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Current Research

The working thesis title: ‘The Role of Energy in Foreign Policy: The Case of Energy-Rich, Security-Poor Azerbaijan’

General research interests:

- Understanding of Foreign Policy and National Security
- Energy Security
- The relationship between energy, foreign policy and security in Azerbaijan
- Regionalism, foreign policy and security in the South Caucasus

Education

- Doctoral Researcher, Department of Politics, University of Sheffield, 2012 – 2015
Thesis: ‘The Role of Energy in Foreign Policy: The Role Energy-Rich, Security-Poor Azerbaijan’ under the supervision of Dr. R. M. Vickers.
- MA International Studies, Department of Politics, University of Sheffield, 2009 – 2010
- BA International Relations, Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, 2005-2009

Employment

Khazar University, January 2015 – May 2015

Lecturer on *International Political Economy*, Department of Political Science and International Relations

Baku, Azerbaijan

Key duties:

- Deliver lectures and seminars in the International Political Economy at undergraduate level
- Develop learning materials, prepare schemes of work and maintain records to monitor student progress, achievement and attendance

- Assess students' coursework, develop and mark examinations
- Supervise and assist students in issues related to the taught course

Hifab International, June 2011 – December 2011

Local Expert at World Bank funded Project “*Professional Orientation Services to Youth*”

Baku, Azerbaijan

Key duties:

- Provide consultancy services within the framework of the project
- Design Job Profiles in English and Azerbaijani languages based on newly developed occupational standards for 52 professions
- Provide on-the job training and coaching on career guidance services to four career guidance counsellors trained under the project
- Monitor the delivery of newly developed career guidance services on group counselling to different target groups (students, parents, teaching staff and employers)
- Provide translation services from English into Azerbaijani and vice versa during the sessions held in education institutions with the participation of team leader from Hifab AB

National Aviation Academy of Azerbaijan, November 2010 – May 2011

Assistant at the Department of International Relations

Baku, Azerbaijan

Key duties:

- Assisting the director in managing the department and in successful realization of duties assigned to the staff
- Developing ideas and writing projects aimed at providing grants for the development of the higher education institutions
- Corresponding with European education institutions, particularly with language service providers on conditions and terms for students from the Academy
- Performing translation and interpretation work when required

Scholarships and Grants

- 2013: Global Supplementary Grant Program, Open Society Foundations, to assist with living expenses for 2013-2014 academic year

- 2013: Postgraduate Research Travel Fund, the Graduate School Committee, Department of politics, University of Sheffield, to assist with the fieldwork expenses during the visit to Baku
- 2013: Department of Politics, University of Sheffield, to assist with organization of the academic workshop on May 30, 2013 called ‘New Conceptual Approaches to the Caspian Politics’
- 2013: Academic Swiss Caucasus Net, to cover travel expenses for attending the 3rd ASCN Annual Conference ‘Political Transformation and Social Change in the South Caucasus: Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan in Perspective’, Tbilisi, Georgia, 21-22 June, 2013
- 2011: ADA Faculty Development Scholarship by the Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy (ADA) to pursue a Doctor of Philosophy degree at the Department of Politics of the University of Sheffield, tuition fees for three academic years 2012-2015
- 2009: State Program on education of Azerbaijani youth abroad in the years 2007-2015 to pursue Master of Arts in International Studies at the University of Sheffield, United Kingdom
- 2005: Waiver of tuition fees to pursue Bachelor’s degree at the Academy of Public Administration, Baku, based on high results at entrance examination for four academic years 2005-2009

Conferences and Publications

- A speech on Azerbaijan’s energy-based economic relations was delivered in *A Regional Conference of OSF Scholars and Alumni* titled ‘Futures of Democracy: Research and Policy Perspectives from Eastern European Neighborhood Countries’, School of Public Policy, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, 12-13 December, 2013
- A paper titled ‘Elites and Azerbaijan’s foreign policy’ was presented under the theme ‘State Structures, Regimes, Elites and Democratisation’ at the 3rd ASCN Annual Conference ‘Political Transformation and Social Change in the South Caucasus: Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan in Perspective’, Tbilisi, Georgia, 21-22 June, 2013
- A paper titled ‘The Role of Energy in Foreign Policy: The Role Energy-Rich, Security-Poor Azerbaijan’ was presented at Autumn Colloquium, Department of Politics, University of Sheffield, November 8, 2012
- Review of ‘Regional Co-operation in the South Caucasus: Good Neighbours or Distant Relatives?’ by Tracey German was published in *Political Studies Review*, Volume 12, Issue 2, May 2014
- MA dissertation titled ‘The Role of Energy in Foreign Policy’ was published by Lambert Academic Publishing, 2012

Extracurricular activities

- Certified for attendance to Sheffield University Graduate School, organized by the Careers Service of the University of Sheffield, May 13-15, 2013
- Certified for participation in ‘Taste of Work’ scheme organized by the Careers Service of the University of Sheffield, February, 2013
- Teaching English to migrant housewives at Sheffield Anatolian Cultural and Education charity organization
- Founder and Social Secretary of Sheffield Azerbaijan Society, Student Union of the University of Sheffield, 2009, 2012-2013
- Winner of the 4th National Competition on International Humanitarian Law organized by International Red Cross Organization, April 3-6, 2008
- Winner of the Who? What? Where? Championship of Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan organized by “Absheron” Baku Intellectual Games Club, December 8, 2007
- Winner of the V Debate Championship of Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan November 3-4, 2007

References

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