

# Dr Katerina Tkacova

## PERSONAL DETAILS

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<i>Position</i>	Researcher, Global Security Programme, Pembroke College Research Fellow, Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford
<i>Websites</i>	<a href="http://www.bsg.ox.ac.uk/research/global-security...contemporary-world">www.bsg.ox.ac.uk/research/global-security...contemporary-world</a> <a href="http://www.globalsecurity.web.ox.ac.uk">www.globalsecurity.web.ox.ac.uk</a> <a href="http://www.conpeace.pmb.ox.ac.uk">www.conpeace.pmb.ox.ac.uk</a>
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## EDUCATION

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### Doctor of Philosophy in Politics

2012-2017

*University of Essex*

Thesis title: Hate Begets Hate; Violence Begets Violence: The Case of Domestic on Behalf of Ethnic Groups  
Supervisor: Prof. Kristian S. Gleditsch  
Studentship: Economic Social Research Council (Quantitative Advanced Methods)  
Pass with minor corrections

### Mgr. Security Studies (Master level)

2009-2012

*Charles University in Prague*

Thesis title: Ethnic Groups in the Former Soviet Union  
Supervisor: Doc. PhDr. Bela Plechanovova, CSc.  
Final examination: Excellent, summa cum laude  
Term abroad: School of Politics and International Relations Nottingham University (2010-2011, Erasmus Exchange Student Programme)

### Bc. Political Science and International Relations (Bachelor level)

2006-2009

*Charles University in Prague*

Thesis title: Internal Causes Leading to the Failure of the Chechen State in 1996-1999  
Supervisor: Doc. PhDr. Rudolf Kucera, CSc.  
Final examination: Excellent

## EMPLOYMENT

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### Research Fellow

2022-present

*University of Oxford*

Global Security: Contested Space, Illicit Flows and Order in the Contemporary World  
[www.bsg.ox.ac.uk/research/global-security...contemporary-world](http://www.bsg.ox.ac.uk/research/global-security...contemporary-world)

### Researcher

2022-present

*University of Oxford*

CONPEACE: From Conflict Actors to Architects of Peace  
[www.conpeace.pmb.ox.ac.uk](http://www.conpeace.pmb.ox.ac.uk)

<b>Post-Doctoral Research Fellow</b> <i>University of Oxford</i> Project: Mapping the Thirty Years War <a href="http://www.mappingtyw.web.ox.ac.uk">www.mappingtyw.web.ox.ac.uk</a>	2021-2022
<b>Post-Doctoral Research Fellow</b> <i>University of Oxford</i> Project: The Changing Characters of Conflict Platform: Understanding, Tracing And Forecasting Change Across Time, Space and Cultures (Phase 2: Network for Change) <a href="http://www.conflictplatform.ox.ac.uk">www.conflictplatform.ox.ac.uk</a>	2018-2022
<b>Tutor</b> <i>King's College London</i> Teaching responsibility (lectures and seminars): Introduction to Social Sciences and Introduction to Economics	2017-2018
<b>Associate Lecturer</b> <i>Birkbeck, University of London</i> Teaching responsibility (lectures and labs): Intermediate Quantitative Research Methods (MA students), Introduction to Statistics (PhD students)	2016-2017
<b>Teaching Fellow</b> <i>Bath University</i> Teaching responsibility (lectures): International Comparative Politics (BA students)	2017
<b>Research Assistant</b> <i>Dr. Federica Genovese</i> Data collection for project on migration crisis in Europe	2016-2017
<b>Postgraduate Teaching Fellow</b> <i>University College London</i> Teaching responsibility (labs): Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods (MA students)	2016-2017
<b>Graduate Teaching Assistant</b> <i>University of Essex</i> Teaching responsibility (labs): Comparative Political Analysis (BA students), Introduction to Politics (BA students), Conflict Analysis (BA students), Political Explanation (MA students), Conflict and Cooperation (BA students), Introduction to International Relations (BA students)	2013-2016
<b>Lab Assistant</b> <i>Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis</i> Courses: Introduction to Statistics, Introduction to Statistics for BAC, Applying Regression	2013-2015
<b>Research Assistant</b> <i>Assistant Professor Dr. Alejandro Quiroz Flores</i> Data collection for project on the Beeching Cuts and their effect on the support for political parties	2013
<b>Project Assistant</b> <i>InBaze Berkat (NGO)</i> Responsibilities: PR, IT support, administrator of the community centre for migrants InBaze in Prague, education programmes for students from Afghanistan and Chechnya, fundrasing, organization of multicultural festival RefuFest <a href="http://www.inbaze.cz">www.inbaze.cz</a>	2007-2012
<b>Project Assistant</b> <i>Berkat (NGO)</i> Co-organization of the project Dancing against Terrorism (tour of the Chechen dancing group Marsho in the Czech Republic, educational training and debates at Czech high schools) <a href="http://www.berkat.cz">www.berkat.cz</a>	2006

## PUBLICATIONS

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### PEER-REVIEWED

Tkacova, K., Idler, A., Johnson, N. and López, E., 2023. **Explaining conflict violence in terms of conflict actor dynamics.** *Scientific reports*, 13(1), p.21187.

Idler, A. and Tkacova, K., 2024. **Conflict shapes in flux: Explaining spatial shift in conflict-related violence.** *International Political Science Review*, 45(1), pp.31-52.

Wilson, P.H., Tkacova, K. and Pert, T., 2023. **Mapping premodern small war: The case of the Thirty Years War (1618-48).** *Small Wars Insurgencies*, 34(6), pp.1043-1071.

### REPORTS

Idler, A. and Tkacova, K., 2023. **Myanmar cross-stakeholder forum report: addressing uncertainty in changing conflict situations.**, report, Global Security Programme, University of Oxford.

Idler, A. and Tkacova, K., 2023. **Horn of Africa cross-stakeholder forum report: mitigating the impact of conflict on civilians by understanding changing conflict dynamics.**, report, Global Security Programme, University of Oxford.

Idler, A. and Tkacova, K., 2023. **Synthesis of good practices in the context of conflict settings**, report, Global Security Programme, University of Oxford.

Tchie, A.E., Tkacova, K., 2018. **Children Living with Disabilities inside Syria.** research report, Syria Relief.

### OTHER

Tkacova, K., 2017. **Hate Begets Hate; Violence Begets Violence: The Case of Domestic Terrorism on Behalf of Ethnic Groups.** PhD thesis, University of Essex.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

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International Studies Organization

## ATTENDANCES, PRESENTATIONS

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**International Studies Association (ISA)**

April 2024

*Annual Convention in San Francisco, USA*

Presented: Power-law Distribution as a Proxy for the Strength Ratio of Conflict Actors

**Analysing and Engaging Armed Groups (UNSSC course)**

May 2023

*Online*

Presented (webinar): The Changing Character of Conflict Platform Tool: A Framework for Analysis

**Cross-stakeholder Forum in the Horn of Africa**

December 2022

*Online*

Organiser (Part of the project Network for Change)

<b>Analysing and Engaging Armed Groups (UNSSC course)</b> <i>Online</i> Presented (webinar): The Changing Character of Conflict Platform Tool: A Framework for Analysis	November 2022
<b>Cross-stakeholder Forum in Myanmar</b> <i>Online</i> Organiser (Part of the project Network for Change)	August-September 2022
<b>Politics Colloquium, University of Oxford</b> <i>Online</i> Presented: Conflict Shapes in Flux: A Typology of Spatial Change in Armed Conflict	March 2022
<b>History of War Seminar Series, University of Oxford</b> <i>Online</i> Presented: Mapping the impact of the Thirty Years War in Central Europe	November 2021
<b>Analysing and Engaging Armed Groups (UNSSC course)</b> <i>Online</i> Presented (webinar): The Changing Character of Conflict Platform Tool: A Framework for Analysis	September 2021
<b>Analysing and Engaging Armed Groups (UNSSC course)</b> <i>Online</i> Presented (webinar): The Changing Character of Conflict Platform Tool: A Framework for Analysis	April 2021
<b>Special Issue Workshop</b> <i>Online</i> Presented: Conflict Shapes in Flux: A Typology of Spatial Change in Armed Conflict	January 2021
<b>Oxford-Berlin Partnership Workshop</b> <i>University of Oxford, UK</i> Presented: The Changing Character of Conflict Platform Project	November 2019
<b>Conflict Research Conference (CRS)</b> <i>Annual Conference in Brighton, UK</i> Presented: Identifying Changes in Armed Conflicts: Rethinking Conflict Shapes	September 2019
<b>The Changing Character of Conflict Platform Roundtable</b> <i>University of Oxford, UK</i> Presented: Cross-border Conflicts and their Connections: The Case of the African Great Lakes and South Sudan	July 2019
<b>European Political Science Association (EPSA)</b> <i>Belfast, UK</i> Presented: Identifying Changes in Armed Conflicts: Rethinking Conflict Shapes	June 2019
<b>Workshop on Armed Conflict</b> <i>Hitotsubashi University, Japan</i> Presented: Identifying Changes in Armed Conflicts: Rethinking Conflict Shapes	September 2019
<b>Workshop on Armed Conflict</b> <i>Shiga University, Japan</i> Presented: Structure of Armed Actors' Network and its Effect on the Conflict Dynamic: The Case of the Conflict in the Horn of Africa	September 2019
<b>Workshop on Armed Conflict and Political Economy of Development</b> <i>Shiga University, Japan</i> Presented: Identifying Changes in Protracted Conflicts: A New Geographical Unit of Analysis	March 2019
<b>The Changing Character of Conflict Platform workshop</b>	December 2018

*University of Oxford, UK*

Presented: New Geographical Unit: Setting of Organized Violence

**Changing Character of War Centre Seminar Series**

October 2018

*University of Oxford, UK*

Presented: Introducing The Changing Character of Conflict Platform: New Approach to Quantitative Analysis of Protracted Conflicts

**International Studies Association (ISA)**

March 2016

*Annual Convention in Atlanta, USA*

Presented: Terrorism as a Signal of Civil Wars

**Meeting of the European Network of Conflict Research (ENCoRE)**

April 2015

*The University of Barcelona, Spain*

Presented: Civil Wars and Domestic Terrorism

**European Science Political Association (EPSA)**

June 2014

*Annual Conference in Vienna, Austria*

Presented: Civil Wars and Domestic Terrorism

**International Studies Association (ISA)**

February 2015

*Annual Convention in New Orleans, USA*

Presented: Civil Wars and Domestic Terrorism

**KUBEC Meeting**

June 2014

*International Relations Research Seminar in Brussels, Belgium*

Presented: Ethnic Groups and Domestic Terrorism (poster)

**European Science Political Association (EPSA)**

June 2014

*Annual Conference in Edinburgh, UK*

Presented: Ethnic Groups and Domestic Terrorism

**Jerusalem Meeting of the European Network of Conflict Research (ENCoRE)**

May 2014

*The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel*

**Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)**

April 2014

*Annual Conference in Chicago, USA*

Presented: Ethnic Groups' Access to Political Power and Domestic Terrorism

**International Studies Association (ISA)**

March 2014

*Annual Convention in Toronto, Canada*

Presented: Ethnic Groups' Access to Political Power and Domestic Terrorism

**Joint Conference of Conflict Research Society and the European Network for Conflict Research (ENCoRE)**

September 2013

*The University of Essex, UK*

**Meeting of the European Network of Conflict Research (ENCoRE)**

April 2013

*The University of Amsterdam, Netherlands*

## TRAINING

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<b>Data Science Summer School</b> <i>CIVICA: The European University of Social Sciences</i> Instructor: Various	2021
<b>Data Management: Databases - MySQL</b> <i>University of Oxford</i> Instructor: Mohammad Yaqub	2021
<b>Principles of Machine Learning</b> <i>EdX</i> Instructor: Microsoft (online course)	2020
<b>Visualisation in R</b> <i>University of Oxford</i> Instructor: Martin Hadley	2019
<b>Geographical Information Systems, ArcGIS</b> <i>University of Essex</i> Instructor: Professor Jan Ketil Rød	2015
<b>Panel Data Analysis for Comparative Research</b> <i>Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis</i> Instructor: Dr. Christopher Adolph	2014
<b>Spatial Econometrics</b> <i>Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis</i> Instructor: Professor Jude C. Hays	2014
<b>Discrete Choice Models in the Social Science</b> <i>Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis</i> Instructor: Professor Garrett Glasgow	2013
<b>Pooled Time-Series Cross-Sectional Analysis</b> <i>Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis</i> Instructor: Associate Professor Robert W. Walker	2013
<b>Summer school on Migration and Development</b> <i>Charles University in Prague and International Organisation for Migration</i>	2011
<b>Summer School on Development Aid</b> <i>Palacky University in Olomouc and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic</i>	2005

## SKILLS

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<b>Languages</b>	Czech (mother tongue) English (fluent) Russian (basic)
<b>Scientific Software</b>	L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X R STATA SPSS ArcGIS Gephi GitHub Microsoft Access MySQL
<b>Other IT knowledge</b>	Microsoft Office and OpenOffice Joomla! and ExpressionEngine(content management systems) HTML Inkscape (vector graphic editor) GIMP (image editor) iMovies (video editor)