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Academic Positions

- 2016- present** University of Sharjah, International Relations Department, Assistant Professor
2012 - 2015 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, History Department, Lecturer in History
2011 - 2012 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, History Department Post-doctoral Teaching fellow
2008 - 2009 CNRS, Paris, France Post-doctoral research fellow at CERCEC Centre D'études des mondes Russe caucasien et Centre-Europeen

Education

- PhD 2007** London School of Economics (LSE), London, United Kingdom, *PhD* International Relations / History. Thesis title: "Conflict in the South Caucasus: Autonomy and Secession"
- MA 1997** Central European University (CEU), Budapest, Hungary, MA History / South East European Studies (Balkans)
- BA 1995** Yerevan State University of Foreign Languages, Yerevan, Armenia, BA History / English Language

Publications: Book

- 2015** *From Conflict to Autonomy in the Caucasus. USSR and the Making of Abkhazia, South Ossetia and Nagorno Karabakh*, (London, Routledge 2015, paperback 2017), ISBN 0415658020

Reviewed in:

Europe-Asia Studies, Vol 69 (2) (March 2017), pp. 371-372

Central Asian Survey, Vol 35, No. 2 (March 2016), p. 317-9.

Russian Review, Vol 74, Issue 4 (October 2015), p. 717-9.

Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries, Vol 52, No. 8 (April 2015), p. 1379.

Publications: Articles

Scopus Metrics

- 2018** "Гражданская война в Закавказье 1918-1921 с точки зрения социальных, этнических и политических процессов" (Civil War in the Transcaucasus from the Social, Ethnic and Political Perspectives) in *Peterburg Historical Journal* (ISSN 2311-603X), Russian Academy of Sciences No. 3, 2018, pp. 224-252. N/A
- 2018** "Re-negotiating the Boundaries of Permissible: the National(ist) Revival in Soviet Armenia and Moscow's Response" in *Europe Asia Studies* Vol. 70 No 6 (July 2018), pp. 862-883. DOI: 10.1080/09668136.20181487207 CiteScore 2015: 1.15
SJR 2015: 0.516
SNIP 2015: 0.981
- 2017** "Contested Spaces: The Use of Place-Names and Symbolic Landscape in the Politics of Identity and Legitimacy in Azerbaijan" *Central Asian Survey* Vol. 36 No 4 (September 2017), pp. 534-554. DOI: 10.1080/02634937.2017.1350139 CiteScore 2015: 0.72
SJR 2015: 0.277
SNIP 2015: 0.615
- 2012** "Why Autonomy? The Making of Nagorno-Karabakh Autonomous Region 1918-1925" *Europe Asia Studies* Vol. 64 No 2 (February 2012), pp. 281-323. DOI: 10.1080/09668136.2011.642583 CiteScore 2015: 1.15
SJR 2015: 0.516
SNIP 2015: 0.981

- 2010 "From Conflict to Autonomy - The Making of the South Ossetian Autonomous Region 1918 - 1922" *Europe Asia Studies* Vol. 62 No 1 (January 2010), pp. 99-123. DOI: 10.1080/09668130903385416 CiteScore 2015: 1.15
SJR 2015: 0.516
SNIP 2015: 0.981
- 2003 "The Alteration of Place-Names and the Construction of National Identity in Soviet Armenia" in *Cahiers du Monde Russe*, No 44/1, January-March 2003. <http://www.jstor.org/pss/20174766> CiteScore 2015: 0.20
SJR 2015: 0.247
SNIP 2015: 0.735

Publications: Book Chapters and Conference Proceedings

- 2016 "Ethnic Conflict in Nagornyi Karabakh – A Historical Perspective" in *Caucasus Analytical Digest*. No. 84, June 2016. ISSN: 1867-9323
- 2010 "Aux origines de l'autonomie sud-ossète" in *Ordres et désordres au Caucase* edite par Aude Merlin et Silvia Serrano, Editions de l'universite de Bruxelles, Bruxelles 2010, pp. 27-45.

Publications: Book reviews

- 2018 "E.R. Scott, *Familiar Strangers: The Georgian Diaspora and the Evolution of Soviet Empire* (New York, Oxford University Press 2016)" in *American Historical Review*, Vol. 123, No. 1, February 2018, pp. 337-338. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1093/ahr/123.1.337>
- 2016 "E.J. Ericson, *Ottomans and Armenians. A Study in Counterinsurgency* (New York, Palgrave Macmillan 2013)" in *The Journal of Military History*. Vol. 80, No. 3, June 2016.
- 2015 "J. Smith, *Red Nations. The Nationalities Experience in and after the USSR* (Cambridge, Cambridge University Press 2013)" in *Russian Review*. Vol. 74, No 1, January 2015.
- 2013 "G. A. Bournoutian, *The 1823 Russian Survey of the Karabakh Province*, (Mazda, Costa Mesa 2011)" in *JSAS (Journal of the Society for Armenian Studies)*.
- 2012 "*Severnyi Kavkaz v sostave Rossiiskoi Imperii*, (Moscow, Novoe Literaturnoe Obozrenie, 2007)", 460 pages + maps, print run 3000 copies in *Central Eurasian Reader*.
- 2009 "V. V. Lapin, *Armiia Rossii v Kavkazskoi voine XVIII – XIX vv.* (Evropeiskii Dom, St. Petersburg 2008)", 400 pages print run 1000 copies; in *The Journal of Power Institutions in Post Soviet Societies* (www.pipss.org) Issue 10, 2009 <http://pipss.revues.org/index2425.html>

Selected Grants, Fellowships and Awards:

- 2016 Research grant from the University of Southern California (USC)
- 2014 University of Newcastle, UK Teaching Fellowship in Russian History (**I declined the offer**)
- 2011 Vysegrad short term Research Grant for work in the Radio Liberty / Radio Free Europe Archives held at OSA (Open Society Archives) Budapest, HUNGARY
- 2004 AGBU and Benlian Trust small student grants, UK
- 2003 Internal LSE Graduate Scholarship covering tuition fees
- 1999 OSA (Open Society Archives) One month Research Grant for the study of the Radio Free Europe/ Radio Liberty holdings in Budapest, Hungary
- 1999 RSS (Research Support Scheme) research grant for research in Caucasus (one year)
- 1998 Tweedy Exploration Fellowship (University of Edinburgh) for research in Armenia into construction of the Armenian national identity.
- 1995 George Soros Foundation Full Scholarship for study at the Central European University, Budapest Hungary

Teaching:

- University of Sharjah International Organizations; IR Theory; International Security; World Perspective; Environment and Sustainable Development; International Law; Turkey in IR; Central Asia in IR.
- University of Michigan Russia Under the Tsars. H433
- University of Michigan The History and Politics of the USSR. H434
- University of Michigan Conflict and Diplomacy in the Caucasus. H480
- University of Michigan Armenian History: From Prehistoric Times to the Present. H287
- University of Michigan Caucasus between Empires; The Background of Modern Conflicts in the Caucasus 19th – early 20th centuries. H328
- LSE The Structure of International Society. IR 100 (International Relations Department)
Introductory survey course to International Relations. (crosslisted: IR, Government, History)
- LSE States, Nations and Empires. GV 265 (Government Department)
Introductory survey course to European Politics 19th-20th centuries.
- LSE International History since 1890. HY 116 (International History Department)
Introductory survey course to international history in 20th century.

Invited Presentations and Conferences:

- 2017 ASN Conference in New York: “National(ist) Revival in Soviet Armenia in the 1960s”
- 2016 Cambridge University, BASEES British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies
- 2015 University of Zurich, “Conflicting Narratives: History and Politics in the Caucasus”
- 2014 ASN Conference in New York: “Creating borders in the South Caucasus”
- 2012 Slavic Research Centre, Sapporo, Hokkaido University July 5-6 symposium, “From Empire to Regional Power, between State and Non-state”.
- 2012 CREES (Centre for Russian East European Studies) University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. “The Logic of the Bolshevik Boundary-Making in the South Caucasus”
- 2011 Oxford University, Pembroke College, The Oriental Institute, “Why Autonomy? Creation of Autonomous Region of Nagorny Karabakh 1921-1925”
- 2011 ASN Conference in New York, “The Making of Nagorno-Karabakh Autonomy 1918-1925”
- 2010 ICCEES VIII World Congress 2010 Stockholm The Soviet Boundary-Making in the South Caucasus – Arbitrary or Logical?
- 2009 ASN Conference New York, “The Creation of the South Ossetian Autonomy”

- 2008 ASN Conference, Paris, "Political Institutions and Autonomies in the Soviet South Caucasus and Impact on Modern Conflicts. A Comparative Assessment."
- 2008 CNRS, EHESS: "The Conflict in South Ossetia"
- 2007 CNRS, EHESS: "Conflict in the South Caucasus: Autonomy and Secession"
- 2006 University of Birmingham, "Soviet Nationality Policy and Nationalism in the Caucasus in the Post-Stalinist Period"
- 2001 "Creation of National Identity in Soviet Armenia" Nationality and Citizenship in Post-Communist Europe conference held at Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris on July 9-10, 2001

Languages:

English (native level), Russian (native), French (excellent), Armenian (excellent), Turkish (basic)

Academic Supervision

I supervised MA and BA student dissertations at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Peer Reviewer:

Revolutionary Russia, ISSN Routledge, since 2017

Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power, ISSN Routledge, since 2016

Journal of Borderlands Studies, ISSN 0886-5655 Routledge, since 2015

Russian Review, ISSN 1467-9434 Willey-Blackwell, since 2014

Journal of Genocide Research, ISSN 1462-3528 Routledge, since 2014

Michigan State University Press, since 2013

Europe-Asia Studies, ISSN 0966-8136 Routledge, since 2012

RECEO - *Revue d'etudes comparatives Est-Ouest*, ISSN 0338-0599 Necplus, since 2012

Board Memberships:

- 2016 Member of the editorial board of a peer reviewed journal *Caucasus Survey*, Routledge ISSN Print: 2376-1199 Online: 2376-1202

Association Memberships:

ASN Association for the Study of Nationalities.

BASEES British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies