, writing articles for the website and other online content, and briefing and producing reports for clients

Commissioning Editor, [e-International Relations](#), February 2013 – December 2013

- Approaching academics with ideas for articles and editing their contributions.

English teacher, Speed School of English (Bielsko-Biała, Poland) January 2011 – July 2011

- English classes in a private language school for all ages and levels of ability

List researcher, Chatham House Conference Unit (London, UK) June 2009 – April 2010

- Identifying and contacting potential delegates for international conferences from governments, businesses, academia, and NGOs

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Foreign Languages: Russian (elementary [A2])

References available on request