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Education

UCL, SCHOOL OF SLAVONIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES – **MA Political Analysis (Russia and Eastern Europe)**

Oct 2023 to Present

- **Quantitative methods:** statistical analysis using Stata, cleaning datasets.
- **Qualitative methods:** interviewing, ethnography, visual research, case study research, discourse analysis.
- **Research design:** wrote a successful PhD research proposals using mixed methods.
- **Geographical focus on Eastern Europe:** took modules across political science and sociology with reference to Russia and Eastern Europe.

KING'S COLLEGE LONDON – **BA European Politics**

Oct 2020 to Jun 2023

- **Foreign policy analysis:** took a module on analysing foreign policy
- **Knowledge of European institutions:** took modules on European integration and the EU.
- **Research design:** planned and wrote a highly graded dissertation (78).
- **Geographical focus on Europe:** took modules in comparative politics in Europe.

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA – **Study Abroad Programme**

Jan 2022 to Apr 2022

- **Sociology:** took modules on ethnic relations with reference to ethnic and national conflict.
- **Democratisation studies:** learned about democratisation and backsliding focused on citizens' interaction with the state in authoritarian and democratising contexts.
- **Policy analysis:** co-authored a 20-page report on academic freedom in Belarus for Scholars at Risk with advocacy recommendations.
- **Intersectionality in gender studies:** learned to use an intersectional framework for research purposes.

Experience

KING'S COLLEGE LONDON – **Research Assistant**

Apr 2023 to Jun 2023

- Assisted Professor Btihaj Ajana in a research project on responses to the Ukrainian refugee crisis.
- **Interviewing:** secured interviewees and conducted seven semi-structured interviews about people's approach to the refugee crisis in Poland.
- **Writing:** wrote a research report analysing the empirical data.
- **Video editing:** produced and edited the final video compiling interview snippets.

WARSAW SECURITY FORUM – **Media Liaison**

Sep 2022 to Oct 2022

- Acted as the Media Liaison during Warsaw Security Forum, a major international conference devoted to issues of transatlantic cooperation and safety in the region.
- **International event organisation:** worked effectively in a busy media team to a complex communications plan.
- **Networking and time management:** arranged interviews between senior politicians and journalists to fit their busy schedules of the conference.
- **Outreach:** prepared content for social media resulting in near-live coverage of the event and 160 tweets over two days.

CASIMIR PULASKI FOUNDATION – **Research and Communications Intern**

Jul 2022 to Aug 2022

- Assisted in research projects at Poland's leading security and foreign policy think tank.
- **Research and writing:** co-authored a 60-page [Pulaski Report on Russian disinformation tactics during the war in Ukraine](#).
- **Desktop research:** conducted desktop research for commentaries, reports, and policy papers.
- **Outreach:** prepared press releases for over a hundred domestic and international media outlets, journalists, and politicians.

- **Media monitoring:** used Google Analytics and other software to monitor the coverage of the foundation and used it for subsequent promotion on social media.
- **Communications:** Prepared online promotion of publications (using Canva, writing copy, and posted social media content).
- **Copyediting:** Assisted in editorial tasks, including translation of publications, proofreading, and formatting of layout.

KING'S COLLEGE LONDON – **Research Assistant**

Jun 2022 to Jul 2022

- Assisted Dr Anna Gwiazda in a research project on Political Responses to Violence Against Women.
- **Discourse analysis:** analysed the debates of the Polish parliament on the project's topic.
- **Policy analysis:** analysed draft bills, policy proposals, and existing legalisation.
- **Writing:** compiled a research report on my findings, used by Dr Gwiazda.

Other Experience

STUDENTS' UNION UCL – **Representation Assistant**

Sep 2023 to Present

- **Communications and writing:** curating a weekly newsletter received by 2,000 students, resulting in successful promotion of the Rep Training with a 15% increase in completion.
- **Communications:** overseeing communication channels (shared inbox and LinkedIn) and preparing weekly engagement reports.
- **Administrative:** answering student and staff queries and liaising with relevant stakeholders.
- **Networking:** representing the Students Union team at external events, Open Days, and the Welcome Fair.
- **Administrative and IT:** managing database and the official website (adding events, updates, and writing copy).

KING'S COLLEGE LONDON STUDENTS' UNION – **Communications Assistant**

Sep 2022 to Jul 2023

- **Writing:** wrote copy for the website and promo materials for SU and society events.
- **Communications and analysis:** tracked newsletter engagement through weekly reports.
- **Writing:** wrote articles and posts for the website three times a week.
- **Media monitoring:** prepared weekly media digests on higher education news for internal use.
- **Networking:** represented the SU during Open Days, Offer Holder Events, and the Welcome Fair.

Skills

- **Languages:** Polish (native), English (fluent), and Russian (advanced).
- **IT:** Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, and PowerPoint), Google Workspace (Docs, Sheets, and Slides), and Canva.
- **Work and project management:** Slack and Trello.
- **Email marketing & subscription management:** Mailchimp.
- **Statistical analysis and data visualisation:** Stata.
- **Research:** desktop research, quantitative and qualitative methods (discourse analysis, interviewing, ethnography, visual research, and case studies).