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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Citizenships: Swiss, Russian **Born:** April 28, 1986
Languages: French (native), Russian (native), English (C2, TOEFL 116/120, Nov. 2015), German (B1)
Computer Skills: OS Windows and Mac, MS Office suite, Tableau, InDesign, SPSS, FileMaker Pro
Other Activities: Board member of the Bulan Institute for Peace Innovations, a Kyrgyz peace-building organisation

EDUCATION

Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies **2016 – 2020**

PhD in International History – International Relations/ Political Science, with *summa cum laude*

- Dissertation: ‘A Slow Reckoning: The USSR, the Afghan Communists, and Islam’, supervised by profs. Mohamed-Mahmoud Mohamedou in International History and Keith Krause in International Relations/ Political Science

Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies/ University of Geneva (UNIGE) **2008 – 2011**

MA in Asian Studies

- Thesis: ‘La Russie face à un Afghanistan américain : d’une proximité stratégique à l’autre, 2001-2010’, supervised by Prof. Thierry Kellner at the Graduate Institute and Université libre de Bruxelles
- Geneva-Asia Society Excellence Award (2011)

University of Geneva **2008 – 2011**

MA in General History

- Thesis: ‘La politique soviétique au Vietnam, 1975-1979: mise en place d’une alliance à contretemps’, supervised by profs. Philippe Papin at École pratique des hautes études & UNIGE and Jean-François Fayet at UNIGE

University of Geneva/ École normale supérieure de Paris (ENS) **2005 – 2008**

BA in General History/ Russian Studies

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

European University Institute – Italy (Based in Florence)

Post-Doctoral Researcher/ Visiting Fellow

Nov 2020 – Present

- Researcher on Swiss National Science Foundation Grant for the “Nationalism, Pan-Islamism, and Jihadism: At the Origins of the De-Territorialisation of the Grievances in the North Caucasus” Project
- Research Associate at the Centre on Conflict, Development & Peacebuilding at the Graduate Institute in Geneva

Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies – Switzerland (Based in Geneva)

Researcher/ Teaching Assistant

March 2017 – Sept 2020

IMPACT Initiatives – Switzerland (Based in Geneva), Mali

REACH WASH Cluster Analyst

June – Sept 2016

International NGO Safety Organisation – Turkey (Based in Gaziantep), Jordan, Lebanon

Safety Advisor – South Syria

April – Dec 2015

Humanitarian Outcomes – Jordan (Based in Amman), Turkey, Lebanon

Secure Access Monitor – Syria/ Needs, Response, Gaps (NRG) System Analyst

Aug 2014 – March 2015

IMPACT Initiatives – Turkey (Based in Antakya)

REACH Assessment Officer – Syria

March – Aug 2014

Assessment Capacities Project, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) – Switzerland (Based in Geneva), C.A.R.

Information Analyst

March 2013 – Feb 2014

HD Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue – Switzerland (Based in Geneva)

Intern, and then Project Assistant

Nov 2012 – March 2013

Médecins Sans Frontières – Kyrgyzstan (Based in Bishkek/ Osh), Switzerland

Analyst, partially Swiss Civil Service

Sept – Dec 2010/ March – May 2011

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

“Communist Muslims”: The USSR and the People’s Democratic Party of Afghanistan’s Conversion to Islam, 1978-1988’, *Journal of Cold War Studies* (2020, forthcoming).

‘Bringing the war home: the strategic logic of ‘North Caucasian terrorism’ in Russia’, *Small Wars & Insurgencies* (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1080/09592318.2020.1788749>

‘The Allure of Jihad: the de-territorialization of the war in the North Caucasus’, *Caucasus Survey* (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1080/23761199.2020.1783619> (w. Dr Grazvydas Jasutis as second author)

‘A Common Cause: Russia, the United States, and the Fate of “American” Afghanistan, 2001-2019’, *The Stanford US-Russia Forum Research Journal*, 10 (2019): 23-34. (w. MAJ Thomas Schueman)

Stoddard, Abby, Shoaib Jillani, John Caccavale, Peyton Cooke, David Guillemois, and Vassily A. Klimentov, ‘Out of Reach: How Insecurity Prevents Humanitarian Aid from Accessing the Neediest’, *Stability: International Journal of Security and Development*, 6:1 (2017): 1-25. <http://doi.org/10.5334/sta.506>

Reviews

‘Review, Russia and America. The Asymmetric Rivalry’, *Europe-Asia Studies* (2020, forthcoming).

‘Review, Sacred Places, Emerging Spaces, Religious Pluralism in the Post-Soviet Caucasus’, *Europe-Asia Studies*, 71:10 (2019), 1772-1774. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09668136.2019.1696064>

‘Review, From Conquest to Deportation, The North Caucasus under Russian Rule’, *Europe-Asia Studies*, 71:8 (2019): 1434-1435. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09668136.2019.1664155>

‘Review, Soviet and Muslim, The Institutionalization of Islam in Central Asia, 1943–1991’, *Europe-Asia Studies*, 71:2 (2019): 333-34, <https://doi.org/10.1080/09668136.2019.1584458>

‘Review, Russia’s Muslim Heartlands, Islam in the Putin Era’, *Europe-Asia Studies*, 71:4 (2019): 706-08, <https://doi.org/10.1080/09668136.2019.1610282>

‘Essai bibliographique, Islam, islamisme et relations internationales’, *Études internationales*, XLIX:1 (2018): 177-190, <https://www.erudit.org/fr/revues/ei/2018-v49-n1-ei03892/1050548ar/>

Media & Think Tanks (Selected)

‘Vladimir Putin: Twelve More Years?’, *Fondation Pierre du Bois/ Current Affairs in Perspective*, October 2020.

‘Alawar, chef de file du jeu vidéo en Russie’, *Institut national de l’audiovisuel*, 22 March 2013.

‘*Kommersant* : un quotidien économique à l’occidentale dans la Russie postsoviétique’, *Institut national de l’audiovisuel*, 25 May 2012.

‘L’Assange de Moscou’, *Blog of the Show « Soft Power » / Radio France Culture*, 5 May 2012.

‘Situation politique et espaces du débat citoyen en Russie : les médias traditionnels [1/2] et internet [2/2]’, *Blog of the Show « Soft Power » / Radio France Culture*, 2 Feb 2012.

‘Garry Kasparov, Grand maître d’opposition’, *Marianne, Le Magazine Littéraire*, Jan-Feb 2012.

‘*Echo Moskvy* : un baromètre de la liberté des médias en Russie’, *Institut national de l’audiovisuel*, 22 July 2011.

‘Russie – Afghanistan – États-Unis : un jeu à trois depuis 2001’, *Diploweb*, 6 May 2011.

‘*Novaya Gazeta* : dernier bastion de l’opposition politique en Russie?’, *Institut national de l’audiovisuel*, 22 July 2011.