

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Current position at Khazar University

Vice-Rector for International Affairs (01.10.2021-present),

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Current position at Tallinn University of Technology

Lecturer in International Relations (01.11.2011-present),

Entity: School of Business and Governance, Tallinn University of Technology/TalTech

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Tertiary education

- * 2017-present, the University of Lapland (Finland), DSocSc in International Relations.
- * 2007-2011, the University of Canterbury (New Zealand), MA in European Studies (Distinction).
- * 2005-2007, the University of Canterbury (New Zealand), BA in European Studies (First Class Honours).
- * 1990-1995, Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University (Ukraine), Specialist of Law (pre-Bologna Degree).

Linguistic skills

Fluency in three languages: English, Ukrainian (mother tongue), and Russian.

Competitive scholarships, fellowships and awards won

NCRE Honours Scholarship, the University of Canterbury, New Zealand (2006)
EUCN Scholarship, New Zealand (2006)
EU Award for Excellence (Delegation of the European Commission to New Zealand, 2006)
University of Canterbury Master's Scholarship, New Zealand (2007)
Pusan National University EU Centre Fellowship, Republic of Korea (2011)
Asian Studies Centre of Excellence Fellowship, Estonia (2014-2015)
University Teaching Award, TalTech, Estonia (2015)
University Teaching Award Nominee (top-3), Estonia (2016)
Favourite among International Students Award, School of Business and Governance, TalTech (2017)
The Dean's Letter of Appreciation, School of Business and Governance, TalTech, Estonia (2019)

Visiting Researchships and Fellowships

* 15.07.2014 - 02.08.2014 – INSTITUTE OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES
Location: Singapore
Position: Visiting Researcher – full-time (one-month assignment).

* 15.07.2011 - 17.08.2011 – PUSAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY EU CENTRE
Location: Pusan, the Republic of Korea
Position: Visiting Researcher – full-time (one-month assignment).

Students' conferences organised

III International seminar-workshop for students 'Estonia–Russia: Interconnections in the context of Europe-Asia-Pacific cooperation', Tallinn School of Economics and Business Administration, Tallinn University of Technology, 12-15 May 2013, Tallinn (Estonia).

The CAPS Student Conference, Inaugural Edition 'Building Interconnectedness: The Belt and Road Initiative and its impact on International Relations', Centre for Asia Pacific Studies, Department of International relations, Tallinn School of Economics and Business Administration, Tallinn University of Technology, 15 April 2016, Tallinn (Estonia).

Societal impact events moderated

Moderating Skype-conference with Harry Rosenfeld, Albany-Tallinn, Tallinn School of Economics and Business Administration, Tallinn University of Technology, 24 April 2013, Tallinn (Estonia).

Moderating TalTech Africa Day, Tallinn University of Technology, 12 May 2015, Tallinn (Estonia).

Panel commentator at Symposium of China-CEEC Cooperation: Joint Efforts to Address Common Challenges', in the framework of the Launching Ceremony of China-CEE Institute, organised jointly by Institute of European Studies (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences) and Antal József Knowledge Centre (Hungary), 24 April 2017, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest (Hungary).

Working Session Moderator ('Migration in the European Union') at the 2017 Riga Conference Future Leaders Forum, in the framework of the 2017 Riga Conference, organised jointly by the Latvian Transatlantic Organisation, the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Latvia, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia, 29 September 2017, Astor Riga Hotel, Riga (Latvia).

Panel moderator on 'NATO-EU Cooperation in Strategic Communication and Defence against Information Operations' at the NATO-EU Roundtable 2018, organised jointly by the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Estonia, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia, and the Estonian Atlantic Treaty Association, 4 April 2018, Tallinn University, Tallinn (Estonia).

Event moderator, The 2018 Baltic-Russia Youth Forum, organised by the Estonian Atlantic Treaty Association, 26-29 September 2018, SemaraH Hotel Lielupe, Jurmala (Latvia).

Coffee break panel moderator on 'Can the EU keep up with the world pace?', the 2018 Riga Conference, organised jointly by the Latvian Transatlantic Organisation, the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Latvia, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia, 29 September 2018, National Library of Latvia, Riga (Latvia).

Event co-moderator, The Politics and International Relations Session, PLACES: 'Challenges and Agendas in the Age of Uncertainties' Conference, Rīga Stradiņš University, 2 April 2019, Riga (Latvia).

Panel moderator and working group leader on 'Same Threats, Different Responses: Security in European Style', the 2019 Riga Conference Future Leaders Forum, in the framework of the 2019 Riga Conference, organised jointly by the Latvian Transatlantic Organisation, the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Latvia, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia, 10-12 October 2019, The Riga Graduate School of Law, Riga (Latvia).

Panel moderator and working group leader on 'Hybrid threats, cyber security et cetera: a strategic communication context', the 2019 Baltic-Russia Youth Forum, organised by the Estonian Atlantic Treaty Association, 23-26 October 2019, Courtyard by Marriott Vilnius City Center, Vilnius (Lithuania).

Event moderator, 'A hidden' dimension of the Asia-Pacific', organised by Institute of Asia-Pacific and African Studies, 30 November 2022, Marble Hall, Khazar University, Baku (Azerbaijan).

Presentations at invited high-profile meetings, seminars, and round tables

Presentation 'Talking Asia-Pacific... Should Estonia contribute to the debate?', 8 May 2013, *Riigikogu*, Tallinn.

Presentation 'Establishing Estonian Centre of Asia-Pacific Studies (E-CAPS)' Academic Council, Tallinn School of Economics and Business Administration, TalTech, 8 November 2013, Tallinn (Estonia).

Presentation 'Leadership and operational capacity – the Ukrainian lesson for the EU', Pärnu Leadership Conference, 15 May 2014, Pärnu (Estonia).

Presentation 'NATO global perceptions – views from Asia-Pacific region', NATO SPS Programme, Information Day, 3 June 2014, Tallinn (Estonia).

Roundtable participation, 'Ukraine after elections: What comes next?', Estonian Center of Eastern Partnership, 4 June 2014, Tallinn (Estonia).

Presentation 'The West versus the East – competition or cooperation', European Democrat Students (EDS) Summer University: 'Global Security 2014', 10 July 2014, Tallinn (Estonia).

Presentation 'CFSP and the Ukraine Crisis', 2nd European Union Youth Forum, co-organised by Global Youth Congress International and European Union Centre in Singapore, Nanyang Technological University, 1 August 2014, Singapore.

Presentation 'Visualising a new international system in times of change', Opening Ceremony of Tallinn Model United Nations 2014, Park Inn Central Hotel, 21 November 2014, Tallinn (Estonia).

Presentations 'International Relations and Security in Europe', 'CFSP', and 'The Ukrainian Crisis in the Context of Ukraine-Russia Relations', Mediterranean Summer University: 'Geopolitics in the Middle East and the Mediterranean', organised by Centre International de Formation Européenne (France); Akdeniz University (Turkey), 21-27 June 2015, Antalya (Turkey).

Presentations 'Estonia and Transatlantic Relations' and 'Neo-regionalism in the Baltic Countries', Baltic Sea Summer University: 'The Baltic Countries in Europe', organised by Centre International de Formation Européenne (France) and Euroakadeemia (Estonia), 12-17 July 2015, Tallinn (Estonia).

Presentation 'Conducting a unique trans-national academic study with SPS: "NATO global perceptions – views from the Asia-Pacific region"', NATO Science for Peace and Security (SPS) Programme, Information Day, Korea National Diplomatic Academy, 26 November 2015, Seoul (the Republic of Korea).

Presentation 'Doing math on "16+1": a view from Estonia', Third High-Level Symposium of Think Tanks of China and Central-Eastern European countries, Fangfeiyuan Negotiation Hall, Diaoyutai State Guest House, 16 December 2015, Beijing (the People's Republic of China).

Presentations 'The Baltic Sea region and its involvement into the ASEM process' and 'The Eastern Partnership Programme: a view from the Baltic Sea region', Baltic Sea Summer University: 'The Baltic Countries in Europe', organised by Centre International de Formation Européenne (France); Alcide De Gasperi University of Euroregional Economy (Poland), 13-19 July 2016, Warsaw (Poland).

Presentation 'A Ukraine and the Eastern Partnership Programme: an interpretation', Model European Union Tallinn, organised by the Estonian Europe House Association, 23 August 2016, Tallinn (Estonia).

Presentation at Riga Conference Future Leaders Forum 2016, panel discussion on 'NATO's effectiveness and execution of the decisions taken at the Summit in Warsaw', in the framework of the 2016 Riga Conference, organised jointly by the Latvian Transatlantic Organisation, the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Latvia, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia, 28 October 2016, National Library of Latvia, Riga (Latvia).

Presentation at the 7th NATO Asia-Pacific Dialogue 2017, panel discussion on 'NATO's Perception in the Asia Pacific', organised jointly by NATO Public Diplomacy Division and Konrad Adenauer Foundation, 17 October 2017, NATO HQ, Brussels (Belgium).

Presentation at the 5th Meeting of China-CEEC Higher Education Institutions Consortium, 'Cultivation of Innovative Talents for Improving Cooperation between China and CEEC', panel discussion on 'CCHEIC Development Strategy and Challenges', organised jointly by China-CEEC Higher Education Institutions Consortium and Shenzhen University, 29 May 2018, Shenzhen (the People's Republic of China).

Presentations 'NATO Global Perceptions' and 'Europe and its inter-relations with the Asia-Pacific. The EU and the Chinese Belt and Road Initiative', the 2nd International Summer School for The Military College of South Carolina (The Citadel), organised by the Johan Skytte Institute of Political Studies, the University of Tartu, 9 July 2018, Tartu (Estonia).

Panel presentation on 'NATO's enduring values: building on 70 years of achievements', NATO@70: Maintaining security in a changing world, organised by Universidade Portucalense, 28 November 2019, Porto (Portugal).

Erasmus+ Mobility

* 29.03.2015 - 01.04.2015 – Centre of Oriental Studies, VILNIUS UNIVERSITY

Location: Lithuania

Overall objectives of the mobility: to discover avenues for cooperation between TalTech and Vilnius University in the academic sub-fields Oriental, Asian, and Asia-Pacific Studies.

* 08.04.2017 - 15.04.2017 – ZHEJIANG UNIVERSITY NINGBO INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Location: the People's Republic of China

Overall objectives of the mobility: to discuss a 'road-map' on establishing a post-graduate double degree programme to be jointly run by TalTech and ZJUNIT.

* 17.04.2018 - 21.04.2018 – COMENIUS UNIVERSITY IN BRATISLAVA

Location: Slovakia

Overall objectives of the mobility: to deliver a set of lectures on European and Asia-Pacific Studies.

International Conference Participation

'Inertia of empires and typologies of their communication with peripheries: a modern interpretation'. Presented at 'European Studies Congress' (panel 'Political Economy of Differentiated Integration in Europe'), 26-28 September 2017, Szczecin, Poland.

'A Ukraine, a contemporary political empire, and the Eastern Partnership Programme: Living the dream of pragmatic regional functionalism?'. Presented at 'Europe under Stress: The End of a Common Dream?' Conference, Tartu University, 12-14 June 2016, Tartu, Estonia.

'Asian integration: battling 'uncertainty', 'difficulty' and 'complexity''. Presented at the 'Shifting inter-regional balance: EU-East Asia economic cooperation' Conference, Vytautas Magnus University, 21-22 October 2015, Kaunas, Lithuania.

'Learning about Asian integration's 'uncertainty', 'difficulty' and 'complexity' – a timely lesson for the EU?'. Presented at the EUSA Asia-Pacific Conference 'Reassessing the EU-Asia-Pacific Relationship in the Context of the EU Crisis', 17-18 May 2013, Macau.

(Co-authored with N. Chaban) 'Functional capacity of integration in Asia'. Presented at the EUSA Asia-Pacific Conference 'EU's Unknown Asia: New Horizons and New Beginnings', 4-5 June 2012, the EU Centre in Singapore, National University of Singapore, Singapore.

(Co-authored with N. Chaban) Keynote, 'War', 'Illness' & 'Hope': Ukraine's constitutional saga through the eyes of Dzerkalo Tyzhnia. Presented at 'Law, Politics, Culture and History in Independent Ukraine', 19-22 February 2009, University of Adelaide, Australia.

Discovering the Baltics via Estonia: Theoretical, structural and operational dimensions of perspective cooperation. Presented at 'Europe in the Changing world: Challenges, priorities and research collaboration', 25-27 September 2008, the University of Canterbury, New Zealand.

(Co-authored with N. Chaban) Terra Incognita: is there future for Ukraine-New Zealand relations? Presented at 'Contemporary Ukrainian Culture: The European and Global Context', 24-26 November 2005, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia.

Membership

Charter Member of Rotary Club Tallinn Global, Estonia

Member of the Antipodean East European Study Group, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand.