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EDUCATION

PhD in Government and International Relations, University of Sydney, **2013**
Thesis: “*Equilibrium of Strategic Interests: Stages of Russia-Kazakhstan Strategic Relations*” Supervisor: Professor Graeme J. Gill

Master of Arts in International Relations, MGIMO University under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Moscow), **2005**
Thesis: “*The UN Role in Contemporary International Conflicts Resolution*”
Supervisor: Professor Marina M. Lebedeva

2000 Specialist’s degree in International Economics (First Class Honours), Kazakh State Academy of Management (Almaty, Kazakhstan)
Thesis: “*The Development of International Economic Relations: Moving towards Globalization*”, Official recognition as the best Faculty Honours project in 2000.
Supervisor: Associate Professor Diana M. Madiyarova

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL INTERNATIONAL TRAINING

SSMART(Social Science Methods & Research Training)-University of Sydney c/c Harvard University	2010
ISO/Quality Management Certificate	2006
CEU(Central European University), “Global Governance and Globalization”	2005
MGIMO c/o American Embassy in Russia “US Foreign Strategy” course	2004
Macroeconomics (in English), KIMEP/Soros Foundation	1997
Central Texas College, Killeen, Texas, USA, ESL Program	1996

PUBLICATIONS (selected)

IN ENGLISH

Book

1. (2016), “*Russia's Relations with Kazakhstan: Rethinking Ex-Soviet Transitions in the Emerging World System*”, Abingdon, Oxon; New York, NY: Routledge.
<https://www.routledge.com/Russias-Relations-with-Kazakhstan-Rethinking-Ex-Soviet-Transitions-in/Zabortseva/p/book/9781138950429>

Book chapters

- (2019) with G. Gill “Russian Security Strategy in Central Asia” , Routledge Handbook of Russian Security, ed.by R. Kanet.
- (2016) ‘Post-Soviet Central Asian Regionalism: Internal Reasons for and trends of Proliferation in 1991-2010’, *Eurasian Annual Yearbook-2015*, May, Uppsala, Sweden, pp.240-262.
- (2012) "Transparency" and “Summitry” in *Encyclopaedia of Global Studies*. Ed. Helmut K. Anheier, Mark Juergensmeyer, and Victor Faessel, Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE, 2012.
- (2007) ‘A Structural approach to the diversification of the nation's economy and the economic development of Kazakhstan’, *World Development Sustainable Outlook 2007*, UK, Greenleaf Publishing.

Refereed Journal articles

- (2018) ‘Niyazov’s Ideology and its Symbolism: the cult of the leader, nationalism and its suppression of critical thinking’, *Politics, Religion and Ideology*, v.19,i.4.
- (2014) ‘Rethinking the Economic Relationship between Kazakhstan and Russia’, *Europe-Asia Studies*, v66, n2.(2012) ‘From the “forgotten region” to the “great game” region: On the development of geopolitics in Central Asia, *Journal of Eurasian Studies*, vol.3, n.2. [JES top 20 most-read articles]

- (2009) 'A structural approach to diversification of the emerging economy of Kazakhstan', *International Journal of Economic Policy in Emerging Economies (IJEPEE)*, vol. 2, no.1.
- (2008) 'A contemporary notion of global governance', *Europolis*, 3, pp.65-86.

Book review:

- Eurasia's ascent in Energy and Geopolitics Journal, *Central Asian Survey*, v.33, i.3, July, 2014

Refereed conference papers <following international conference presentations>

- (2011) 'Transformation of Russia-Kazakhstan Post-Soviet Political Relations: from Chaos to Integration?' In Kirill Nourzhanov, ed. Two Decades without the Soviet Union: Transformations in Eurasian Space. Proceedings of the 10th Biennial Conference of AACaPS, 3 - 4 February 2011. Canberra: Australasian Association for Communist and Post-communist Studies and the Australian National University.
- (2010) 'Investment and trade relations between Russia and Kazakhstan in 1991-2008', BASEES (Slavonic and East European Studies Conference), web-publication (University of Cambridge, UK);
- (2007) 'A structural approach to diversification of the nation's economy and the economic development of Kazakhstan'. World Association for Sustainable Development (WASD) Conference Proceedings 2007, Australia.
- (2007) 'Structural reform and institutional approaches for Industrial and Innovation Development in Oil and Gas Spheres', (Scientific and Practical Conference 'Innovative Development Problems in Oil and Gas Industry', Kazakh-British Technical University (KBTU).

Think-tanks

- (2016) The Impact of the Ukrainian Conflict on Kazakhstan's FDI with Russia and its Other Main Economic Partners, ETH Zurich and George Washington University/Russian Analytical Digest, No. 188, 2, <https://css.ethz.ch/content/dam/ethz/special-interest/gess/cis/center-for-securities-studies/pdfs/RAD188.pdf>

IN RUSSIAN LANGUAGE

Book

- (2007) 'The UN Role in International Conflicts Resolution', Almaty, Din, 84 pp.

Book chapter

- (2010) 'Kazakhstan-Russian economic cooperation: strengths and weaknesses', Vth KISI/IMEMO RAN Conference. 'Economic and Financial Cooperation between Kazakhstan and Russia in the realms of the Global Crisis' (Almaty, April 21, 2010/ ed. by B. Sultanov (KISI, Almaty), pp. 152-164, available at <http://kisi.kz/uploads/1/files/5TCDqONH.pdf>.

Refereed Journal articles

- (2007) Zabortseva, Y.N. and Nurgusaeva S. 'External debt regulation in the Republic of Kazakhstan as a method of achieving sustainable macro-economic position', *AI-Pari*, 1, pp.89-93
- Zabortseva, Y.N. and Nurgusaeva, S. (2007) 'External debt regulation as an effective instrument for modification of 15. Kazakhstan's economic policy', *Economics and Statistics*, No.1, pp. 89-93.
- (2007) 'Towards contemporary notion of international democratic governance', *Vestnik KazGY*, 2(28), pp. 5461.[in English];
- (2007) "The role of the Institutions of Development in realization of the National Strategy and in establishing priorities for the development of the financial sector in Republic of Kazakhstan", No. 8, pp. 38-41. (2007) 'National and religious aspects of intercultural dialog', *Misl*, 5, pp.33-37
- (2007) 'International approaches towards Kazakhstan's competitiveness', *Analytic*, 3, pp.55-64, <http://kisi.kz/ru/categories/ekonomika-i-energetika/posts/reytingovye-pozicii-konkurentosposobnostikazahstana-v>
- (2006) 'Restructurization of Kazakhstan's investment policy upon realization of the national innovation economic strategy', *Economics and Statistics*, No.4, pp.91-95
- (2006) 'Restructurization of Kazakhstani economic policy: ratings and results of the market reforms', *AI-Pari*, 3/4, pp. 23-28.
- (2006) 'The UN cooperation with other international and regional organizations in the process of contemporary international ethno-political conflict resolution', *Vestnik KazGY*, 4-6(24-26), pp.9-15.
- (2005) 'International ethnic conflicts: evolution and mechanisms of a settlement process', *CAJCAT-Policy*, no. 5, pp. 29-32.

Refereed conference papers <following international conference presentations>

- (2007) 'Challenging globalization at the crossroads of regional and universal partnership for Sustainable Development', "Contemporary world: strategies of development" Conference materials, Almaty: Kazakh Institute of International Relations and World Languages.
- (2007) 'Republic of Kazakhstan: comparative international positions in global economy', Materials of the International Economic Forum 'Kazakhstan's model of economic growth: new challenges and perspectives', Astana, pp.97-108.
- (2010) 'Cooperation between the CIS countries: a case of Kazakhstan-Russian partnership', MGU Conference proceedings, CIS panel (Moscow State University, Moscow)
- (2009) 'Foreign academic approaches to Kazakhstan's-Russian relations', Materials of the International Conference 'Prospects of cooperation between Russia and Kazakhstan in a new geopolitical realms', KISI (The Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies under the President of Kazakhstan);

- (2005) 'National and religious aspects of intercultural dialog in the CIS', publication of the IV Moscow State University Philosophical Congress on the Future of Civilizations', pp.635-642
- (2005) 'The implementation and methodology of subjects for specialists in Public Administration on the contemporary stage of Kazakhstan's development', International Conference Proceedings "System of the Quality Management in Education", Kazakh Economic University under T. Riskulov, Almaty.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Business journals:

- (2008) Gahov S, and Zabortseva, Y. 'Competitiveness. Our number 66', International Business Magazine 'Kazakhstan' 5-6, 2008, <http://investkz.com/en/journals/65/553.html>, [available in English]
- (2007) 'Kazakhstan's competitiveness: a step forward, two steps back', International Business Magazine 'Kazakhstan', 4, pp.6-20. [available in English]
- (2006) Gahov S, and Zabortseva, Y. 'The competitiveness of Kazakhstan: How can we enter «club 50»?', International Business magazine 'Kazakhstan', 4, pp.6-19.[available in English]
- (2006) 'Kazakhstan: transformation of the investment policy', International Business magazine 'Kazakhstan', No. 2, pp. 12-20..[Russian/ English versions]
- (2009) 'The world is on its edge. New scenarios for the International Financial System ', Expert- Kazakhstan, February 23, <http://expertonline.kz/wiki/author/482330/> <in Russian>
- (2010) "Kazakhstan's competitiveness: the rankings are lowered on one position", International Business Magazine 'Kazakhstan', 1, pp.10-15 <in Russian>

Newspaper articles:

- (2010) 'VVP Tamozhennogo Soyuz - 2 trillion dollarov', Interview with M.K. Litvinov, Minister-Counselor of Kazakhstan to Russia', Express-K, 104, 12 June.
- (2016) 'Неделя NAIDOC в Сиднейском Гайд-парке: Восприятие мира искусства и музыки аборигенами Австралии, «Единение», № 29 (3529) 16/7/2018, <http://www.unification.com.au/articles/read/4284/>

e-publications:

- (2014) with Kharitonov, S. "Professional social networks change visions of successful corporate marketing" (in Russian), Vlast, 4 July 2014.
- (2014) "Price of the economic breakdown" <in Russian>, Vlast, 23 January, http://vlast.kz/article/cena_jeconomicheskogo_proryva-4126.html

MEDIA

2016, November- ABC News, Australia, interviewed on Kazakhstan's high School education

2017, December- ABC, Australia, my question to Australian Prime-Minister Malcom Turnbull on "QandA" - <http://www.abc.net.au/tv/qanda/txt/s4758471.htm>

2018, July – ABC International, Speaking with Stan Grant on US-Russia talks during Helsinki Summit

***2017, November-** "My work in Kazakhstan's aul changed my attitude towards life", -a scientist in Australia", <https://365info.kz/2017/11/rabota-v-kazahstanskoy-aule-pomenyala-moe-otnoshenie-k-zhizni-ucheniy-v-avstralii/>

ACADEMIC/PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

- IR system/globalization, global governance, international economic relations/international political economy, comparative economics, economic competitiveness, geopolitics, international organizations, international investments, soft-power.
- CIS (Russia, Central Asia [Kazakhstan]), USA, EU.

GRANTS

PERSONAL

Full Doctoral Scholarships, Merit-based, University of Sydney 2009-2013

University of Sydney Overseas Conference Grants 2010; 2011; 2012

Soros Foundation Overseas Conference Grant 2007

Full Research Summer Course Fellowship, CEU (Central European University)/ Soros Foundation 2005

Full Master's Grant/Scholarship, Merit-based, MGIMO (based on International Agreement between Russia-Kazakhstan-Belarus)

Full Honors /Specialist Grant/Scholarship, Merit-based, KaSMA, Kazakhstan 1995-1996; 1996-2000

Central Texas College (USA) Foundation Academic Competitive Scholarship (merit-based) 1996

ADDITIONAL:

KIMEP /USAID-UK-Know-How/TACIS (assisted in successful grant institutional grant applications) 1995

TEACHING/RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Lecturer (World Politics), Casual, University of Sydney, Government and IR Fall 2015, S. 2016
<delivered also 7 guest lectures within the disciplines:

Geopolitics (*on Central Asia*), Divided Societies (*on Post-Soviet World*),
International Organizations (*on IMF, WTO*)> 2011-2015

Tutor, University of Sydney, Government and IR Department 2009-2013, 2014-2017

- Geopolitics; International Organizations;
- Power and Money in Global Society; Current Global Issues;
- Europe in World Politics; Reform, Revolution and Post-Communism;
- Islam and Democracy in Muslim World; National Governance and Globalization

<received official students commendations for excellence and innovation in teaching>

Dotcent/Associate Professor, Kazakh Economic University, Department of World Economy and IR Fall 2013

- “International Commodities (in English);
- “History of International Relations” (in Russian)

OECP lecturer, KIMEP (Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics, and Strategic Research) 2006

- “International Investments” course (in English)

Senior-Lecturer, KBTU (Kazakh-British Technical University) - 2006-2007

- “Public Policy and Regulation”
- “International economics” (courses in English).

< 2 honours supervision, conferences organization>

Lecturer (Orientation course), ISE/LSE Summer School 2006

Lecturer, UIB (University of International Business), 2006

- “International Investments” course (in Russian).

Lecturer/Tutor, Kazakh Economic University 2004-2005

- “International Investments” (in Russian),
- “Introduction to Theory and History of International Relations”,
- “International Monetary, Currency and Financial Relations” courses (in Russian)

MEMBERSHIPS IN ACADEMIC ASSOCIATIONS (INCLUDING EX-MEMBERSHIP)

APSA (Australian Political Studies Association)

BASEES (British Association of Slavonic and Eastern European Studies)

CESS (Central Eurasian Studies Society), ESCAS (European Society for Central Asian Studies)

Executive Committee: AACAPS (Australasian Association for Communist and Post-Communist Studies)

AWARDS AND SERVICE

KBTU (Kazakhstan) Letter of Appreciation for organization of the Conference “Controversial Aspects of Competitiveness in Kazakhstan” (2006)

Letters of appreciation from MGIMO (Moscow) “Debates club” (2004)

Kazakh State Academy of Management Academic Rewards/Letters of Appreciation (>15different, 1997-2000) Central Texas College (USA) Certificate of Appreciation, awarded "In special recognition for outstanding job and continuing service to the International Student Association"(1997)

UN Certificates of Merit awarded for "outstanding and active participation in UN conferences" (1995, 1998)

POLICY (/RESEARCH) EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, ARC Projects/University of Sydney 2012- June 2018
Bridling Autocrats: Limiting Executive Power in Authoritarian Polities; Prof. , FASSA Graeme Gill Australian Research Council (ARC)/Discovery Projects (DP).

Senior Expert, Agency on Regulation of RFCA (Regional Financial Centre of Almaty city), 2008-2009
Department of Development,

- conducted strategic analysis, related to global economic/financial architecture and to the Republic's/Eurasian developments; participated in the assessment of Agency's reports; maintained assigned correspondence with the other state departments/foreign financial superintendants and financial companies.

Expert, Center of Strategic Research, MGIMO- UN Model, RFUNA 2004

Research Intern, KISI(Kazakh Institute for Strategic Research)/ 2000

- Globalization and Economic Security Department)<worked, among other issues, on development of the indicator for economic security- in particular, related to the share of FDI in the national GDP>

POLICY (/CONSULTANCY) PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

July 2019 Department of Industry, Science and Innovation, Australia, Policy Analyst
-current

- developing high quality briefing, reporting and written documents for key stakeholders; providing input to the structural adjustment policies to the strategic direction of the Australian Industry; developing and/or managing a range of internal and external stakeholder relationships.

Consultant, Adala' Consulting/Italian Honorable Consular Department, Almaty 2007

- consulting: in particular, preparing 'Brief Overview of the Kazakhstan's Foreign Banking Regulatory Framework' for a Swiss bank, intending to open a subsidiary in Kazakhstan.

Head of the International Affairs and Public Affairs Department, 2008
-Agency on Financial Regulation, Kazakhstan,

- facilitation of bilateral and international agreements between AFN and foreign Financial Superintendants, multilateral organizations; discussions of any specific issues of the abovementioned agreements within the AFN' internal departments; promoting public image of the Agency.

Assistant, World Economic Forum, Eurasian Economic Summit 2000

- Assistance to chairs and moderators (on such sessions as "Eurasia's Role in Global Energy supply", "Will Democracy prevail?", "The Transparency and Accountability of Natural Resource Revenues".

Assistant to the Executive Director, KIMEP (Kazakhstan Institute of Management, 1997-1998
Economics and Strategic Research under the president of K-n/ co USAID, TACIS, UK KHF postgraduate administered project)

- administering visas/invitations procedure for the foreign professors and administration; translation of some of KIMEP Director's correspondence, translation of the KIMEP programs' prospectuses; interpreting at the meetings of the Board of Trustees.

Interpreter/translator, Charity Mission "Prime Care in Kazakhstan"(Germany/US in Kazakhstan) 1995/1996

SKILLS

Computer/Soft-ware: Basic, Lexicon, Microsoft PowerPoint, Paint, Publisher, Adobe; Turnitin.

Languages: Russian - advanced; Kazakh, French- basic command

References:

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PERSONAL INTERESTS: Art (painting, impressionism, expressionism); Literature, selected sport.

- Art (classical, impressionism- painting and drawing, attended professional fine art school) - <https://artyelena.wordpress.com>, Literature (classical and contemporary); Design/fashion (was among finalists of 2016 Myer Lady's racing fashion completion); Sport (costal walks; artistic gymnastics), dancing.