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Biographical notes and research interests

Dr. Mukhtar Hajizada is a Head of the Department of Political Science and International Relations at Khazar University, effective as of September 2013. Prior to this, he was a Visiting Research Fellow at the Center for International and European Studies at Kadir Has University where he worked on his research on the institutionalisation of Black Sea regionalisation and was involved in teaching at the Department of International Relations. He specialised on the Political Economy of Regionalism, International Regionalisms, Regionalisation in the Black Sea region and also EU actorness, foreign and security policies.

Dr. Hajizada was awarded his PhD from the University of Leicester in 2012 where he also worked as a Research Associate. He was a Visiting Fellow at the Brussels-based Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS) in 2010. In 2009, he assisted the MFA of Azerbaijan during the country's Chairmanship of Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) and liaised between the BSEC Business Council and the Azerbaijani National Confederation of Entrepreneurs. His professional experience at the headquarters of the BSEC coincided with the BSEC-EU consultations following the 2007 enlargement of the EU.

He believes in the policy relevance of his research work. In his opinion, the research findings may also be used to bridge the divide between academia and policy-making, thereby channelling the transformation of academic knowledge to practical application.

Education

2007– 2012	PhD , Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Leicester. Thesis title: Complex Regionalisation in the wider Black Sea area and the EU actorness.
2005– 2007	MA , International Relations, Istanbul University
2001– 2005	Bachelors , Political Administration and International Relations, the Academy of Public Administration (under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan)

Language skills

- Azerbaijani (native)
- English (fluent)
- Russian (fluent)
- Turkish (fluent)
- French/Arabic/Persian (beginner/basic/basic, respectively)

Conference papers and presentations

- A presentation on security, development and integration in the BSEC region, delivered at the Think Tanks Forum of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) Countries, organised by Center for Strategic Studies under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan (SAM), Baku 17 May 2013
- 'Complex Regionalisation in the Wider Black Sea Area', oral presentation at the Faculty of Administrative Sciences and Economics, organised by The Center for Research on Globalization and Democratic Governance (GLODEM), Koç University, 9 May 2013
- 'EU-Russia relationship: Reflections on the regionalisation in the wider Black Sea area', presented at the international conference titled 'Russia and the EU: the future of Europe and Eurasia' organised by The University Association for Contemporary Studies (UACES) EU-Russia Collaborative Research Network at the Russian Academy of Science Institute of Europe, Moscow, 15-16 April 2013
- 'Europeanisation of the Black Sea regionalisation', a paper presented at the international conference on Security, Democracy and Development in the Southern Caucasus and the Black Sea Region, Kadir Has University, Istanbul, 13 October 2012
- 'New Regionalism in Europe's Black Sea Region: Measuring and comparing intra- and cross-regional patterns of trade regionalisation', a paper (co-authored with Florent Marciacq) presented at the 41st Annual Conference of the University Association for Contemporary European Studies, 7 September 2011, Cambridge
- 'Security Imperative and New Regionalism in the EU's Eastern European Neighbourhood', a Jean Monnet presentation at the Department of Politics and International Relations, Leicester University, 12 January 2011
- 'A case of regionalisation in the wider Black Sea area: political mechanisms and economic convergence' a paper presented at the *Fifth Pan-European Conference on EU Politics*, organised by the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), Standing Group on the European Union, hosted by the University Fernando Pessoa and Faculty of Economics of Porto University (Porto, Portugal), 26 June 2010
- 'Regionalisation around the Black Sea', a paper presented at the *PhD Symposium on Modern and Contemporary South East Europe*, organised by LSEE (Research on South Eastern Europe), European Institute, LSE, 18 June 2010
- 'EU Policies and Black Sea Economic Cooperation', oral presentation at the conference *A Clash of Agendas: EU Policy in the Black Sea Region* convened by the Department of Politics and International Relations of Leicester University, 8 May 2009
- 'The Black Sea Region: the EU's final external border or an internal challenge?', a poster selected for presentation at the Leicester University's *Festival of Postgraduate Research*, 25 June 2009 (This was the only selected presentation to represent the Department of Politics and International Relations at the event)
- 'The EU and its Eastern Partners in the Wider Black Sea Region: Counterweights or Counterpoints?', oral presentation at the annual conference of the British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES), Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, 29 Mar 2009
- 'The EU's Black Sea Dimension in the context of the Wider European Architecture', a paper presented at the *7th Biennial Conference on 'The Maturing European Union'* organised by the European Community Studies Association - Canada (ECSA-C), Edmonton, 26 September 2008

Publications

'New Regionalism in Europe's Black Sea Region: Measuring and comparing intra- and cross-regional patterns of trade regionalisation'(2013), *East European Politics*, Special Issue Vol. 29, Issue 3. (co-authored with Florent Marciacq.)

Complex Regionalisation in the Wider Black Sea Area (2012), PhD thesis. University of Leicester. To be available online at: <https://lra.le.ac.uk/handle/2381/27769>

'Democratisation of the BSEC Parliamentary Assembly and the Implications for Conflict-Resolution in the wider Black Sea area' (December 2011), Policy Brief 01, published by the Centre for International and European Studies (CIES), Kadir Has University, Istanbul (ISBN 978-975-8919-67-3). (Co-authored with Carol Weaver.)

'Complex Regionalisation in the Wider Black Sea Area' (2010), in *The Black Sea Region and EU Policy: The Challenge of Divergent Agendas*, edited by Henderson, K. and Weaver, C., Ashgate Publishing Limited, Surrey, pp 119-34 (ISBN 9781409412014). (This contribution was peer-reviewed.)

'Bridging the European Union with the Eastern Neighbourhood: Communicating EU Policy Instruments to the EaP Communities' (November 2011), Policy Paper, *Local Government and Public Service Reform Initiative Publications*, Budapest. (To be available online at: <http://lgi.osi.hu/publications.php>)

'Security imperatives as hindrance for the nascent security community in the wider Black Sea area', (forthcoming), submitted to *Europe-Asia Studies* journal.

'The Black Sea regionalisation as a 'shared neighbourhood' of the core actors' (forthcoming), submitted to the *Southeastern European and Black Sea Studies* journal.

'Institutionalisation of the Black Sea regionalism'(forthcoming), to be submitted to *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*

'Complex regionalism as a new flavour to the new regionalism approach' (forthcoming), to be submitted to *European Security*.