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Education and training

- May 2014** **Third Executive Training Programme for Young Professionals: Visegrad Session: Addressing Energy Challenges at Regional and Global Levels by Applying Common Rules and Good Governance Practices**
The Energy Charter Secretariat Knowledge Centre, Brussels, Belgium
- November – December 2013** **Research Stay in Kazakhstan**
Research focuses on interviews at embassies of the EU's member states and at Kazakh universities
- August 2013** **PhD. Degree in Political Science**
Comenius University, Faculty of Philosophy, Department of Political Science, Bratislava, Slovakia
Dissertation Title: Driven by Priorities: Foreign Policy of the Central Asian's Presidents
- November – December 2012** **Visiting Fellow**
American University of Central Asia, Central Asia Study Institute, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
- July 2012** **Certificate in Comparative Regionalism**
CEU Summer University, Budapest, Hungary
Comparative Regionalisms: Changing Forms of Governance in Asia, Africa and the Americas and the Effects on the World Order
- June 2009** **Master Degree in Political Science**
Comenius University, Faculty of Philosophy, Department of Political Science, Bratislava, Slovakia
Master Thesis Title: The Comparison of Central Asian Political Regimes

Work experience

- November 2014 – ongoing** **Head of Department of International Relations**
Organization: Faculty of Business and Administration, International University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- September 2014 – ongoing** **Assistant professor (International Relations)**
Organization: Faculty of Business and Administration, International University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- September 2015 – ongoing** **Researcher**
Organization: University of Warsaw, Centre of Migration Research
Granting agency: International Visegrad Fund
Project: Cross-Border Cooperation at the Time of Crisis on Neighbour's Soil
- August 2014 – February 2015** **Researcher**
Organization: Institute for Stability and Development, Prague, the Czech Republic
Granting agency: International Visegrad Fund
Project: Through Common History towards Common Future
- February 2014 – February 2015** **Project Coordinator/ Researcher**
Organization: Slovak Foreign Policy Association, Bratislava, Slovakia
Granting agency: International Visegrad Fund
Project: Diversity of Gas supplies as a Key Precondition for the Effective V4 Gas Market
- August 2013 – April 2014** **Researcher**
Organization: Faculty of Social and Economic Science, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia
Granting agency: Slovak Research and Development Agency
Project: EUFORPOL: Changing Patterns of EU Foreign Policy Making and the Small Member States
- March 2013 – March 2014** **Researcher**
Organization: Institute for Stability and Development, Prague, the Czech Republic
Granting agency: International Visegrad Fund
Project: Regional Cooperation as a Tool of Settlement of Frozen Conflicts
- January 2013 – December 2014** **Researcher**
Organization: Faculty of Philosophy, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia
Granting agency: Slovak Research and Development Agency
Project: INPERNE: Institutional Performance in Europe
- January 2012 – January 2015** **Project Coordinator/ Researcher**
Organization: Faculty of Philosophy, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia
Granting agency: Scientific Grant Agency of the Slovak republic
Project: Stability of Authoritarian Regimes of Islamic Countries in the Context of Political Crises: Internal and External Aspects

Research interests

- Central Asia** I focus on political regimes and foreign policy of Central Asian Countries: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan from my university studies. I have a broad understanding of the theoretical background as well as particular cases.
- Foreign policy of the EU** Foreign policy of the EU and especially Eastern partnership policy have initialized many changes in internal and foreign policy of the EU's partner countries. In the centre of my research are foreign policies making processes within the EU institutions.
- Central Europe** Domestic, foreign and security politics, energy policy, cooperation within the Visegrad four groups, sharing of the transformation experiences
- Foreign policy analysis** Foreign policy analysis formed the theoretical basis for my dissertation. Since then, I have focused on interconnection between domestic politics and a foreign decision making process.

Teaching Experience

- 2016** **EU System**
Undergraduate course
International University of Sarajevo, Faculty of Business and Administration, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 2016** **Asia in World Politics**
Graduate course
International University of Sarajevo, Faculty of Business and Administration, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 2015 – 2016** **Politics in Europe**
Undergraduate course
International University of Sarajevo, Faculty of Business and Administration, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 2015 – 2016** **Security and Strategy**
Undergraduate course
International University of Sarajevo, Faculty of Business and Administration, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 2015** **Terrorism, Counterterrorism and Irregular War**
Undergraduate course
International University of Sarajevo, Faculty of Business and Administration, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 2014 – 2016** **Foundations of International Relations**
Undergraduate course
International University of Sarajevo, Faculty of Business and Administration, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 2014 – 2016** **Post-Communist Transitions**

Graduate course
International University of Sarajevo, Faculty of Business and Administration,
Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

2014

EU Accessions Process

Undergraduate course
International University of Sarajevo, Faculty of Business and Administration,
Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

2011 – 2014

Central Asia between East and West

Graduate and undergraduate course
Comenius University, Department of Political Science, Bratislava, Slovakia

2011 – 2014

Non Democratic Regimes

Graduate course
Comenius University, Department of Political Science, Bratislava, Slovakia

Supervision**Master Thesis**

2016

Preljevic, Hamza. *“In Search of Security: The Integration of Bosnia and Herzegovina into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.”* International University of Sarajevo. Faculty of Business and Administration.

2013

Zacharová, Jana. *“Changes of the Foreign Policy of Uzbekistan.”* Comenius University in Bratislava, Faculty of Philosophy, Department of Political Science.

2012

Forkovičová, Anna. *“Colour Revolutions – Revolutions without Results?”* Comenius University in Bratislava, Faculty of Philosophy, Department of Political Science.

Bachelor Thesis

2016

Petek, Emre Can. *“Nationalist and the Rise of Far Right in Contemporary European Politics.”* International University of Sarajevo. Faculty of Business and Administration.

2016

Sakinovic, Haris. *“The European Union Policy of Restrictive Measures: The Comparison of Austria and Belarus.”* International University of Sarajevo. Faculty of Business and Administration.

2015

Smaka, Ajla. *“The Role of Bosnia and Herzegovina as a Non-Permanent Member of the Security Council (2010-2011).”* International University of Sarajevo. Faculty of Business and Administration.

2015

Madžak, Amila. *“Humanitarian Intervention: UN and NATO involvement in War in Bosnia and Herzegovina 1992-1995.”* International University of Sarajevo. Faculty of Business and Administration.

2012

Baňovič, Jakub. *“Russian Goals in the Military-Security Sphere in Central Asia.”* Comenius University in Bratislava. Faculty of Philosophy,

Department of Political Science.

- 2012** **Šiller, Viktor.** *“Through the building a cult of personality to the totalitarian regime. Turkmenistan under Turkmenbashi.”* Comenius University in Bratislava, Faculty of Philosophy, Department of Political Science.
- 2010** **Brada, Adam.** *“Democratic non-democracies? Modern non-democratic regimes.”* Comenius University in Bratislava. Faculty of Philosophy. Department of Political Science.
- 2010** **Eviak, Tomáš.** *“The EU’s neighbourhood policy: The case studies of Ukraine and Moldavia.”* Comenius University in Bratislava. Faculty of Philosophy. Department of Political Science.

Publications

Books

Diversity of gas supplies as a key precondition for an effective V4 gas market. Bratislava: Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association. 2015. With Jan Osička and Veronika Zapletalová.

Surviving and changes of regimes in North Africa, Middle East and Central Asia. (in Slovak) Bratislava: Comenius University. 2014. With Katarína Pevná.

Islamist terrorism as a factor of instability of nondemocratic regimes. (in Slovak) Bratislava: Comenius University. 2013. With Jozef Klavec and Katarína Pevná.

Peer-review articles

Say 125 Times Yes: Bosnia and Herzegovina in the UN Security Council. *Epiphany.* Vol. 9, No.1, 2016. pp. 124-138. With Ajla Smaka.

Forever (un)Stable regimes? The Comparison of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. *Rocznikóv Nauk Społecznych.* Vol. 7, No. 1, 2015. Towarzystwo Naukowe KUL & Katolicki Uniwersytet Lubelski Jana Pawła II.

The stability of authoritarian regimes in the context of political crises: theoretical reflection. (in Slovak) *Politologica actualis.* Vol. 2. Bratislava: Comenius University, 2013. pp. 11-40. With Katarína Pevná.

Kyrgyzstan - still an island of instability in Central Asia? (in Slovak) *Bezpečnostné fórum 2013.* Banská Bystrica: UMB, 2013. pp. 437-446.

Foreign policy in election programs of Slovak political parties in parliamentary election 2012. (in Slovak) *Mezinárodní politika.* Vol. 36, No. 6, 2012, pp. 28-31. With Matúš Mišík.

One goal, two ways: External dimension of regime legitimization In Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan. *The 16th Conference of Young Scholars: Crucial Problems of International Relations through the Eyes of Young Scholars.* Prague: Oeconomica, 2012. pp. 124-137.

Regime legitimization through the foreign policy: The case of Kazakhstan. (in Slovak) *Interpolis* 11. Banská Bystrica: UMB, 2011. pp. 502-506.

The Second order election concept in the new member states of the EU. (in Slovak) *Politologica actualis*. Vol. 1. Bratislava: Comenius University, 2011. pp. 60-84. With Alexander Karvai.

Security threats in Central Asia in 2010. (in Slovak) *Bezpečnostné fórum* 2011. Banská Bystrica: UMB, 2011. pp. 352-358.

Voting behavior in the European Parliament elections. (in Slovak) *European electoral studies*. Vol. 5, No. 2, 2010, pp. 130-147. With Alexander Karvai.

Elections to the Nitra Self-governing Region. (in Slovak) *European electoral studies*. Vol. 5, No. 1, 2010, pp. 79-85.

Other articles

Barriers in Mind Are Worse than Minefields on the Borders. 4th *European Border Dialogues: Opportunities and Challenges for Border Regions*. Prague: Institute of Stability and Development, 2014. pp. 21-35. With Sandor Koles and Petr Vágner.

Cross Border Cooperation in Transnistria: Experience Suitable for Nagorno-Karabakh? *Русский вопрос*. Issue 2, 2013.

Uzbekistan's play with fire? *E-International relations*. 1.8.2012.

The Kazakh Chairmanship in OSCE. (in Slovak) *Bulletin Centra ázerbájdžánských a kaspických štúdií*. Vol. 5, 2011. pp. 9-11.

Foreign Policy in Elections Programmes. (in Slovak) *Zahraničná politika*. Vol. 14, No. 3, 2010, pp. 14-15.

Central Asia without the European Union? (in Slovak) *Bulletin Centra ázerbájdžánských a kaspických štúdií*. Vol. 3, 2010, pp. 6-7.

Conferences and Workshops

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| 23-28 th July 2016 | <p>24th World Congress of Political Science
International Political Science Association (IPSA)
Panel: Gravity Centers of Authoritarian Rule: Explaining Regional Clusters of Autocracies
Poznan, Poland</p> |
| 24-27 th November 2015 | <p>6th Annual Forum on Cross-Border Cooperation
Government Office of the Slovak Republic and Institute for Stability and Development
Košice, Slovakia and Uzhgorod, Ukraine</p> |
| 2-6 th May 2015 | <p>International Research Congress of Social Science
Pamukkale University and International University of Sarajevo
Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina</p> |
| 6-7 th November 2014 | <p>5th Annual European Border Dialogue: Forum on Cross-Border</p> |

- Cooperation in a Wider Europe**
The Norwegian Barents Secretariat and Institute for Stability and Development
Kirkenes, Norway and Nikel, Russia
- 7th October 2013** **IV. Slovak- Czech Discussion Forum**
The Slovak Foreign Policy Association and the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic
Skalica, Slovakia
- 6-9th August 2013** **Through cooperation to understanding. Regional cooperation – a tool of settlement of frozen conflicts**
Institute for Stability and Development
Tbilisi, Georgia
- 6-7th February 2013** **Security Forum 2013**
Matej Bel University
Banská Bystrica, Slovakia
- 25th May 2012** **The 16th Conference of Young Scholars**
University of Economics, Faculty of International Relations
Prague, Czech Republic
- 10th February 2010** **Security Forum 2011**
Matej Bel University
Banská Bystrica, Slovakia

Skills and knowledge

Language skills

Mother tongue **Slovak**

June 2014 **Cambridge English level 2 Certificate in ESOL International (Advanced)**
Certificate in Advanced English, Council of Europe Level C1
Cambridge English Language Assessment

Other languages

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
Czech	C2	C2	C1	C1	C1
English	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
Russian	B1	B1	B1	B1	B1

Levels: A1/A2- Basic user, B1/B2- Independent user, C1/C2 - Proficient user
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Computer skills (user)

Internet (e-mail, www) – advanced
Microsoft Excel – advanced

Microsoft PowerPoint – advanced
Microsoft Word – advanced

Other knowledge, skills

work independence, analytical skills, responsibility, self-motivation, open minded, organisational and communication skills

References

Petr Vágner

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