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EDUCATION

Aarhus University, Aarhus, Denmark PhD in Political Science Dissertation topic: Trans* athlete inclusion: the public's views on discrimination and fairness	Expected in 2026
Central European University, Vienna, Austria Non-degree program, Doctoral School of Political Science Three-month research stay hosted by Prof. Dr. Erin Jenne	01.2024 – 04.2024
Central European University, Vienna, Austria MA in Critical Gender Studies, with Merit Thesis topic: Multifaceted bisexual subjectivity: narratives of bisexuals from Moscow, Russia Cumulative GPA: 3.65 (max. is 4.00)	2021
HSE University, Moscow, Russia BA in Psychology, state-funded student Thesis topic: Predictors for devaluation of women's bisexuality Minor in Sociology of culture Cumulative GPA: 8.09 (max. is 10.00)	2019
George Mason University, Washington DC, United States Study Abroad program Enrolled in following courses: Introduction to Women/Gender Studies, Queer Theory, Cross-cultural Psychology, Leadership Theory and Practice, Personnel	2018

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Seminar instructor – MA course “LGBTQ+ politics” at Aarhus University Creating and teaching a 10-ECTS course focus on critical policy analysis and queer history at the Political Science department	02.2025 – 06.2025
Seminar instructor – MA course “Critical media analysis” at Aarhus University Creating and teaching a 10-ECTS course at ERASMUS Journalism, Media and Globalisation program, focused on critical humanities and how it relates to journalism	04.2024 – 06.2024
BA Thesis supervisor at HSE University Supervising one second year and two third year students writing on gender-related topics	01.2022 – 12.2022
Seminar instructor – BA course “Social psychology” at HSE University Teaching offline seminar classes, grading assignments, providing consultations	01.2022 – 06.2022
Seminar instructor – MA course “Social psychology of prejudice” at HSE University Teaching online seminar classes, grading assignments, providing feedback	01.2022 – 06.2022
Seminar instructor – BA course “Psychology of interpersonal relationships” at HSE University Co-teaching offline seminar classes, grading assignments, providing consultations	09.2021 – 12.2021

PUBLICATIONS

- Balezina M.** To each their sport: support for trans* inclusion and fair play concerns. Under review in *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*
- Balezina M., Zakharova S.** (2024). Measuring Attitudes Towards Rape in Russia: Translation and Validation of the Illinois Rape Myths Acceptance Scale. *Current Psychology* [accepted for publication], doi: 10.1007/s12144-023-04666-2
- Agadullina E.R., Lovakov A.V., **Balezina M.**, Gulevich O. A. (2022). Ambivalent sexism and violence towards women: a meta-analysis. *European Journal of Social Psychology*, doi: [10.1002/ejsp.2855](https://doi.org/10.1002/ejsp.2855)
- Balezina M., Agadullina E.** (2022). *Devaluation of women's bisexual identity: the role of gender, sexuality, and ambivalent sexism*. WP BRP Series: Psychology. <https://wp.hse.ru/data/2022/11/12/1727876113/133PSY2022.pdf>

WORK EXPERIENCE

HSE University, Lab of Social Inequality Research Assistant Leading 2 student research groups, creating questionnaires and overseeing data collection, conducting qualitative data analysis in R, preparing manuscripts for publication	09.2021 – 01.2023
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ECOPSY Consulting, Moscow, Russia

Business Analyst

11.2021 – 01.2023

Preparing and uploading questionnaires, conducting quantitative (descriptive statistics, means, factor analysis) and qualitative (content analysis) data analysis in R Studio and Microsoft Excel, visualizing and interpreting results for client reports, communicating with clients

CONFERENCES

European Conference on Politics and Gender 2024, Ghent, Belgium

2024

Co-organizing two panels on QTA and presenting two papers

“Moral foundations in political debates on transgender laws: a comparative analysis of the US Senate and UK House of Commons”

Paper presentation, SISP Conference 2023, Genoa, Italy

2023

“People without rights: the role of dehumanization and threat in discrimination of homosexual individuals”

Online paper presentation, 17th European Congress of Psychology, Ljubljana, Slovenia; published abstract available [here](#) (ISSN 2350-5141; abstract ref. number IP16-R-1)

2022

“Adaptation of IRMA scale to Russian”

Online paper presentation, International Scientific Conference “Lomonosov”, Moscow State University, Moscow, Russia

2022

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

Program in Linguistics, Cognitive and Cultural Studies

2-week Virtual NYI #4 school, The New York – St. Petersburg Institute of Linguistics, Cognition and Culture and Stony Brook University

2022

Leadership course for early-career female researchers

2-week online course, University of York, UK

2022

“Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion”

6-week online-course from “Svobodny Universitet” (Free University), Russia

2020

Summer School of Humanities and Social Sciences

6-week online school on research methods and current theoretical issues in humanities, “Letnyaya Shkola” (Summer School), Russia

2020

Summer School of Data Analysis in Social Science and Humanities

1-week offline school on data visualization in R Studio, “Letnyaya Shkola” (Summer School), Russia

2019

LANGUAGES

Russian: native

English: fluent

GIVING BACK

Summer School “Academic skills for students in humanities” at Letnyaa Shkola

08.2022

Organizing and conducting six reading seminars on decolonial knowledge production for students of various academic backgrounds [volunteer work]

Reviewing for Current Psychology

since 2024