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## EDUCATION

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<b>Ph.D. Candidate, International Relations</b> , Fletcher School, Tufts University	Exp. 2021
<b>M.A. Government</b> , summa cum laude, IDC Herzliya, Israel	2015
<b>B.A. Sociology</b> , International Solomon University, Kyiv, Ukraine	2011

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Refereed Journal Articles

Erosion by Deference: Civilian Control and the Military in Policymaking, [\*Texas National Security Review\*](#) 4, no. 3 (2021).

Beliakova, Polina. “Erosion of Civilian Control in Democracies: A Comprehensive Framework for Comparative Analysis.” [\*Comparative Political Studies\*](#) 54, no. 8 (2021), pp. 1393–1423.

“Say Terrorist, Think Insurgent: Labeling and Analyzing Contemporary Terrorist Actors,” [\*Perspectives on Terrorism\*](#) 8, no. 5 (2014). w/ Assaf Moghadam and Ronit Berger.

### Work in Progress

Leading or Following: the Role of the Military in Democratic Backsliding (*Presented at ISA 2021*)

The Effectiveness of Governmental Strategies Against Low-Intensity Conflict: New Evidence and Data (*Data collection and coding*)

### Analytical Reports and Commentary

“COVID-19 and the Limits of Putin’s Power,” *War On the Rocks* (May 13, 2020)

“How Does the Kremlin Kick When It’s Down?” *War On the Rocks* (August 13, 2019)

“Corruption in the Russian Defense Sector,” w/ Sam Perlo-Freeman, *World Peace Foundation* (2018).

## AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

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United States Institute of Peace, USIP-Minerva Peace Scholarship	2019 - 2020
Smith Richardson Foundation World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship	2019 - 2020

World Peace Foundation Summer Research Grant	Summer 2019
Carnegie Corporation of New York, Fletcher Russia and Eurasia Program Fieldwork Funding, Tufts University	2018 - 2019
Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation Fellowship, International Security Studies Program, Fletcher School, Tufts University	2017 - 2019
Ragonis Foundation Award for Promoting Research in Counterterrorism and Homeland Security, IDC Herzliya, Israel	2014 - 2016
Government of Israel and The Jewish Agency for Israel Masa Scholarship for tuition support at IDC Herzliya Lauder School of Government	2012 - 2013

## RESEARCH

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<b>Civil-Military Research Team, Fletcher School, Tufts University</b> Principal Investigator: Recruited, trained, and managed a team of three assistants to facilitate data collection on intra-state conflict and civil-military relations in democracies	2019-2020
<b>Center for Strategic Studies, Fletcher School, Tufts University</b> Senior Ph.D. Research Associate	2017 - present
<b>Transparency International, Defense &amp; Security</b> Reviewer, The Government Defence Index on Anti-Corruption in Russia	2019
<b>World Peace Foundation, Fletcher School Tufts University</b> Researcher, Project on Corruption in the Russian Defense Sector	2017 - 2018

## TEACHING

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<b>Tufts University, Medford, MA, USA</b>	
Instructor of Record, School of Arts and Sciences: Topics in Russian National Security (Undergraduate seminar)	Fall 2019
Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science: Introduction to International Relations (Prof. Malik Mufti and Jeffrey Taliaferro)	2018
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Fletcher School: The Role of Force in International Relations (Prof. Richard Shultz) Changing Nature of Security in the 21st Century (Prof. Richard Shultz)	2017 - 2018

**Lauder School of Government, IDC Herzliya, Israel**

Teaching Associate:	2016
International Law (Dr. Daphné Richemond-Barak)	
Teaching Assistant (Selected):	2015
Insurgency and Civil Wars (Prof. Assaf Moghadam)	
Anatomy of Terrorist Groups (Prof. Assaf Moghadam)	
Human Rights and Conflicts (Prof. Edy Kaufman)	
Russia: Politics and Foreign Policy (Dr. Sarah-Masha Fainberg)	

**INVITED LECTURES (SELECTED)**

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“Enemy-centric vs. Population-centric Strategies of Counterinsurgency,” Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, USA	October 2020
“Civil-Military Relations in Russia During the First Chechen War,” Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, USA	April 2020
“Strategy of Deterrence During the Cold War,” Fletcher School, Tufts University, Medford, USA	October 2017
“The Effectiveness of Governmental Use of Force in Preventing Political Violence in Second Palestinian Intifada,” IDC Herzliya, Israel	December 2015
“Understanding Ukrainian Revolution: Nonviolent Resistance, and the Use of Force,” IDC Herzliya, Israel	April 2015

**CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS**

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International Studies Association Annual Convention	2020*, 2021
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2019, 2020
ISSS-IS (ISA & APSA Joint Security Studies Conference) 2019, Denver, CO	Fall 2019
Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University	2019, 2021
Women in International Politics and Security, MIT, Presenter.	Fall 2018
Center for Strategic Studies, Research and Policy Seminar	2018, 2020, 2021

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**SERVICE TO PROFESSION, UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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International Studies Association, International Security Studies Section Governing Council Representative	2021-2024
International Studies Association, Assistant to the International Security Studies Section Program Chair	2018-2020
Fletcher School, Center for Strategic Studies, MA Thesis (Capstone) Advising Coordinator	2017-present

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**WORKSHOPS, PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

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The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University	Summer 2018
Fletcher Summer Institute on Nonviolent Conflict, Tufts University	Summer 2014

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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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Assistant Director, Center for Strategic Studies, Fletcher School, Medford, MA, USA	2021-present
Educational Counselor, The Yitzhak Rabin Center, Tel Aviv, Israel	2014-2015
Head of the Department of Informal Education, Jewish Agency for Israel, Kyiv, Ukraine	2009-2012

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**LANGUAGES**

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Russian (native), Ukrainian (native), Hebrew (conversational/reading)

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**FIELDWORK**

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<b>Moscow, Russia</b> Archival research (State Archives of the Russian Federation and Russian State Archives of Social and Political History); Expert interviews.	2019
<b>Kyiv, Ukraine</b> Expert interviews	2019, 2020

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**RELATED PROFESSIONAL SKILLS**

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Stata, SPSS, NVivo