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EDUCATION **INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX** Brighton, UK

Master of Arts in Governance, Development and Public Policy (Merit), 2020

Relevant coursework: *Making Public Policy, Research Design, Democracy and Public Policy, Impact Evaluation, Political Economy Perspectives on Development*

Master's dissertation (Distinction) examined anti-corruption policies implemented by the Georgian government in a comparative study with Ukraine

UNIVERSITY OF PADUA, ITALY Padua, Italy

Master of Arts in Human Rights and Multi-Level Governance (100/110), 2017

Relevant coursework: *International Law of Human Rights, European Union Law and Human Rights, Social Research Methods, Human Rights and Politics*

Master's dissertation: The effectiveness of political conditionality in EU trade agreements

KAZAKHSTAN UNIVERSITY OF NATION'S FRIENDSHIP Shymkent, Kazakhstan

Bachelor of Arts in Education, English and French (GPA: 3.7/4.0), 2011

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Dec 2016-
Jan 2017* **Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University** Remote
Research Consultant
- Researched and compiled a list of media outlets censored in Kazakhstan to remotely test its accessibility for the Berkman Klein Center's Internet Monitor project
 - Produced a local test list consisting of roughly 200 URLs categorized according to the local political and cultural context
 - Provided a nuanced analysis of media landscape of Kazakhstan including media outlets' likelihood of facing censorship within the current political climate
- March 2017-
May 2017* **Open Dialog Foundation (ODF)** Brussels, Belgium
Graduate Intern
- Monitored the European Parliament's policies pertaining to human rights in the former Soviet Union, particularly Kazakhstan
 - Assisted with the organization of panel discussions for members of the European Parliament and former Prime Minister of Moldova Maia Sandu
 - Represented ODF at conferences, civil society meeting, and press events
 - Managed ODF's social media pages, and produced tailored content for Twitter and Facebook
- April 2015* **Freedom House Kazakhstan** Almaty, Kazakhstan
Consultant, Evaluation of Freedom House's '*Strengthening Respect for Human Rights*' Program
- Engaged with diverse stakeholders including ministers, diplomats, and civil society representatives for in-depth interviews
 - Provided a nuanced analysis of local political landscape to inform evaluation recommendations

OSCE/ODIHR Election Observation Mission in Kazakhstan

Interpreter

- Interpreted procedures and follow-up questions at polling stations during Kazakh presidential elections from English to Russian/Kazakh and vice versa
- Identified instances of electoral violations within polling stations, and assisted with subsequent reporting
- Assisted the OSCE short-term observers in determining correspondence of election procedure to election law

July 2012-
Sept 2014

Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty

Almaty, Kazakhstan

Digital Editor/Writer | Sample list of [articles](#) (in Russian)

- Produced stories on government policy, human rights, democracy, and digital rights
- Trained staff members on social media usage in reporting and news gathering
- Analyzed traffic data on Google Analytics in order to improve overall social media strategy
- Increased professional capacity through a 3 month on site training at Radio Free Europe's headquarters in Prague, Czech Republic

LEADERSHIP

August 2013 **United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC-EF)**

New York, NY

Delegate

In August 2013, I was selected to attend the UNAOC-EF Global Youth Leaders' Conference in New York with the-then Deputy Secretary General Ian Eliasson

June 2012 **OSCE Conference on Internet Freedom**

Dublin, Ireland

Delegate

The Dublin conference on Internet Freedom hosted by the 2012 Irish OSCE Chairmanship discussed internet governance, and permissible & impermissible restrictions on the right to freedom of expression. I also took part in Google's Big Tent event for informal debate on internet with policy makers, artists, writers, activists, and other stakeholders

SKILLS

Languages: English (C2), Russian (Native), Kazakh (Native), French (B2), Italian (B1)

Computer Skills: Microsoft Office Suite, Google Docs

AWARDS

Chevening Scholarship awarded by the British Foreign Office (FCO), 2018, Brighton, UK.

Erasmus Mundus Scholarship funded by the European Commission, 2015, Italy

Best Delegate at Model United Nations (2011), Almaty, Kazakhstan

ARTICLES

Analytical [report](#): *Internet Censorship in Kazakhstan: more pervasive than you may think*
Open Democracy, 2018

[Article](#): *Back in the USSR? Critics say draft legislation puts state above rights in Kazakhstan*, Global Voices, 2017

[Article](#): *Kazakhstan is preparing to effectively ban political opposition*, Global Voices, 2017