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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, International Studies, December 2015

University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida

Dissertation: “The Eurasian Union: Do Not Count Your Member States Before They Are Hatched.”

Dissertation Faculty Advisor: Professor Roger E. Kanet

Master of Arts, Russian and Slavic Studies, May 2009

University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona

Thesis: “Armenian Immigration to the United States after the Fall of the Soviet Union: New Trends and Developments.”

Thesis Faculty Advisor: Professor George Gutsche

Bachelor of Science, Russian Language and Literature, June 1997

Yerevan State University, Yerevan, Armenia

Thesis: “Analysis of the Political and Social-Economical Editorials of One of the Most Influential National Russian Daily Newspapers *Izvestia*.”

Thesis Faculty Advisor: Professor Levon Kirakosyan

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Russian Foreign Policy in Eurasia: National Interests and Regional Integration. Abingdon, UK: Routledge, 2017.

Chapters in Books

“Caucasian Chess or The Greatest Geopolitical Tragedy of the 20th century,” in Roger E. Kanet, ed., *Routledge Handbook of Russian Security*. Abingdon, UK: Routledge, 2019.

“EU-Russia Security Relations: Another Kind of Europe,” in Roger E. Kanet, ed., *Challenges to the Security Environment in Eurasia*. Houndmills, UK: Palgrave Macmillan, 2017.

“Quo Vadis Armenia? The South Caucasus and Great Power Politics,” in Roger E. Kanet and Matthew Sussex, eds., *Russia, Eurasia, and the New Geopolitics of Energy*. Houndmills, UK: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015.

“The Soviet Union is Dead: Long Live the Eurasian Union!” in Roger E. Kanet and Rémi Piet, eds., *Shifting Priorities in Russia’s Foreign and Security Policy*. Aldershot, UK: Ashgate Publishing, 2014.

“Russian Energy Policy in the South Caucasus,” (with Roger E. Kanet) in Maria Raquel Freire and Roger E. Kanet, eds., *Russia and Its Neighbours: Identity, Interests, and Foreign Policy*. Houndmills, UK: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012, pp. 265-286.

WORKING BOOK PROJECTS

Ethnic Conflicts in the South Caucasus: War Never Changes.

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“Radical Islamism in the South Caucasus: Security Threats and Challenges.” Paper presented at the International Studies Association 58th Annual Convention “Understanding Change in World Politics,” Baltimore, Maryland, 25 February 2017.

“The Clash of Great Powers in the Post-Soviet Space: EU and Russian Foreign Policies in their Overlapping Neighborhood.” Paper presented at the International Studies Association 57th Annual Convention “Exploring Peace,” Atlanta, Georgia, 16 March 2016.

“Do the South Caucasian Cases Affect the Analysis of Russia’s Foreign Policy?” Paper presented at the International Studies Association 57th Annual Convention “Exploring Peace,” Atlanta, Georgia, 17 March 2016.

“Eurasian Geopolitics: Do Not Underestimate the Force.” Paper presented at the International Studies Association 56th Annual Convention “Global IR and Regional Worlds: A New Agenda for International Studies,” New Orleans, Louisiana, 20 February 2015.

“Eurasian Crossroads: Destroy the Old to Build the Old?” Paper presented at the International Studies Association Global South Caucus Conference “Voice from Outside: Re-shaping International Relations Theory and Practice in an Era of Global Transformation,” Singapore Management University, Singapore, 10 January 2015.

“Quo Vadis, Armenia?” Paper presented at the International Studies Association 55th Annual Convention “Spaces and Places: Geopolitics in an Era of Globalization,” Toronto, Canada, 29 March 2014.

“The Eurasian Union: Do Not Count Your Member States Before They Are Hatched.” Paper presented at the 2013 ISSS-ISAC Annual Conference “Bringing the Academic/Policy Divide,” The George Washington University, Washington D.C., 6 October 2013.

“Ethnic Conflicts in the South Caucasus: A Tripartite Approach in Explaining the Causes and Consequences of War.” Paper presented at the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) 18th Annual World Convention, Columbia University, New York City, New York, 19 April 2013.

“The Soviet Union is Dead: Long Live the Eurasian Union!” Paper presented at the International Studies Association 54th Annual Convention “The Politics of International Diffusion: Regional and Global Dimensions,” San Francisco, California, 5 April 2013.

“Shaping the Future of Eurasia: Globalization for Better or Worse?” Paper presented at the CISS/Keynote Joint Conference “Between the Global and the Local: Actors, Institutions, and Processes,” Prague, Czech Republic, 25 June 2012.

“Anticipating Global Changes in the South Caucasus?” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the BISA-ISA Joint International Conference “Diversity in the Discipline: Tension or Opportunity in Responding to Global,” Old Town district of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK, 21 June 2012.

“Winners and Losers in the Caspian Sea Oil Game.” Paper presented at the International Studies Association-Northeast Conference “Continuity and Change in Global Politics,” Providence, Rhode Island, 5 November 2011.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Boards:

SAGE Open

Manuscript Reviewer:

Routledge

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

International Fellowship, Caucasus Resource Research Center - Armenia, summer 2017

The Cyrillic Cataloging Project Grant, University of Miami Libraries, 2016-2017

ISA Travel Grant Awards for ISA’s Annual Convention & Regional Conferences, 2014-2017

Graduate Fellowship for the U.S. Based Study, Armenian General Benevolent Union, 2012-2013

Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Department of International Studies, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida, 2011-2015

Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Department of Russian and Slavic Studies, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, 2007-2009

State Award, The Voice of Armenia newspaper, Yerevan Armenia, 2002

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Professor **December 2017-Present**

Department of Politics & International Relations, Florida International University, Miami, FL

- International Relations of Europe
- International Relations of Russia and the former USSR
- Diplomacy

Adjunct Lecturer **August 2013-August 2014**

Department of International Studies, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida

- Nationalism Ethnicity and Political Conflict
- Readings in International Studies

Graduate Assistant/Associate in Teaching **January 2011- December 2015**

Department of International Studies, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida

- Serve as teaching assistant for Comparative Political Regimes: Rightwing Movements in Comparative Perspective, The Historical Roots of American Imperialism and International Relations Theory courses
- Develop the syllabus for The Evolution of International Human Rights course
- Conduct full-time research on the transition of the post-Soviet states to pluralist and market economy

Graduate Assistant/Associate in Teaching **August 2007- August 2009**

Department of Russian & Slavic Studies, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona

- Received superior ratings as the sole instructor for Intermediate Russian course
- Served as instructor for Elementary Russian and Intermediate Russian courses
- Counseled students, and resolved grades, plagiarism, group dynamic issues

WORK EXPERIENCE

International Consultant **November 2017-Present**

United Nations Development Programme, Georgia

- Capacity building training for university professors at Abkhazian State University
- Provide independent assessment of the state of Academic Writing policies in Abkhazia
- Design and conduct a tailored Academic Writing Training course for students and university professors at Abkhazian State University (up to 100 participants in total)

International Fellow **June 2017-August 2017**

Caucasus Resource Research Center – Armenia, Yerevan, Armenia

- Participated in ongoing research projects
- Conducted independent research on the upsurge of violence and mediation in the Nagorno Karabakh conflict

Research Fellow **November 2016-December 2017**

The Metadata & Discovery Services Department, University of Miami Libraries, Coral Gables, FL

- Provided expertise on identifying primary sources in International Relations and Political Science for historical research

Consultant **February 2016-May 2016**

Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy, Florida International University

- Conducted research on international developments of interest to partners such as U.S. Southern Command and Defense Intelligence Agency

Contributing Analyst **May 2013-Present**

Wikistrat, Inc.

- Engage in multiplayer geopolitical forecasting for multiple types of clients

Russian Translator **November 2009- June 2010**

Vangent, Inc.

- Supported the Phoenix Paper Data Capture Center for the 2010 US Census
- Translated data from Russian to English. Responsible for viewing screen, responding to system promptly, translating and keying correct characters

Correspondent **February 2001- May 2007**

The Voice of Armenia, Yerevan, Armenia

- Covered wide range of national events for a daily newspaper including politics, foreign affairs, and socio-economic issues

Correspondent **April 1999- January 2001**

New Time, Yerevan, Armenia,

- Covered politics, criminal news, and socio-economic issues for a daily newspaper

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

International Studies Association, member since 2011

American Political Science Association, member since 2015

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Research: analytical and research skills in Social Sciences & Humanities

Teaching: curriculum development, lecturing and tutoring in International Relations, Comparative Politics, International Political Economy, and Russian & Slavic Studies

Written communication skills: research proposals, grants, articles, reports, book reviews

Oral presentation skills: meetings, lecturers, press-conferences

Interpersonal/Intercultural skills: Study and work experience in several Eastern European countries and the United States

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Post-Soviet/Russia's foreign policy
- Terrorism, counterterrorism and political violence
- Ethno-national conflicts in the South Caucasus
- International Political Economy
- Comparative Politics
- U.S. foreign and security policy

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Native or Bilingual Proficiency in Armenian and Russian

Full Professional Proficiency in English

Professional Working Proficiency in Bulgarian

COMPUTER SKILLS

Experience with Microsoft Windows, Office, Photoshop, STATA, and SPSS