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CURRENT POSITION

PhD Candidate in Political Studies

WORK EXPERIENCE

September 2014 – Present

Freelance Political Analyst / Political Risk Consultant / Country Expert

IHS Inc., London, U.K / Foreign Policy Association of Moldova / Jamestown Foundation, U.S.

- Provide analysis on government instability and political risk in Moldova
- Prepare policy briefs and policy papers on Moldovan foreign and domestic policy
- Present analytical commentaries on Moldovan political and security affairs

November 2010 – Sep. 2014

Political Specialist

Political and Economic Section, U.S. Embassy in Moldova

- Obtain, compile and analyze information from published and unpublished sources
- Prepare factual and analytical reports on political developments in Moldova
- Develop and maintain contacts in Government, NGO and private sector

September 2009 – Nov. 2010

Project Manager

Information and Documentation Centre on NATO in Moldova

- Draft and implement public diplomacy projects in the field of defence and security
- Write reports, press releases, give briefings, present and represent the Centre

March 2009 – April 2009

Intern

Standing Committee on Foreign Relations, Parliament of the Republic of Moldova

- Provide research assistance on legislative initiatives

January 2009 – March 2009

Public Debates Moderator

Civic Campaign on the Role of Conscious Voting in the Consolidation of Democratic Institutions, 'IDIS Viitorul' Think Tank

- Discuss with audiences across the country the importance of democratic accountability of state institutions

April 2008 – June 2008

Intern

Consular Section, Embassy of the Republic of Moldova to the Republic of Turkey, Ankara

- Inform visitors about visas and other consular documents and procedures

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2014 – 2016 **MA in Public Policy – Summa cum laude**

EU Public Policy; Central European University, Hungary; University of York, United Kingdom

- Qualitative Methods; Quantitative Methods; The Policy Process and Policy Analysis; Political Lobbying; Jean Monnet Module on European Integration; Macroeconomics and Public Finance; Corruption, Corruption Control and Global Governance; International Development and Legal Empowerment; International Organisations; Public Management and Delivery; Politics of International Trade and Development; European Public Policy.

2009 – 2011 MA in Political Science – Summa cum laude

American Studies; Moldova State University; Chisinau, Moldova; Summa cum laude

- Research Methods; American Political Theory; U.S. in International Relations; Modern American Society; American Political Philosophy; History of American Feminism; American Foreign Policy; Fundamental of American Judiciary; Criminal Law in the U.S. and Moldova; Multiculturalism; American Education System; American Immigration Law.

2009 – 2011 BA in Political Science – Summa cum laude

International Relations; Moldova State University; Chisinau, Moldova; Summa cum laude

- Diplomacy; History of Political Thought; Constitutional Law; Political Theory; European Community Law; Stasiology; Theory and Practice of Democracy; European Integration; European Integration Theory; EU Policies; Moldovan Foreign Policy; International Organizations; Regional Cooperation; Geopolitics; Diplomatic Protocol; Globalization and International Migration; Methodology of Research.

Mother tongue(s) Romanian

Other language(s)	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
Russian	C2	C2	C2	C2	C1
Ukrainian	C1	B11	B1	B1	A1

Levels: A1/A2: Basic user - B1/B2: Independent user - C1/C2: Proficient user
[Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#)

Communication skills - great public speaking abilities developed throughout my tenure with the NATO Center
- during my undergraduate studies I was elected to represent the student body of the Political Science Faculty in the University's main decision making body – the Senate

Computer skills - competent with Microsoft Office; Adobe; website editing
- experience with statistical analysis tools: SPSS

Other skills Enjoy following and analyzing international politics and economy, reading, debating, blogging.

OTHER INFORMATION

Publications

Book Chapter:

-'Moldova's Reintegration Policy: Challenging the Status Quo,' Book chapter. [NATO Science for Peace and Security Series](#). IOS Press. The Netherlands, 2016.

Online Articles:

-'Ratification of the Rome Statute of the International Penal Court: an Imperative Issue on Moldova's European Integration Agenda,' Policy brief, [Foreign Policy Association](#), 2010
-“The ‘billion dollar protests’ in Moldova are threatening the survival of the country's political elite” [LSE EUROPP](#), London-Chisinau, 2015
-“How international media failed Moldova's protesters” [OpenDemocracy.net](#), UK, 2016
-“EU Draws Transnistria Closer to Avoid Looming Instability” [Eurasia Daily Monitor](#), The Jamestown Foundation, Washington D.C., U.S., 2015
-‘Moldova's Great Disillusionment,’ [New Eastern Europe](#), Krakow, Poland, 2016
-‘Controversial Ruling by Moldova's Constitutional Court Reintroduces Direct Presidential Elections,’ [Eurasia Daily Monitor](#), The Jamestown Foundation, Washington DC, USA, 2016
-‘Moldova Torn between Past and Future Ahead of Presidential Run-offs’ [E-Notes](#), The Foreign Policy Research Institute, Philadelphia, USA, 2016
-‘Russia Scores Symbolic Victory in Moldova's Presidential Election,’ [Eurasia Daily Monitor](#), The Jamestown Foundation, Washington DC, USA, 2016