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## EDUCATION

### **DPhil (PhD) Candidate in International Relations**

Nuffield College, University of Oxford, 2015 to present (expected summer 2019)

- Thesis working title: ‘Winning the Peace: The Struggle for Territorial Control After Civil Wars’

### **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 field research 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, June 2018
- Visiting Scholar, Yale (Department of Political Science), January-June 2018
- Member of [Research School on Peace and Conflict](#) at the Peace Research Institute, Oslo (2016 to present)
  - Visiting Research Fellow at PRIO (September 2018)
- 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)
- Research assistance experience:
  - Assistance with literature review of 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

## **AWARDS/GRANTS**

- DPIP-Nuffield Scholarship (full fees and maintenance grant)
- Cyril Foster Funds grants for field research and conference attendance (£500)
- Nuffield travel grants for field research and conference and summer school attendance (~£2000)

## **CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS**

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

- ‘Methodologies of Case Studies’ (ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques, University of Ljubljana), 2012
- ‘Research Methods and Design’ (CEU), 2011

## **OTHER TRAINING**

- ‘Governance, Identity, and War’ (PRIO, Norway), 2017
- Russian language training (Daugavpils University, Latvia), 2017
- Cyprus Course on Peace and Conflict (PRIO Cyprus Centre), 2016
- Russian language training (Center of Russian & Ukrainian as Second Languages, Odessa National Polytechnic University, Ukraine), 2016
- Olympia Summer Academy, ‘Conflict and Political Violence’ cycle (Greece), 2016
- ‘Prospects for Democracy, Stability and Europeanization in Ukraine: What Lessons from the Baltic Experience?’ (University of Tartu, Estonia), 2015
- ‘Geopolitics of the Wider Black Sea Area’ (Centre International de Formation Européenne/Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies, Georgia), 2015
- ‘Dynamics of Civil War’ (PRIO, Norway), 2013
- ‘Conflict Resolution and Negotiation in South Caucasus’ (CEU), 2013
- ‘Power and Dynamics of Civil Resistance’ (CEU, led by the International Center on Nonviolent Conflict), 2011

## **WRITING**

*Partial list of published blog posts and articles:*

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

‘[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](#)’, 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](#)’ 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 October 2015

- 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*