

## Kseniya Oksamytna

### Employment

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#### **City St Georges, University of London**

Reader in International Politics (previously Lecturer and Senior Lecturer) Sep 2021 – present

#### **King's College London**

Research Associate (previously Teaching Fellow and Research Assistant) Sep 2017 – Aug 2021

#### **University of Warwick**

Associate Lecturer Oct 2015 – Jul 2017

### Education

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#### **University of Geneva and LUISS**

PhD, International Relations Nov 2014

#### **Aarhus University, University of Amsterdam, and City St Georges, University of London**

MA, Media and Globalisation Jun 2009

#### **Kyiv Institute of International Relations**

BA, International Relations Jun 2007

### Publications

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#### ***Books***

- *UN Peacekeeping and the Politics of Authoritarianism* (with Oisín Tansey, Sarah von Billerbeck, and Birte Gippert, Oxford University Press, 2025)
- *Advocacy and Change in International Organizations: Protection, Communication, and Reconstruction in UN Peacekeeping* (Oxford University Press, 2023) – **winner of 2024 Chadwick F. Alger Prize by the International Organization Section of the International Studies Association**
- *UN Peace Operations and International Relations Theory* (co-edited with John Karlsrud, Manchester University Press, 2020, paperback edition 2023)

#### ***Articles***

- 'Gender in international bureaucracies: Evidence from UN missions', *International Studies Quarterly* (conditionally accepted, with Katharina Coleman, Joshua Fawcett Weiner, and Jessica Di Salvatore)
- 'Introducing the UNCIPPO (UN Civilian Posts in Peacekeeping Operations) dataset', *International Studies Quarterly* (2025, with Katharina Coleman and Jessica Di Salvatore)
- 'Race and international organizations', *International Studies Quarterly* (2024, with Sarah von Billerbeck) – **Honourable Mention for 2025 Best Article Award by the Diplomatic Studies Section of the International Studies Association**
- 'Theorizing decision-making in international bureaucracies: UN peacekeeping operations and responses to norm violations', *International Studies Quarterly* (2023, with Oisín Tansey, Sarah von Billerbeck, and Birte Gippert)
- 'Imperialism, supremacy, and the Russian invasion of Ukraine', *Contemporary Security Policy* (2023) – **most read article of 2023 in the journal**

- ‘Politics or performance? Leadership accountability in UN peacekeeping’, *Journal of Conflict Resolution* (2022, with Magnus Lundgren and Vincenzo Bove)
- ‘Adoption, adaptation or chance? Inter-organisational diffusion of the protection of civilians norm from the UN to the African Union’, *Third World Quarterly* (2022, with Nina Wilén)
- ‘Introducing the peacekeeping mandates (PEMA) dataset’, *Journal of Conflict Resolution* (2022, with Jessica Di Salvatore, Magnus Lundgren, and Hannah Smidt)
- ‘Leadership selection in United Nations peacekeeping’, *International Studies Quarterly* (2021, with Magnus Lundgren and Vincenzo Bove)
- ‘Only as fast as its troop contributors: Incentives, capabilities, and constraints in the UN peacekeeping response’, *Journal of Peace Research* (2021, with Magnus Lundgren and Katharina Coleman)
- ‘Decorating the “Christmas Tree”: The UN Security Council and the Secretariat’s recommendations on peacekeeping operations’, *Global Governance* (2021, with Magnus Lundgren)
- ‘Slow progress on UN rapid deployment: The pitfalls of policy paradigms in international organizations’, *International Studies Review* (2021, with Katharina Coleman and Magnus Lundgren)
- ‘Policy entrepreneurship by international bureaucracies: The evolution of public information in UN peacekeeping’, *International Peacekeeping* (2018)
- ‘European Union Training Mission in Somalia and the limits of liberal peacebuilding: Can EUTM contribute to sustainable and inclusive peace?’, *International Spectator* (2012)

### **Book Chapters**

- ‘Building databases of individuals’, in *Introduction to International Organization Research Methods* (Michigan University Press, 2023)
- ‘Public information and strategic communications in peace operations’, in *Handbook on Peacekeeping and International Relations* (Edward Elgar, 2022)
- ‘Liberal institutionalism’, in *United Nations Peace Operations and International Relations Theory* (Manchester University Press, 2020, with Carla Monteleone)
- ‘Civil society and the UN Security Council: Advocacy on the Rwandan genocide’, in *Partnerships in International Policy-Making* (Palgrave, 2016)

### **Forum Contributions and Public Engagement**

- ‘UN peacekeepers as enablers of host state authoritarianism?’, *Multilateralism in Action*, Columbia University (2025, with Oisín Tansey, Sarah von Billerbeck, and Birte Gippert)
- ‘Russia’s status as a colonial power’, *E-IR* (2024)
- ‘The moral and strategic clarity of supporting Ukraine’s self-defense: Why accepting Russian colonialism should remain a taboo’, *Environment and Planning C: Politics and Space* (2024)
- ‘Can racial hierarchies in UN peacekeeping be dismantled?’, *Global Dialogue* (2024, with Sarah von Billerbeck)
- ‘Who is behind the expansion of UN peacekeeping mandates?’, *Multilateralism in Action*, Columbia University (2024)
- Special Forum ‘UN peacekeeping at 75’, *International Peacekeeping* (2023, joint authorship with academics and UN practitioners)

- ‘Global dialogues during the Russian invasion of Ukraine’, *Journal of International Relations and Development* (2023)
- ‘Russia, NATO, and international organizations’, *International Peace Institute* (2022)
- ‘Change by chance? How international norms travel between the UN and the African Union’, *Connecting Ideas*, UN University Institute on Regional Integration Studies (2022, with Nina Wilén)
- ‘Ukraine: Russian attitudes to Ukrainians can help to explain the atrocities’, *The Conversation* (2022)
- ‘Does the UN hold peacekeeping leaders accountable?’, *Political Violence at a Glance* (2022, with Magnus Lundgren and Vincenzo Bove)
- ‘The politics of peacekeeping performance’, *German Review on the United Nations* (2022)
- ‘Peacekeeping bosses should be chosen by the UN and not the paymasters’, *PassBlue* (2020, with Magnus Lundgren and Vincenzo Bove)
- Written evidence for an inquiry on post-Brexit UK-EU cooperation in crisis management by the House of Lords EU External Affairs Sub-Committee (2018)
- ‘Country profile: Ukraine’, *Providing for Peacekeeping*, International Peace Institute (2016)

#### Funding

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- British Academy ODA Global Innovation Fellowships: International Crisis Group (£119,982, Sep 2025 – Aug 2026)
- Co-Investigator on ESRC-funded project ‘Democratization and UN Peacebuilding’ (Sep 2021 – Oct 2022, £81,733 to City St Georges)
- Policy Support Fund, UK Research and Innovation (£4,975, Aug 2023)
- Higher Education Innovation Fund for Knowledge Exchange, UK Research and Innovation (£6,450, Jan 2023)

#### Consulting

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- ‘The impact of war on parliamentarians in Ukraine’, *Westminster Foundation for Democracy* (forthcoming May 2025, with Olena Sotnyk and Heidi Riley)
- ‘Gender considerations in the international response to the full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine’, *Global Public Policy Institute* (2024, with Felicity Gray)
- ‘Responsible management and use of data in UN peace operations’, *International Peace Institute* (2023)

#### Leadership and Service

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- Deputy Head of Department (Sep 2022 – Aug 2024)
- Editorial Board Member, *International Peacekeeping* (Jan 2024 – present)
- Guest lecturer at the European Consortium for Political Research Summer School (Lisbon, Sep 2025)
- Member of the 2025 Diplomatic Studies Section Award Committee, International Studies Association (Apr 2025 – Mar 2026)

- Member of the 2024 Chadwick F. Alger Prize committee, International Studies Association (Apr 2024 – Mar 2025)
- Member of the panel of evaluators for EU's Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Ukraine Programme (MSCA4Ukraine) (Oct 2024 – Feb 2025)
- Co-convenor of the section '21st Century International Organizations' at the European Consortium for Political Research General Conference (Prague, Sep 2023)
- Co-convenor of the workshop of the European International Studies Association 'Norms and Practices of Peace Operations: Evolution and Contestation (Cardiff, Jun 2017)

#### PhD Supervision

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- Lynessa Griffith, 'An Intersectional Analysis of Black Female Diplomats in US and UK' (Oct 2024 – present)
- Martin Joergensen, 'Norway's Role in Promoting Climate-Sensitivity in International Peace and Security' (starting Oct 2025)

#### Invited Talks

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- One of keynote speakers at the roundtable 'History is not an accident: the return of molotovs and ribbentrops?', University of Tallinn (virtual, Mar 2025)
- One of keynote speakers at the roundtable 'Three Years of Ukrainian Resistance to the Full-Scale Invasion', Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki (hybrid, Feb 2025)
- Keynote speaker at the Global Governance Programme seminar series, European University Institute (Feb 2025)
- Invited book presentation at the Stockholm Center on Global Governance (Oct 2024)
- Presentation at the 2023 Peacekeeping Observatory Annual Workshop on New Technologies and UN Peacekeeping Operations, International Peace Institute (virtual, Nov 2023)
- One of keynote speakers at the opening plenary of the Conflict Research Society Annual Conference 'Unravelling Russia's war against Ukraine: Perspectives and prospects' (London, Sep 2023)
- Korea Institute for Defense Analyses' seminar on 'US' and China's peacekeeping operations policy' (virtual, Apr 2023)
- Symposium 'One Decade of Multi-Crisis in the Sahel' (Université libre de Bruxelles, Mar 2023)
- Workshop 'Protracted Conflict and Lessons for Security in Europe and Beyond' (University of Birmingham, Feb 2023)
- Virtual and in-person invited talks or guest lectures: American University (2023), Australian National University (2023), Dublin City University (2024), FAAP São Paulo (2024), Ghent University (2024), Goethe University Frankfurt (2024), Kharkiv National University (2024), KU Leuven (2024), Leiden University (2024), Northumbria University (2024), Polish Academy of Sciences (2024), Queen Mary University of London (2024), School of Oriental and African Studies (2024), St Andrews (2024), Technische Universität Dresden (2024), UCL Institute for Risk and Disaster Reduction (2025), University of Helsinki (2024), Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (2024)