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## EMPLOYMENT

- **Sept. 2022-current. Visiting Assistant Professor at Miami University (Ohio).**
- Sept 2021 – Aug 2022. Post-doctoral researcher at Wisconsin University-Madison. Wisconsin Russia project.
- May 15– May 31, 2022. Visiting Scholar at Elliott School of International Relations, George Washington University.
- Dec 2018 – Sept 2022. Researcher at Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania. Religious governance and radicalization in Russia. Project „Radicalisation, Secularism and the Governance of Religion: Bringing together European and Asian Perspectives - GREASE“ Nr. 770640
- Sept 2019- Sept 2020. Associate Lecturer (University of St Andrews, School of IR).
- Sept 2014 – Aug 2018. Adjunct Professor (University of St Andrews, School of IR).
- Sept 2017 – Aug 2018. Adjunct Professor (School of Politics and Social Sciences, Edinburgh University).

## EDUCATION

- **2013-2017 – Ph.D. in International Relations** (University of St Andrews, Scotland).
- 2011 –2013 MA “Caucasus Studies” (Ilia State University, Georgia).
- 2002 –2004 MA “Diplomacy and Negotiation” (Vilnius University, Lithuania).
- 1998 – 2002 BA International Relations and Political Sciences (Vilnius University).

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Post-Soviet politics and society, comparative authoritarianism, domestic and foreign politics, political violence, political demography, collective identity, memory politics.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-reviewed articles

- Iliysov, M. (2022). “Dynamics in state-religion relations in post-communist Central Eastern Europe and Russia.” *Religion, State and Society* 4, 415-435 with D. Vekony & E. Račius (2022 impact factor 1.45)
- Iliysov, M. (2021) “Security and religion – the discursive legitimation of the Chechen authorities.” *Journal of Muslims in Europe* 10, 1-29 (2022 impact factor 0.52)
- Iliysov, M. (2021). “To be or not to be a Chechen? The second generation of Chechens in Europe and their choices of identity.” *The Frontiers of Sociology* (2022 impact factor 2.28. Article’s impact; 10447 views; view rank more than 99% in 2023).
- Iliysov, M. (2019). “Chechen Demographic Growth as a Reaction to Conflict: The Views of Chechens.” *Europe-Asia Studies*, 71(10), 1705-1733. (2020 impact factor 2.108)
- Iliysov, M. (2018). “Chechen Ethnic Identity: Assessing the Change from Resistance to Submission.” *Middle Eastern Studies* 54, (3), 475-493. (2020 impact factor 0.45)
- Iliysov, M. (2017) “Researching Chechen Diaspora in Europe: the Issues Faced.” *Inter-Disciplinary Political Science Journal* 3, (1), 201-218.
- Iliysov, M. (2012). “Instability in the North Caucasus: Reasons, Factors, and Implications.” *Caucasus and Globalization* 6, no. 3, 48-58

### Chapters in edited volumes

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- Iliyasov, M., (2022). **“Religious legitimization: indoctrination, de-legitimation, and pacification efforts in Chechnya.”** In G. Yemeljanova and E. Racijs (eds.). *Routledge Handbook. Muslims of Post-Communist Eurasia*. Routledge.
- Iliyasov, M., (2020). **“Governance of religion in Russia: what, how, and why.”** In Triandafyllidou, A. and Magazzini, T. (eds.) *Routledge Handbook on the Governance of Religious Diversity*. Routledge, 131-145.

#### non-referenced book chapters and reports

- Iliyasov, M., (2020). Report. **Radicalization and Resilience. Case Study: Russia.** [http://grease.eui.eu/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2020/10/WP4-Report\\_Russia-1.pdf](http://grease.eui.eu/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2020/10/WP4-Report_Russia-1.pdf)
- Iliyasov, M., (2019). Report. **“Radicalization in Russia. The roots and causes of Islamist radicalization in Russia: the state’s response.”** <http://grease.eui.eu/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2019/10/Russia-Report.pdf>
- Triandafyllidou, A., H. Güllalp, M. Iliyasov, G., Mahajan, and E. Racijs, (2019). **“Nation and Religion-Reflections on Europe, the MENA Region and South Asia.”** [http://grease.eui.eu/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2019/05/GREASE-concept-paper\\_D1.3\\_Nation-and-Religion\\_30May2019\\_FINAL1-2.pdf](http://grease.eui.eu/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2019/05/GREASE-concept-paper_D1.3_Nation-and-Religion_30May2019_FINAL1-2.pdf)
- Iliyasov, M., (2013). **“Odds and Peculiarities of Family Life in the Caucasus.”** In Sipaviciene, Audra, and Rita Augutiene (eds.). *Handbook for Social Workers*. Vilnius: Baltijos kopija, 99-125.
- Iliyasov, M., (2008). **“Models of Behaviour and Islam in Chechen Society.”** In Sipaviciene, Audra, and Rita Augutiene (eds.). *Handbook for Social Workers*. Vilnius: Baltijos kopija, 35-48.
- Iliyasov, M., (2007). **“The Impact of the Regional Organisations to the Dis/Integration of the CIS.”** In Motieka, Egidijus (ed.). *Nepriklausomų valstybių sandraugos raidos tendencijos: integraciją skatinantys ir ribojantys veiksniai* [CIS: Factors Restraining and Stimulating Integration and Development]. Vilnius: University Press, 35-69.

#### Book reviews

- Iliyasov, M. (2020). From Conquest to Deportation: The North Caucasus under Russian Rule, written by Jeronim Perović. *Journal of Muslims in Europe*, 9(1), 131-134. (<https://doi.org/10.1163/22117954-12341414>)

#### Media contributions and interviews

- Iliyasov, M. April 17, 2023. Why it is important to study memory politics? <https://sites.miamioh.edu/havighurst/2023/04/17/why-it-is-important-to-study-memory-politics/>
- Iliyasov, M. December 16, 2022. [The Chechen Footprint During Russian Wartime – PONARS Eurasia](#)
- Iliyasov, M. and Herrera, Y. April 24, 2022. [Similarities Stain the Kremlin’s Warfare on Chechens and Ukrainians - PONARS Eurasia](#)
- Iliyasov, M. March 19, 2022. [Moscow’s Manipulated Memory Politics and Attack on Ukraine - PONARS Eurasia](#)
- Iliyasov, M. October 19, 2020. Russia’s imaginary radicals. <https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/global-extremes/russias-imaginary-radicals/>
- Iliyasov, M. September 30, 2020. The war that can become bloody: If Russia’s and Turkey’s collision over Nagorno Karabakh is possible? [https://www.delfi.lt/news/daily/lithuania/karas-kuris-gali-tapti-itin-kruvinas-ar-imanomas-turkijos-ir-rusijos-susidurimo-scenarijus.d?id=85369313&fbclid=IwAR22v91Mo8nqrRvAA9fJgukbCKyl-a78dAEv\\_Z69taBEEMeflyvTLeEi5fM](https://www.delfi.lt/news/daily/lithuania/karas-kuris-gali-tapti-itin-kruvinas-ar-imanomas-turkijos-ir-rusijos-susidurimo-scenarijus.d?id=85369313&fbclid=IwAR22v91Mo8nqrRvAA9fJgukbCKyl-a78dAEv_Z69taBEEMeflyvTLeEi5fM)
- Iliyasov, M. April 17, 2019. Ingushetia fears outbreak of violence <https://www.balcanicaucaso.org/eng/Areas/Ingushetia/Ingushetia-fears-outbreaks-of-violence-194009>
- Iliyasov, M. January 10, 2019. Chechen demographic rise: reasons and concerns <https://www.balcanicaucaso.org/eng/Areas/Chechnya/Chechen-demographic-rise-reasons-and-concerns-191886>
- Iliyasov, M. October 31, 2018. Chechnya-Ingushetia: a border change fuels new tensions <https://www.balcanicaucaso.org/eng/Areas/Chechnya/Chechnya-Ingushetia-a-border-change-fuels-new-tensions-190905>

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## Work in progress

- Ilyasov, M., Yakova, L, and Bogdanova V. “Religion and State in Russia and Bulgaria: ethnic minorities and national identity.” (Forthcoming in *Ethnicities*).
- Ilyasov, M. and Herrera, Y. “Russia's war strategies: what Chechnya suggests for Ukraine” (Under review in The Journal of Slavic Military Studies).
- Ilyasov, M. (2023) “Clash of collective memories in post-war Chechnya”. (Under review in *Post-Communist Affairs*).
- Ilyasov, M., (2023). “The critical points of Chechen collective memory.” In D. Budryte and V. Davoliute (eds.) *The Routledge Handbook of Memory in Central and Eastern Europe*. Routledge (forthcoming).
- Ilyasov, M., (2023). “Russia and the Russian-Chechen Conflict in the Collective Memory of Chechen Migrants in Europe.” In C. Druey, M., Shogenov, and V., Tanailova (eds.) *Fighting for Self-Determination, Participation and Stability State-building, Civil Society and the Role of Historical Memories in Chechnya (1986 – 2021)* Peter Lang Publishers (forthcoming).
- Ilyasov, M., (2023). “Radicalization in Russia and state’s response to it.” In Hellyer H. and Grossman, M. (eds.) *Routledge Handbook on the Religious Radicalization*. Bloomsbury (forthcoming).
- Ilyasov, M., (2023). “The controversies of memory politics in authoritarian Chechnya.” In Budryte, D. et al. (eds.) *Routledge Handbook on the Memory in the Eastern Europe*. (forthcoming).
- Ilyasov, M., (2023). “Chechnya: a unique case for the Russian Federation”. In Hale, H. et al. (eds.) *Developments in Russian Politics. Textbook*. Bloomsbury (forthcoming).

## COURSES TAUGHT

- *Comparative politics* (Miami University of Ohio).
- *Russian foreign policy* (Miami University of Ohio).
- *Putin’s Russia* (Miami University of Ohio).
- *Wars and Peace in the Caucasus* (University of St Andrews).
- *Conflict and Peace in Post-Communist Eurasia* (University of St Andrews).
- *The International Relations of Post-Communist Central and Eastern Europe* (University of St Andrews).
- *Comparative Regionalism* (University of St Andrews).
- *Theoretical Approaches to International Relations* (University of St Andrews).
- *Introduction to International Relations* (University of St Andrews).
- *Foreign Policy Analysis* (University of St Andrews).
- *International Security* (University of St Andrews).
- *Issues in International Relations* (University of St Andrews).
- *Theories of International Relations* (University of Edinburgh).
- *Politics in a Changing World* (University of Edinburgh).

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Havighurst Center for Russian and Post-Soviet Studies [www.miamioh.edu/cas/academics/centers/havighurst/](http://www.miamioh.edu/cas/academics/centers/havighurst/)
- Center for Middle East, Central Asia, and Caucasus <https://mecacs.wp.st-andrews.ac.uk>
- Program on New Approaches to Research and Security in Eurasia, <http://www.ponarseurasia.org>
- Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, <http://www.aseees.org>
- Central Eurasian Studies Association, <http://cess.org>
- July 20–August 13, 2023 – Research stay at Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies, Political Science Research Group of IOS.
- May 15–June 15, 2023 – Research stay at NCU (North Carolina University)
- May 5–May 20, 2022 - Research stay at GWU (George Washington University)

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## CONSULTING

- 2022 US State Department on the reasons of war in Ukraine (focus on Russian memory politics)
- 2012 Lithuanian Department of Migration (on cultural tolerance, models of behavior, and accommodation of cultural differences of the migrants)
- 2009 Lithuanian Department of Migration (on cultural differences between Lithuanians and Caucasians)

## AWARDS and FELLOWSHIPS (Selected)

- 2021 - Kennan Institute (Wilson Centre) Billington Fellowship alternative candidate.
- 2013 - WRP (Wisconsin Russia Project) post-doctoral grant recipient
- 2015 - 600-year anniversary scholarship (the University of St. Andrews)
- 2014 - Winter School on "Conflict Mediation" at Pontifical Catholic University, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)
- 2015 - Jean Monnet PhD Summer School on "Security and Justice in Europe" (Scotland, Dundee)
- 2014 - Summer School on "Peace Studies" at Oslo University Summer School, (Norway)
- 2014 - Methods of peaceful conflict resolution, mediation, conflict analysis and leadership in crisis (Potsdam University of Applied Sciences) in Tbilisi (Georgia) and Yerevan (Armenia in 2013)
- 2013 - NATO Winter School in Baku (Azerbaijan)

## INVITED TALKS and CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (Selected)

- 2023 - Russia's War Strategy: What Chechnya Suggests for Ukraine (*MPSA, Chicago*).
- 2022 - War in Ukraine and Russian memory politics (*Miami University, Oxford, Ohio*).
- 2022 - Russo-Chechen conflict in a nutshell (*Colgate University, NY*).
- 2022 - Clash of collective memories in post-war Chechnya. (*ASN virtual, NY*).
- 2022 - Integration of Chechen migrants in Europe reasons of success and failure. (*MPSA, Chicago*).
- 2022 - Russia's wars in Chechnya and Ukraine (*PONARS, Washington DC*).
- 2021 - Russian domestic politics and Chechnya (*Georgian Foundation of Strategic Studies, Tbilisi*).
- 2021 - Religious self-legitimation of autocracies (*Norwegian Institute of International Affairs*).
- 2021 - Second generation of Chechens in Europe and their choices of identity (*Russian and East European Studies, Tartu, Estonia*).
- 2020 - Autocratic legitimization and collective memory (*Luxembourg University*).
- 2019 - Image as a tool of power legitimization: the case of Ramzan Kadyrov (*ASIAC, Rome*).
- 2019 - The consequences of migration: how religious and ethnic identities interact (*Post-soviet Diaspora(s) in Western Europe, 1991/2019, Lisbon*).
- 2019 - Chechen official discourse today: what the Chechens should remember? (*Norwegian Institute of International Affairs*).
- 2019 - Chechen perceptions of Russia: implications for the conflict resolution (*Russian and East European Studies, Tartu, Estonia*).
- 2019 - Islam in service of the state: Chechen case (*The European Association for the Study of Religions, Tartu, Estonia*).
- 2019 - Thinking possibilities of peace in the Caucasus (*University of St Andrews*).
- 2015 - Existential Threat as a Trigger of Population Growth: Understanding Chechen Resilience (*Kent University*).
- 2015 - Putin and Modern Russia (*Stirling University*).
- 2014 - Doing a Reflexive Research (*University of St. Andrews*).
- 2013 - Defining Modern Russia: if it is Empire or Not? (*Tbilisi State University*).
- 2013 - The Caucasus in Global Geopolitical Schemes (*Tbilisi State University*).

## SERVICE, EDITORIAL & REVIEWER COMMITMENTS

- 2023 -CESS (Central Eurasian Studies Society) Communications Committee
- 2018 - Associate Editor of The Forum for EthnoGeoPolitics <https://www.ethnogeopolitics.org/about-us/>

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- 2018 -Reviewer for the journal “Ethnicities”, “Nationalities Papers”, “Central Asian Survey”, “Communist and Post-Communist Studies”, “Ethnopolitics”, “Europe-Asia Studies”, “Journal of Economy Culture and Society”.
  - 2018 - Coach of self-defence and Martial Arts

## NON-ACADEMIC (PAST) EMPLOYMENT

- 2011 – 2013. **Project assistant / project manager**, NGO “Caucasian House” (Tbilisi, Georgia).
- 2003 – 2011. **Journalist, columnist, reporter, international news editor** at newspapers “Lithuanian News”, “The Day of Vilnius”, and media portal Delfi.lt (Vilnius, Lithuania).
- 2006 – 2008. **Analyst, author**. The Centre of Strategic Studies (Vilnius, Lithuania).

## STUDENT ADVISING

### Undergraduate thesis advising

- To what extent has the reconciliation agenda in Rwanda delivered justice? (Ms. Deanna Coleman, University of St Andrews)
- How can the Belt and Road Initiative and technological innovations explain trends in Uyghur persecution? (Ms. Nicole Moshel, University of St Andrews)
- The Role of Securitization in Diversionary Conflict (Ms. Ananda Young, University of St Andrews)
- Fragile Selves and Threatening Others - Charting Attempts to Reclaim Masculinity Through Violence (Mr. Matthew Singer, University of St Andrews)
- The Unsecular, The Arbitrary, and The Constitution of India: Is the Citizenship Amendment Act 2019 constitutional? (Mr. Felix Combreau, University of St Andrews)
- How effective is social regulation in a neoliberal world? A postcolonial reflection. (Mr. Noah Schmidt, University of St Andrews)

### Graduate thesis advising

- Iran nuclear programme as a determinant of the Iran-US relationship (Mr. Dillon Harindiran, University of St Andrews).
- The significance of violence against women during Nagorno-Karabakh war of 1992-1994 (Ms. Caterina Brunelli, University of St Andrews).
- Malorossia or Ukraine Belorussia or Belarus: the phenomenon of the “Russian world” in action (Ms. Sophie Black).
- Russian subversion in the Visegrad group and the response to it (Ms. Elizabeth Sweet).

## LANGUAGES

- Russian (mother tongue level), Lithuanian (fluent), Chechen (fluent), Italian (intermediate).

## PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- Black belt (Nidan) in Ju-Jitsu and (Shodan) in Aikido. Coaching in Martial Arts experience.

## REFERENCES

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- Professor Venelin Ganev (Miami University of Ohio, Political Science Department); phone: +1 (513) 529-2334; email: [ganevvi@miamioh.edu](mailto:ganevvi@miamioh.edu)
- Professor Rick Fawn (University of St Andrews. Former PhD Supervisor, School of IR); phone: +44(0)1334 46 2957; email: [rick.fawn@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:rick.fawn@st-andrews.ac.uk)