

## Personal Details

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## Degrees

09/2016 – 10/2018: **Master of Arts** (magna cum laude), Interdisciplinary Research and Studies on Eastern Europe (MIREES), School of Political Sciences, University of Bologna, Forlì campus, Italy;

09/2011 – 04/2015: **Bachelor of Arts** (magna cum laude), European Languages and Cultures, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Modena, Italy.

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## Current Employment and Studies

01/11/2024 – Present: **Grant Researcher**, DIMEast Project, Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna, Italy

31/08/2021 – Present: **Doctoral Researcher**, Doctoral Program in Political, Societal, and Regional Change, University of Helsinki, Finland

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## Previous Work Experience

01/04/2021 – 31/10/2024: **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Early-Stage Researcher**, Horizon2020 MSCA ITN “Markets” Project, Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki, Finland;

10/2020 – 03/2021: **Project Officer**, Human Dimension Department, OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan;

04/2020 – 09/2020: **International Consultant**, Human Dimension Department, OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan;

09/2019–03/2020: **International Intern**, Human Dimension Department, OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan;

11/2018 – 05/2019: **Trainee**, Press and Information Section, Delegation of the European Union to Russia, Moscow, Russian Federation;

01/2018 – 04/2018: **Intern**, Italian Institute of Culture, Consulate General of Italy in Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Internship Program).

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## Research Grants, Fellowships, and Research Visits

01/11/2024 – 31/12/2024: **INREES Visiting Fellowship Program**, hosted by the Research Center for East European Studies, University of Bremen, Germany;

**12/2022 – 07/2024: Associate Research Fellowship**, OSCE Academy in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan;

**05/2023 – 07/2023: Research visit**, ITN Markets secondment, Public Opinion Research Institute, Astana, Kazakhstan;

**15/03/2023 – 15/05/2023: INREES Visiting Fellowship Program**, hosted by the Central & East European Studies Department, University of Glasgow, United Kingdom.

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## Publications and Other Research Output

**Pesci, E.** Making sense of Kyrgyzstan's employment paradox, *Idäntutkimus*, 3(2024) (in Finnish);

**Pesci, E.** (03 September 2024). "If you are able to work, you must work". The shift from Welfare to Workfare in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, [Link](#);

**Pesci, E.** (27 May 2024). Behind the May 18 violent outburst in Kyrgyzstan: between the privatization of higher education and the exploitative nature of the garment industry, *Vlast.kz*: <https://rb.gy/mlwzsl>;

**Pesci, E.** (2024). 'Koshumcha' in Ledeneva A., Teague E., Matijevic P., Moisé G.M., Majda P., Toqmadi M. (eds.) *The Global Encyclopaedia of Informality*. Volume 3. London: UCL Press;

**Pesci, E., & Dzhamangulov, K.** (2023). Active Labour Market Policies in the Kyrgyz Republic: Addressing Employment Barriers for a More Inclusive Labour Market? OSCE Academy Policy Brief #90, [Link](#);

**Pesci, E.** (2022). Urban Informality and Development, in: *Informality*, World Economic Forum Strategic Intelligence Team, [Link](#).

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## Teaching Experience

**09/2023 – 10/2023: Co-Lecturer**, MA course "Public Administration and Governance in Post-Socialist Eurasia", University of Helsinki, Finland;

**17/09/2023: Co-Lecturer**, MA course "Political Economies in/of the Global East", Tampere University, ExpREES program, Finland;

Lecture title: The Value of Work: Unemployment, Labor Precarity, and Social Reproduction in Central Asia

**04/04/2024: Guest Lecturer**, MA course "Remapping the Post-Soviet Space", MA MIREES, University of Bologna, Italy;

Lecture Title: "The End of the Workers' State: De-constructing the Myth of PostSoviet Workers' Quiescence"

**10/2023 – 12/2023: Co-Lecturer**, MA course "Political Behavior in the Post-Socialist Space", University of Helsinki, ExpREES program, Finland;

**09/2023 – 10/2023: Co-Lecturer**, MA course "Public Administration and Governance in Post-Socialist Eurasia", University of Helsinki, Finland;

**10/2022 – 12/2022: Co-Lecturer**, MA course "Political Behavior Across Eurasia", University of Helsinki, ExpREES program, Finland;

### Conference Presentations

**25/10/2023: Panel Speaker**, Annual Aleksanteri Conference: “Decolonizing the Global East”, Helsinki, Finland Presentation: “The Making of Unemployment in Central Asia: Labour Market Policies and Public Employment Services in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan”;

**24/10/2022: Panel speaker**, Annual Aleksanteri Conference: “Russia and the New Era of Insecurity”, Helsinki, Finland Presentation: “Activating the Unemployed? Contextualizing Employment Support Policies Between Global Activation and Implementation Challenges: The Case of Kyrgyzstan”;

**24/10/2022: Panel Speaker**, The 8th Annual Life in Kyrgyzstan Conference, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan (Online) Presentation: “Employment Support Policies in the Kyrgyz Republic: Challenges and Opportunities”;

**28/06/2022: Panel Speaker**, Central Eurasia Studies Society (CESS) Regional Conference, Tashkent, Uzbekistan Presentation: “Activating the Unemployed? Global Activation Shaping Labour Market Policies in Central Asia. The Case of Kyrgyzstan”;

**28/06/2022: Roundtable Speaker**, Central Eurasia Studies Society (CESS) Regional Conference, Tashkent, Uzbekistan Roundtable Discussion: “New Research on Informality in the Eurasian Space: Building Bridges Across Disciplines”;

**09/04/2022: Panel Speaker**, Annual Conference of the British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES), Cambridge, UK, Presentation: “Activating the Unemployed? A Street-Level Perspective on Labour Market Policies”.

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### Other Academic Roles

**01/01/2023 – 01/06/2024: Board Member**, European Society for Central Asian Studies (ESCAS);

**01/01/2023 – 28/09/2023: Member of the Organizing Committee**, ESCAS Regional Conference, Almaty, Kazakhstan;

**15/08/2023 – 25/08/2023: Organizer**, ITN Markets Project Workshop, University of Helsinki, Finland.

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### Scientific and Societal Impact

**31/05/2024:** Co-organization of a free online workshop with Central Asia Barometer titled “Survey Research in Central Asia”;

**06/06/2024:** OSCE Academy ARF Open Lecture “Active Labour Market Policies in the Kyrgyz Republic: Addressing Employment Barriers for a More Inclusive Labour Market?”, OSCE Academy in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

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## Language Skills

Mother tongue: **Italian**

Other languages: **English:** Listening (C2), Reading (C2), Writing (C1), Spoken Production (C1), Spoken Interaction (C2); **French:** Listening (C2), Reading (C2), Writing (B2), Spoken Production (C1), Spoken Interaction (C1); **Russian:** Listening (C2), Reading (C2), Writing (C1), Spoken Production (C2), Spoken Interaction (C2)