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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Master of Science in Political Science

Lomonosov Moscow State University [1 Sep 2022 – Current]

City: Moscow

Country: Russia

Final grade: 5.0/5.0

Dual degree program with MGIMO University in Post-Soviet Public Policy

- My research focuses on determining whether the war between Russia and Ukraine is a doomed one or an artificial crisis through the lens of hostile perception, and a range of qualitative methods will be employed to achieve this goal.
- One of the primary methods I am using is conducting elite interviews with individuals from both Russia and Ukraine and foreigners who have extensive knowledge and experience on this matter. Through these interviews, I hope to gain a deeper understanding of the ideological factors driving the conflict since 2013, as well as potential pathways towards resolution.
- I am also analyzing a range of secondary sources, including academic literature, news articles, and government reports, to develop a comprehensive understanding of the conflict.

Master of Public Policy

MGIMO University [1 Sep 2022 – Current]

City: Moscow

Country: Russia

Final grade: 5.0/5.0

Dual degree program with Lomonosov Moscow State University in Post-Soviet Public Policy

Bachelor of Laws in International Politics

Lanzhou University [1 Sep 2018 – 16 Jun 2022]

City: Lanzhou

Country: China

Final grade: 3.67/4.0

Thesis: Problems and Prospects of Turkmenistan's Natural Gas Export

- In my thesis, I proposed that Turkmenistan's natural gas exportation is highly sensitive to geopolitics and the global trend towards decarbonization.
- To address these challenges, I advocated for a multifaceted approach that emphasizes the expansion of export routes through a combination of diplomatic and technological solutions.
- Specifically, I recommended that Turkmenistan pursue a range of initiatives, including facilitating negotiations with Azerbaijan on trade deal agreements, securing the construction of the TAPI pipeline, investing in the development of LNG and blue hydrogen, and enhancing the stability of current gas production and transportation.

Bachelor of Education in Pedagogy

Lanzhou University [1 Sep 2019 – 30 Jun 2021]

City: Lanzhou

Country: China

Thesis: Citizenship Education of Turkmenistan under Niyazov: How Personality Cult Becomes National Will

- This thesis explores the role of personality cult in shaping citizenship education in Turkmenistan during the presidency of Saparmurat Niyazov. I argue that Niyazov's personality cult became a tool for promoting a particular version of national identity, which was reflected in the citizenship education curriculum.
- The study sheds light on the complex relationship between personality cult, citizenship education, and national identity in post-Soviet sultanist regimes.

EduVenture Exchange Student

University of Cologne [2 Nov 2020 – 12 Feb 2021]

City: Cologne

Country: Germany

- Through studying, I have obtained detailed knowledge on the source of legitimacy of the EU institutions and analyzed how member states safeguard their national interests within or beyond the limits of EU competencies.

Summer School Participant

Lomonosov Moscow State University [24 Aug 2020 – 28 Aug 2020]

City: Moscow

Country: Russia

- I learned about the latest theories of political stability and resilience developed by researchers from the Russian Academy of Sciences and examined the current energy markets in Eurasia.

Youth Dialogue Representative

Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv [24 Aug 2019 – 30 Aug 2019]

City: Kyiv

Country: Ukraine

- I reviewed the benefits brought by and levels of cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative between Ukraine and China, and discussed the possibility of deepening this cooperation considering the rivalry between Ukraine and Russia from a number of perspectives.

PROJECTS

Comprehensive History of Turkmenistan

[1 Apr 2020 – 1 Jul 2022]

- Project funded by the National Social Science Fund of China.
- Responsible member for organizing materials to complete the chronicle of Soviet Turkmenistan.

State-building of Turkmenistan under Niyazov

[1 Apr 2021 – 30 Apr 2022]

- Director and Principal Investigator.
- Project supported by the Ministry of Education of China.
- This project discovered Niyazov's method of creating the image of an independent Turkmenistan by using Ruhnama to fulfill the purposes of identity and state-building, while transforming the state into a sultanist regime through stability promotion.

Russian World: Russia's Geopolitical Imagination and the Logic of Discourse Power

[1 Apr 2020 – 31 Dec 2020]

- Director and Principal Investigator.
- Project funded by Lanzhou University.
- This project evaluated and assessed the concept of "Russian World" and its development, forwardly linking the concept with Russia's concerns about its geopolitical power in the post-Soviet arena.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Intern

PolitiQ Skills [1 Nov 2022 – Current]

City: Moscow

Country: Russia

- Participate in long-term analytical projects and news digests on conflicts and energy in Eurasia.

Research Assistant

Center for Turkmenistan Studies, Lanzhou University [1 Apr 2020 – 1 Jul 2022]

City: Lanzhou

Country: China

- Monitor and review news from Turkmenistan every week in order to provide Chinese merchants, investors, and the general public with vital information on Turkmenistan;
- Work on the Center's research projects, specifically on topics concerning the history and contemporary society of Turkmenistan, alongside energy security issues in the region;
- Write essays and working papers on topics related to Turkmenistan.

Administrative Intern

Gansu Provincial Federation of Trade Unions [1 Jul 2021 – 31 Aug 2021]

City: Lanzhou

Country: China

- Responsible for the investigation of trade unions' roles and positions in the labor market and the prospects for cooperation between trade unions and lawmakers, the government, and the judiciary.

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

2nd Cuiying Cup Graduate Student Forum on Eurasian Studies

[Lanzhou, China, 18 Jun 2021 – 19 Jun 2021]

- Moderated jointly by the Institute for Central Asian Studies and the School of Politics and International Relations at Lanzhou University.

Forum on China-Turkmenistan Relations in Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Turkmenistan's Permanent Neutrality

[Lanzhou, China, 2 Dec 2020 – 4 Dec 2020]

- Moderated jointly by the Center for Turkmenistan Studies, Lanzhou University, and the Embassy of Turkmenistan in China.

Workshop on Facets of Modern India

[Online, 1 Sep 2020 – 14 Sep 2020]

- Moderated by the Embassy of India in the Republic of Korea.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): **Chinese**

Other language(s):

English

LISTENING C2 **READING** C1 **WRITING** C1

SPOKEN PRODUCTION B2 **SPOKEN INTERACTION** C1

Russian

LISTENING A2 **READING** A2 **WRITING** A1

SPOKEN PRODUCTION A1 **SPOKEN INTERACTION** A1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Secretary of Student League Branch

[1 Sep 2019 – 30 Jun 2022]

- The branch was awarded a lot of honorary titles and granted Red Banner Branch status.

Deputy to Mental Health Counselor

[1 Oct 2018 – 16 Jun 2022]

- Trained by Lanzhou University, certified by the Chinese Psychological Society.

Head of Class

[1 Sep 2018 – 1 Oct 2019]

- I helped unite the students of the newly founded class and handled a series of emergencies.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

PolitIQ Scholarship

Center for Crisis Society Studies, Russia

CSC Scholarship

China Scholarship Council

Twice Outstanding Student League Cadre

Lanzhou University

Three-star Journalist

Lanzhou University

Star for Voluntary Services

School of Politics and International Relations of Lanzhou University

Top 30 in “A Letter From Home” Writing Competition

Publicity Department of the CPC Lanzhou Municipal Committee

Third place in the 2nd Cuiying Cup Graduate Student Forum on Eurasian Studies

Lanzhou University

Third place in Creativity Competition in Commemorating the 30th Independence of Ukraine

Embassy of Ukraine in China