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RESEARCH INTERESTS

digital technology and politics, conflict studies, post-Soviet studies

EDUCATION

2022-2027 **Ph.D. in Political Science**
(expected graduation) University of North Texas

2012-2014 **MA in Diplomacy and International Affairs**
ADA University

2008-2012 **BA in Political Science**
Baku State University

WORK EXPERIENCE

September 2016 to August 2022 **Graduate Academic Advisor**
ADA University, School of Public and International Affairs
Advising students of two graduate programs: Master of Arts in Diplomacy and International Affairs and Master of Public Administration (around 100 students in total); coordinating final year Capstone projects for the degrees offered by the school.

August 2014 to August 2016 **Assistant to the Dean**
ADA University, School of Public and International Affairs
Handling all the administrative tasks in the office, which includes correspondence, scheduling of meetings, events; responding to inquiries from faculty, staff, and students.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

August 2022 **Teaching Assistant, University of North Texas**
to present Courses: PSCI 2305 U.S. Political Behavior and Policy,
PSCI 2306 U.S. and Texas Constitutions and Institutions

September 2017 **Adjunct Instructor of Sociology**
to August 2021 **ADA University, School of Public and International Affairs**
Course: SOCI 3500 Race, Gender, Ethnicity, and Minority Relations

November 2018
and June 2019

Fall and Summer Environmental Schools organized by German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ) Delivering trainings on Integrating Ecosystem Services into Development Planning (IES) to representatives of state agencies and ministries using Harvard Case Methodology.

Fall 2016 to
Spring 2017

Teaching Assistant
Assigned to Prof. Roald Sagdeev, Distinguished University Professor Emeritus, University of Maryland

PSCI 321 War and Peace (Arms Race, Conflicts and Regulations)
Assisting the faculty with the conduct and delivery of the course; performing administrative tasks.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

April 2022 to
November 2022

National Expert (Category B Consultancy), International Organization for Migration

Assessment Report: Digital Remittances in post-pandemic Azerbaijan

Conducting survey and focus group discussions in Azerbaijan; Analysis of survey results;

Report writing and report presentation (IOM Azerbaijan and IOM Regional Office in Vienna)

January to
March 2022

Social Media Consultant, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, Mediation for Peace

An evaluation of the social media environment in Azerbaijan, based on literature and social media analysis;

Monitoring of key narratives online to identify instigators of disinformation and harmful content that discourages dialogue and undermines the peace process;

Identifying the links between offline peace and dialogue efforts and online conversations

August to
November 2019

A team member in a group of researchers preparing Common Country Analysis (CCA) report for the United Nations Country Team (UNCT) in Azerbaijan

Contributing to the SDGs analysis and LNOB assessment; data collection and analysis; meeting stakeholders.

- March – April 2017 **Research Assistant to Dr. Theresa Sabonis-Helf, Professor of National Security Strategy at National War College, Washington DC**
 Project title: Keeping the Neighbor's Lights On: Security Implications of Cross-Border Electricity Trade (the cases of Azerbaijan, Georgia, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan)
 Accompanying Dr. Theresa Sabonis-Helf during her trip to Azerbaijan; arranging meetings and interviews; managing project related correspondence, maintaining accurate records of interviews, summarizing interviews.
- June 2014 **Master's Thesis: Comparative Analysis of Oil Revenue Expenditure: The Cases of Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan**
 Supervisor: Dr. Elnur Soltanov
 Committee members: Dr. Elkin Nurmammadov, Dr. Kavus Abushov
- January – May, 2014 **Graduate Capstone Project: "Go to Asia: Field trip to Vietnam"**
 Capstone Project Clients: "Azerenergy" JSC and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan
 Supervisors: Dr. Anar Valiyev and the Deputy Foreign Minister Mr. Araz Azimov

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2023-2024 Clovis and Marilyn Morrison Scholarship, Political Science Department, University of North Texas
- 2013 Haji Zeynalabdin Taghiyev Award for a Social Responsibility Project, ADA University
- 2012-2014 List of High Performance Award, scholarship and tuition waiver, ADA University
- 2008 – 2012 State Scholarship, Baku State University

TRAININGS/CONFERENCES

- The Data Scientist's Toolbox (version control, markdown, git, GitHub, R, and RStudio)
Johns Hopkins University, 18 hours course on Coursera, November 2020
- Programming Fundamentals
Duke University, 18 hours course on Coursera, September 2020
- Improving Your Statistical Questions
Eindhoven University of Technology, 18 hours course on Coursera, April 2020
- Cultural Diplomacy in Central Asia and Eurasia
COMPASS, EU, Dushanbe, Tajikistan, 16-17 September 2019
- ToT for the Course on Integrating Ecosystem Services into Development Planning (IES Training), GIZ, Kakheti, Georgia, 24-28 September, 2018
- Summer University, In the Labyrinth of National Identity: Russia and Europe
Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, 11-20 July, 2016
- Workshop on Research Methodology, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University
Tbilisi, Georgia, 2-3 October, 2015
- Summer Academy on Economic Growth and Governance of Natural Resources
Moscow State University, Moscow, Russia, 20 July – 1 August, 2015
- Project Management Training
ADA University, Baku, Azerbaijan, October-December, 2013
- International Model UN Security Council Conference on the topic of cyber security
Baku, Azerbaijan, 21-25 October, 2013
- Preparing Global Leaders Summit -Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration, Moscow, Russia, July – August, 2013
- Lectures on Elections in the United States of America
American Studies Institute of the U.S. Embassy, Baku, Azerbaijan, February – April, 2012
- OIC MODEL – International Relations Training Program – Team Leader
April – June, 2012

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

February 2017 to
September 2018

A Member of Organizers Team, 11th and 12th Baku Summer Energy School

Working on the program of the summer school; correspondence with speakers: inviting international and local speakers, representatives of organizations and companies; preparing final report of the summer school.

June 2013 to
August 2013

Intern, The Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan to Austria, Slovakia and Slovenia and Permanent Mission to the International Organizations in Vienna

Arranging meetings; participating at the OSCE weekly meetings and OSCE Security Week; taking minutes and preparing reports.

April 2011 to
September 2011

Intern, School of Project Management (Corporate Social Responsibility Project of British Petroleum in Azerbaijan)

Contributing to organization of the trainings, presentation of the project in different organizations, and presentations of reports in BP Azerbaijan office.

SKILLS

Statistical Programs

STATA, R

Languages

English (fluent), Turkish (fluent), French (Intermediate), Russian (Bilingual), Azerbaijani (Native)