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● EDUCATION AND TRAINING

1 SEP 2022 – CURRENT Moscow, Russia

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE Lomonosov Moscow State University

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.

Final grade 5.0/5.0

1 SEP 2022 – CURRENT Moscow, Russia

MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY MGIMO University

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

Final grade 5.0/5.0

1 SEP 2018 – 16 JUN 2022 Lanzhou, China

BACHELOR OF LAWS IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS Lanzhou University

- 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.

Final grade 3.67/4.0 | **Thesis** Problems and Prospects of Turkmenistan's Natural Gas Export

1 SEP 2019 – 30 JUN 2021 Lanzhou, China

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION IN PEDAGOGY Lanzhou University

- 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.

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

- 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.

24 AUG 2020 – 28 AUG 2020 Moscow, Russia

SUMMER SCHOOL PARTICIPANT Lomonosov Moscow State University

- 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.

24 AUG 2019 – 30 AUG 2019 Kyiv, Ukraine

YOUTH DIALOGUE REPRESENTATIVE Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv

- 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.

● **WORK EXPERIENCE**

1 NOV 2022 – CURRENT Moscow, Russia

RESEARCH INTERN POLITIQ SKILLS

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

1 APR 2020 – 1 JUL 2022 Lanzhou, China

RESEARCH ASSISTANT CENTER FOR TURKMENISTAN STUDIES, LANZHOU UNIVERSITY

- 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.

1 JUL 2021 – 31 AUG 2021 Lanzhou, China

ADMINISTRATIVE INTERN GANSU PROVINCIAL FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS

- 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.

● **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

PROJECTS

1 APR 2020 – 1 JUL 2022

Comprehensive History of Turkmenistan

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

1 APR 2021 – 30 APR 2022

State-building of Turkmenistan under Niyazov

- 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.

1 APR 2020 – 31 DEC 2020

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

- 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.

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

18 JUN 2021 – 19 JUN 2021 – Lanzhou, China

2nd Cuiying Cup Graduate Student Forum on Eurasian Studies

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

2 DEC 2020 – 4 DEC 2020 – Lanzhou, China

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

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

1 SEP 2020 – 14 SEP 2020 – Online

Workshop on Facets of Modern India

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

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

1 SEP 2019 – 30 JUN 2022

Secretary of Student League Branch

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

1 OCT 2018 – 16 JUN 2022

Deputy to Mental Health Counselor

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

1 SEP 2018 – 1 OCT 2019

Head of Class

- 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