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FWO Senior Postdoctoral Fellow - Faculty of Social Sciences, KU Leuven

ACADEMIC DEGREES

- 2013 – 2017 **Ph.D. Political Science | Humboldt University (Germany)**
2012 – 2013 **M.A. Gender Studies (*with distinction*) | Central European University (Hungary)**
2003 - 2004 **M.A. International Economic Relations | Oles Honchar Dnipro National University (Ukraine)**

EMPLOYMENT RECORD

- 2023 – **FWO Senior Postdoctoral Fellow**
KU Leuven (Belgium)
- 2021 – 2023 **EUTOPIA (MSCA CO-FUND) Postdoctoral Fellow, Visiting Professor**
Department of Sociology, University of Ljubljana (Slovenia)
- 2021 - Executive Director
Equal Opportunities Platform, NGO, Dnipro, Ukraine
- 2020
Jan – Dec **Postdoctoral Researcher**
Gender Studies Department, University of Lund (Sweden)
- 2018 – 2019 **Fulbright Scholar**
Center for European Studies, University of Florida (USA)
- 2017 – 2021 **Program Coordinator, TERGO, Parents Organization (parents of LGBTQ children)** Kyiv (Ukraine)
- 2004 – 2012 **Senior Lecturer**, Faculty of International Economy, Oles Honchar Dnipro National University, Dnipro (Ukraine)

VISITING FELLOWSHIPS

- 2023 Visiting Research Fellow, Faculty of Political and Social Sciences, University Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona, Spain; Apr – Jun)
- 2022 Visiting Fellow, Aleksanteri Institute Visiting Fellows Programme, University of Helsinki (Finland; Aug – Sep)
- 2014–2015 Visiting Researcher, Middle East Technical University (Ankara, Türkiye, Sep – Jun)

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

2021. *LGBTI politics and value change in Ukraine and Turkey: Exporting Europe?* London: Routledge.

Edited Volumes

2024. *Feminist perspective on Russia's war in Ukraine: Hear our Voices* (editor). Lexington Books.
2019. *LGBTI Asylum Seekers and Refugees from a Legal and Political Perspective* (edited with Arzu Guler and Denise Venturi) Springer.
2019. *LGBTQ+ Activism in Central and Eastern Europe: Resistance, Representation, and Identity* (edited with Radzhana Buyantueva) Palgrave Macmillan.

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

2024. Sexuality securitized: how Russia's invasion of Ukraine reconfigures (anti-)LGBTQ politics in Eastern Europe. *Journal of Gender Studies*, 1–14. (with Laura Luciani)
2023. "A Country Where Everyone Feels Free?" The Georgian Orthodox Church, Political Homophobia and Europeanization of LGBTQ Rights in Georgia. *Sexuality & Culture*, 27, 2065–208
2023. Resisting "Liberal Values." The Intersection of Gender, Religion, and Sexuality in Ukrainian Heteroactivism. *ACME: International Journal for Critical Geographies*, 22(3), 1025–1046
2023. Solidarity test: challenges of forced LGBTQ migration and activism in Central-Eastern European countries in the context of Russia's war on Ukraine. *European Societies*, doi.org/10.1080/14616696.2023.2181372
2022. Choosing to stay? Lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and queer people and the war in Ukraine. *European Journal of Politics and Gender*, 5(3), 399-401. <https://doi.org/10.1332/251510821X16539490008307>
2022. Religion, Nation, State, and Anti-Gender Politics in Georgia and Ukraine. *Problems of Post-Communism*, 70 (2), 163-174.
2020. Fighting 'Gayropa': instrumentalization of LGBT rights in Ukrainian public debate. *Problems of Post-Communism*, 67 (6), 500-510.

Selected Consultancies

- GIZ (2025)** Role of diaspora and Ukrainian refugees in Ukraine's (post)war recovery process
- GPPI (2024)** Queering Displacement: The State of the Ukrainian LGBTQ+ Community During the Russian Full-Scale Invasion
- FULCRUM (2024)** (Non) discrimination and inclusion of LGBTQI people at Ukrainian job market in the context of the full-scale invasion and European integration of Ukraine
- FREEDOM HOUSE (2024)** National study of the needs and challenges of the LGBTQI+ community in Ukraine after the beginning of the full-scale invasion
- UN OHCHR (2024)** World report on anti-LGBTQ legislation reg. restrictions in freedom of speech, of assembly, and of expression.
- VOICE & Gender Stream (2023)** Ukrainian refugees in CEE countries
- World Bank (2023)** Gender (In)equality and situation of women and girls in the context of Russia's war in Ukraine (with O. Strelnyk)
- GIZ (2022)** Gender audit of Migration for Development program
- Luminate (2021)** Gender and diversity audit of NGO portfolio in CEE countries
- ILGA World (2021)** Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the LGBTQ community in Central Eastern Europe and Turkey
- Heinrich Boell Foundation (2020)** Impact of the COVID-19 on women and girls in Ukraine
- TERGO Ukraine/GLSEN, USA (2020).** National school environment survey. 1700+ participants from all parts of Ukraine, LGBTQ school students.

SELECTED GRANTS AND AWARDS

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| 2023 | Research Foundation Flanders Senior Postdoctoral Fellowship (3 years) |
| 2022 | Emma Goldman Award to talented and engaged scholars on feminist and inequality issues in Europe (2 years, EUR 50.000) |
| 2021 | MSCA Co-funded EUTOPIA Fellowship (2-year postdoc, University of Ljubljana) |
| 2020 | Swedish Institute Postdoctoral Fellowship |
| 2018 | Fulbright Scholar Fellowship |
| 2017 | Open Society Foundation's Young Professional Development Program Fellowship |

LANGUAGES

Russian, Ukrainian - native speaker | *English, Spanish* – academic proficiency (C1) | *Dutch* – B2
German, Italian, Slovenian - conversational (B1) | *Chinese* – HSK 3