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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Candidate, International Relations , Fletcher School, Tufts University	Exp. 2022
M.A. Government , summa cum laude, IDC Herzliya, Israel	2015
B.A. Sociology , International Solomon University, Kyiv, Ukraine	2011

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

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

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

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

Work in Progress

Doomed to Fight: Civil-Military Relations and Civil War Termination

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

“Russian Military’s Corruption Quagmire,” [*POLITICO*](#) (March 8, 2022)

“Volunteer troops can be a curse, not a blessing. But Ukraine may be figuring it out,” [*The Washington Post*](#) (February 27, 2022)

“How a Russian-Led Alliance Keeps a Lid on Central Asia,” [*War on the Rocks*](#) (February 4, 2022)

“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

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

TEACHING

Tufts University, Medford, MA, USA

Instructor, Fletcher School: Russian Foreign Policy (Graduate class)	Fall 2021
Instructor, School of Arts and Sciences: Topics in Russian National Security (Undergraduate seminar)	Fall 2019
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Fletcher School: Changing Nature of Security in the 21st Century (Prof. Richard Shultz) The Role of Force in International Relations (Prof. Richard Shultz)	2017 - 2018
Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science: Introduction to International Relations (Prof. Jeffrey Taliaferro)	2018

Lauder School of Government, IDC Herzliya, Israel

Teaching Associate: International Law (Dr. Daphné Richemond-Barak)	2016
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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 AND TALKS (SELECTED)

“Russian Invasion of Ukraine,” Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater, MA, USA	March 2022
“Understanding Russian Aggression in Ukraine,” Fletcher School, Tufts University, Medford, MA, USA	February 2022
“Qualitative Research in Social Sciences: Process Tracing,” Northeastern University, Boston, MA, USA	October 2021
“Enemy-centric vs. Population-centric Strategies of Counterinsurgency,” Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, USA	October 2020
“Civil-Military Relations in Russia During the First Chechen War,” Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, USA	April 2020
“Strategy of Deterrence During the Cold War,” Fletcher School, Tufts University, Medford, MA, 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

RESEARCH

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

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

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

SERVICE TO PROFESSION, UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Reviewer: *Journal of Peace Research, Comparative Political Studies*

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, Capstone Advising Coordinator	2017-present

WORKSHOPS, PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

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

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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

LANGUAGES

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

FIELDWORK

Moscow, Russia

2019

Archival research (State Archives of the Russian Federation and Russian State Archives of Social and Political History); Expert interviews.

Kyiv, Ukraine

2019, 2020

Expert interviews

RELATED PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Stata, SPSS, NVivo