

Curriculum vitae

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CURRENT AND PREVIOUS POSITIONS

- 2021-2025* Faculty Lecturer
**School of Political Science and International Relations,
Western Caspian University, Baku**
- 2024* Visiting Scholar
University of Vienna, Austria
- 2023* Visiting Fellow
**Center for Eastern European Studies (CEES)
University of Zurich (UZH), Switzerland**
- 2019-2021* Post-Doctoral Fellow
**Centre d'Etude de la Vie Politique,
Université libre de Bruxelles, Belgium**
- 2017-2019* Associate Professor
Comparative Politics Department, University of Bergen, Norway
- 2015-2016* Guest Researcher
Institute for Iranian Studies, Austrian Academy of Sciences Vienna, Austria
- 2013-2014* Interviewer at the Reception and Resettlement Centre (of Refugees)
Government of Middle Franconia, Nuremberg
- 2008-2009* Returning Teacher-Fellow, International Relations Department

Baku State University, Azerbaijan

EDUCATION

- 2017 PhD (dr. rer. pol.) Political and Social Sciences
Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
- 2010 PhD exchange semester
CEU Budapest
- 2006 Master of European Studies
European College Hamburg, Germany
- 2005 Master of International Relations, Department of Political Science
Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, Germany
- 2003 B.A. International Relations and International Law
Baku State University, Azerbaijan

FELLOWSHIPS

- 2024 **University of Vienna, OEAD Ernst-Mach Fellowship Follow-Up**
- 2023 **University of Zurich (UZH) CEES Fellowship**
- 2019-2021 **Université libre de Bruxelles, Solidarity Fund Fellowship**
- 2015-2016 **Austrian Academic Exchange Service, OEAD, Ernst-Mach-Fellowship**
- 2010-2015 **Graduate Scholarship for Doctorate, Friedrich Ebert Foundation Germany**
- 2012 **German Academic Exchange Service: STIBET-Teaching Assistantship, Free University of Berlin**
- 2010 **CEU Budapest Doctoral Support Program (OSI) for Non-CEU Students**
- 2008-2009 **Open Society Foundation, Academic Fellowship Program for Returning Scholars**
- 2005-2006 **Alfred Töpfer Foundation Scholarship for Master in European Studies**
- 2003-2005 **DAAD/OSI Scholarship for Master Studies**

MOBILITY

- 2016-2016 Visiting Lecturer at University of Applied Sciences BFI
Competence Centre for Black Sea Region Studies, Vienna
- 2015 -2016 Visiting Lecturer for the Caucasus Studies Program,
Friedrich-Schiller- University of Jena

2010 Doctoral Support Program, Department of Political Science,
Central European University, Budapest Hungary

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

- 2021-2024 School of Political Science, Western Caspian University Baku
Comparative Politics
Regional Politics with a focus on EU "Eastern Partnership"
Party Systems and Elections in the Western countries
Theories of International Relations
Diplomacy
History of Diplomacy
Middle East in the 21st Century
Political History
Research Methods and Statistics for Political and Social Sciences
Political and economic integration in the Americas
US Foreign Policy
Political Communication
Ethnopolitics
- 2020-2021 Université libre de Bruxelles, Centre d'étude de la vie politique
Eurasian Politics and Culture, POLI-D108 Contemporary Political Issues
Seminar on *Culture of Corruption in the South Caucasus*
POLI-D424: *Etats et conflits au Caucase*
EU and EEU: Conflict, Competition and Cooperation
POLI 401: *The EU Eastern Neighbourhood*
- 2018-2019 University of Bergen, Comparative Politics Department
Corruption, Informality and Democracy in the EU's Eastern Neighbourhood
SAMPOL 224
- 2015-2016 Friedrich Schiller University Jena, Caucasus Studies,
Politics and Informal Power Structures in Caucasus (for B.A. and Master Program in Caucasus Studies)
Corruption and the culture of domination: the omnipresent informality in the Caucasus
- 2015 Free University of Berlin, Teaching Assistant for PhD Colloquium, Graduate-School
Caspian Region Environmental and Energy Studies
- 2008-2009 Baku State University, Faculty of International Relations
Research Methods in International Relations and Political Science (for Master Program in Near East Studies)
International Relations Theory (for Master Studies in International Law and Relations)

PhD Supervising

Balkissa Noura Mohamed: *International Relations 2021: Women and Boko Haram: Agents of Terrorism, Counter-Terrorism and Peacebuilding in Cameroon*

Sheraz Mehmood: International Relations 2022: Russo-Ukraine Crisis and the Changing Global Politics: Implications for Central Asian Security

Publications

(2018) Hinter der glitzernden Fassade. Über die Macht der Informalität in der Kaukasusrepublik Aserbaidschan, transcript Verlag 2018 (in German) **Book**

(2024) Russia and Azerbaijan: Navigating Geopolitical Shifts, Russian Analytical Digest (RAD) Nr. 310. 23 February, Center for Security Studies (CSS), ETH Zurich

(2023) War die russische Herrschaft in Aserbaidschan eine „Fremdherrschaft“? (Russian domination in Azerbaijan as a type of foreign colonial power), Leviathan (in review process)

(2019) Ivanishvili's Georgia, Baku Research Institute
<https://bakuresearchinstitute.org/en/ivanishvilis-georgia/>

(2016) The State Capture in Azerbaijan between clan politics and 'bureaucratic oligarchy', Leitner, Johannes and Meissner, Hannes (eds.): State Capture, Political Risk and International Business. Cases from the Black Sea Region, London: Routledge, 74-89

(2015) Informality in a Neopatrimonial State: Azerbaijan, Stéphane Voell and Iwona Kaliszewska (eds.): State and Legal Practice in the Caucasus. Farnham: Ashgate, 133-149

(2014) Wie scheiterte die "aserbaidschanische Revolution?" [How „Azerbaijani Revolution“ failed?], Agayev, Mardan and Suleymanova, Ruslana (eds.) Jahrbuch für Aserbaidschanforschung. [Yearbook for Azerbaijani Studies] 6. Berlin: Köster Verlag, 45-67

(2013) Informality in a Neo-Patrimonial State: Azerbaijan in: Nicolas Hayoz/ Christian Giordano (eds.) Informality in Eastern Europe. Bern: Peter Lang, 433- 451

(2011) Demokratiebemühungen bleiben auf der Strecke [Democracy efforts left behind], Eurasisches Magazin, 05.06.2011

(2010) Aserbaidschan auf der Suche nach sich selbst [Azerbaijan in searching for itself] Diwan – Perspektiven vom Mittleren Osten bis Berlin, 10, December

(2007) Aserbaidschan und europäische Energiesicherheit [Azerbaijan and European Energy Security], Agayev, Mardan and Suleymanova, Ruslana (eds.): Jahrbuch für Aserbaidschanforschung. 1, 2007, 52-61

Conference Papers and Lectures

Reform agenda in Azerbaijan, 9th Swiss Summer School in Democracy Studies, Democracy and Peace, **University of Zurich**, 11-15 September 2023

“The EU and the Eurasian Economic Union: Competition, Conflict and International Business”, Seminar on the EU and The Eurasian Economic Union at **UAS BFI Vienna**, November 2022

Dialogue of Experts on Domestic Developments in Armenia and Azerbaijan, **Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) South Caucasus Office**, 9-10.11.2018

Informality and Power in the Public Administration in Azerbaijan, Regimes and Societies in Conflict: Eastern Europe and Russia since 1956; **Uppsala-BASEES Conference**, 13-14 September 2018 Uppsala Universitet

Roundtable: Azerbaijan's Snap Elections, **Institute for Russian and Eurasian Studies (IRES)**, Uppsala, 18.04.2018

Vom illegalen Eigentum zu der „bürokratischen Oligarchie“: Die informellen Wirtschaftspraktiken in Aserbaidshan, **10th Academic Forum of Austrian High-Schools**, 30-31 March 2016, Vienna

The Southern Azerbaijan- the Construction of National Identity beyond the Soviet Borders, Institute for Iranian Studies, **Austrian Academy of Sciences**, 28.01.2016. Vienna

Armenia and "Armenians" in Azerbaijani perception: the preservation of the enemy image through mass media and civil society, **Peace Research Institute Frankfurt/Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies**, 22-27 June 2015. Tbilisi, Georgia

Neopatrimonialism in Azerbaijan, Informality as a Tool for Power Elites to Exercise Extortion and Wealth Accumulation, **ICCEES IX World Congress**, August 3-8, 2015 Makuhari, Japan

Informal Economic Practices in Azerbaijan, **3rd ASCN Annual Conference**, Political Transformation and Social Change in the South Caucasus: Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan in Perspective, 21-22 June 2013. Tbilisi, Georgia

Perceptions of the State and Legal Practice in the Caucasus. **Anthropological Perspectives on Law and Politics**, Shota Rustaveli State University Batumi, 14 - 18 November 2011, Batumi, Georgia

State and Islam in Azerbaijan, **IX Annual International Caucasus Session in Memory of St. Grigol Peradze**, 6 - 8 December 2010. Centre for East European Studies, University of Warsaw, Poland

Neopatrimonialism as an Obstacle to the Post-Soviet Democratization Process, **Alumni Fellowship Program** - Political Sciences and International Relations Discipline Group Meeting, 2.-5. April 2009. Istanbul, Turkey