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Summary

Award winning research consultant skilled in advanced qualitative and quantitative analysis, and multi-lingual fluency. Expert on the uses of computer aided text analysis, data modeling, multi-lingual data mining necessary for the conduct of CATA studies. Demonstrated ability to publish in elite English academic journals.

Client List

- 2016– **Belgrade Center for Security Policy.**
- 2015– **Columbia University.**
- 2010–2014 **Central European University.**
- 2009–2014 **Conflict and Security Research Group (CONSEC).**

Research Experience

- 2012 Fieldwork in Delhi.
- 2012–2013 Minorities at Risk (MAR) Project data collection.
- 2011 Coded inter-ethnic conflict and cooperation in Kosovo (1999-2011) for Erin Jenne's book project "The Logic of Nested Security".
- 2011 Coded the official discourse in Serbia (1991-2000) toward the Albanian minority for Erin Jenne.
- 2011 Coded the attitude of Central Asian and Caucasian countries toward the proclamation of independence by the interim institutions in Abkhazia, Kosovo, and South Ossetia for Matteo Fumagalli (RISK project at Central European University).

Languages

- Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian – native
- English – advanced
- Russian – intermediate

Related Professional Skills

- Stata, L^AT_EX, R, LexisNexis Academic

Education

- 2010–2014 **PhD in Political Science**, *Central European University, summa cum laude.*

Dissertation: "Fragile Proxies: The Politics of Control and Defection in State Sponsorship of Rebel Organizations"

Defense Committee: Matteo Fumagalli, Erin K. Jenne, and Idean Salehyan (external member)

2009–2010 **M.A., International Relations and European Studies**, *Central European University, with distinction.*

2005–2009 **B.A., International Studies**, *University of Belgrade, Avg. grade: 9.82/10.*

Professional Appointments/Employment

2014–2015 **Visiting Lecturer**, *Research Design and Methods in IR II*, Department of International Relations, Central European University.

- develop and teach a course on qualitative research design and methods for master students in the IR department
- the course covers introductory sessions to methods and techniques
- creating interactive workshops and a practical assignment (e.g. carrying out, recording and transcribing interviews)
- mentoring master students' thesis writing, including the choice of topic and feasibility of research

Additional Training

May 2013 Workshop on Conflict Resolution and International Negotiations in the South Caucasus, *Budapest, Tbilisi.*

October 2011 Minorities at Risk (MAR) Workshop on Coding Procedures for Ethnic Groups, *Central European University, Budapest.*

Publications

2015 "The Perils of Weak Organization: Explaining Loyalty and Defection of Militant Organizations toward Pakistan", (*Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*, 38(11): 919-937

2015 "Fragile Proxies: Explaining Rebel Defection against Their State Sponsors", (*Terrorism and Political Violence*, accepted & forthcoming)

Manuscripts in Submission

"Nested Security as a Prerequisite for Effective Third Party Conflict Mediation", with Erin K. Jenne, Levente Littvay and Juraj Medzihorsky (*Under Review*)

"Inferring Great Power Preferences toward Regime Conflicts in the MENA Region", with Erin Jenne and Juraj Medzihorsky (*Under Review*)

Manuscripts in Preparation

"Foreign Military Bases and Suicide Attacks", (2015)

"Explaining Sponsorship of Fragmented Movements", (2014)

"In the Shadow of Sponsor: Explaining Alliances between Rebels", (2014)

Other Publications

"Current Issues in Higher Education in Myanmar", report for the International Higher Education Support Program (HESP), April 2013, Budapest

"Current Issues in Higher Education in Cambodia", report for the International Higher Education Support Program (HESP), June 2015, Budapest

Awards, Grants and Fellowships

- 2014 Central European University Doctoral Write-Up Grant.
- 2010–2013 Central European University Doctoral Fellowship in Political Science.
- 2010 The Outstanding Thesis Award 2009/2010 from CEU Department of International Relations and European Studies.
- 2009–2010 Central European University M.A. Partial Fellowship in International Relations and European Studies.
- 2009 Fellowship of the Fund for Young Talents of the Republic of Serbia.
- 2008 Fellowship of the Belgrade City Council.

Selected Conference Activity/Participation

- "Russian and Chinese Institutes Abroad: Continuation of Hard Power by Soft Means," with Erin Jenne and Juraj Medzihorsky, APSA, Philadelphia, September 1–4, 2016
- "Great Power Framing of Regime Conflict in Syria," Workshop on The New International Relations of Eurasia and the Middle East, Budapest, June 13–14, 2016
- "The Geopolitics of Civil Conflict: Are Foreign Military Bases a Source of Domestic and Regional Instability?," International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention, Atlanta, March 16–19, 2016
- "Doctrines of Proxies: How Rebel Ideology and Foreign Support Affect Violence Against Civilians in Civil Wars," with Vujo Ilic, ISA Annual Convention, Atlanta, March 16–19, 2016
- "The EU and the Post-Soviet Space," (panel discussant) Belgrade Security Forum, Belgrade, September 30–October 2, 2015
- "Fragile Proxies: Explaining Rebel Defection against Their State Sponsors," The Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies/University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, May 8–9, 2015
- "In the Shadow of Sponsor: Explaining Alliances between Rebels", ISA Annual Convention, New Orleans, February 18–21, 2015
- "Inferring Great Power Preferences toward Regime Conflicts in the MENA Region," with Erin Jenne and Juraj Medzihorsky, ISA Annual Convention, New Orleans, February 18–21, 2015
- "Going Rogue: Explaining Rebel Defection in Kashmir," ISA Annual Convention, Toronto, March 26–28, 2014
- "Nested Security as a Prerequisite for Effective Third Party Conflict Mediation," with Erin Jenne and Levente Littvay, Workshop on Third Parties and Ethnic Conflict: The Impact of Transnational Actors on Ethnic Civil Wars, Budapest, July 1–2, 2013

”Intervention Gone Wrong: When Rebels Turn Against Their State Sponsors?,” Workshop on Third Parties and Ethnic Conflict: The Impact of Transnational Actors on Ethnic Civil Wars, Budapest, July 1–2, 2013

”Rogue Proxies: When Rebels Turn Against their State Sponsors?,” The Peace Science Society-International Studies Association Joint International Conference, Budapest, June 27–29, 2013

Teaching Experience

Winter 2014 **Teaching Assistant**, *Ethnic Conflict Management: From the League of Nations to the European Union*, Department of International Relations, Central European University.

- co-developed a role-playing simulation on negotiations over the Aland Islands
- co-run the simulation in two rounds
- delivered a lecture on causes of conflict spill-over

Winter 2014 **Teaching Assistant**, *States, Networks, and Power in Post-Soviet Politics*, Department of International Relations, Central European University.

- assessed students’ presentations
- graded final papers
- delivered a lecture on China’s role in Central Asia

Fall 2012 **Teaching Assistant**, *Research Design and Methods in IR*, Department of International Relations, Central European University.

- assessed students’ assignments
- graded final papers

Media Appearance

N1 (CNN Affiliate Network), Al Jazeera Balkans, Serbian National TV (RTS), Radio Sputnik.