

Dr Kseniya Oksamytna

Employment

City St George's, University of London

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

King's College London

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

University of Warwick

Associate Lecturer Oct 2015 – Jul 2017

Education

University of Geneva and LUISS

PhD, International Relations Nov 2014

Aarhus University, University of Amsterdam, and City St George's, University of London

MA, Media and Globalisation Jun 2009

Kyiv Institute of International Relations

BA, International Relations Jun 2007

Awards

- Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS) Book Award (2026) for *UN Peacekeeping and the Politics of Authoritarianism*
- Dean's Award for Excellence in Research and Innovation (2025), School of Policy and Global Affairs, City St George's, University of London
- Honourable Mention for the Best Article Award by the Diplomatic Studies Section of the International Studies Association (2025) for 'Race and international organizations'
- Chadwick F. Alger Book Award by the International Studies Association (2024) and Special Mention for the Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS) Book Award (2024) for *Advocacy and Change in International Organizations*
- Outstanding Academic Title (2021) by *Choice*, a publication of the US Association of College and Research Libraries, for *UN Peace Operations and International Relations Theory*

Publications

Books

- *UN Peacekeeping and the Politics of Authoritarianism* (2025, with Oisín Tansey, Sarah von Billerbeck, and Birte Gippert, Oxford University Press)
- *Advocacy and Change in International Organizations: Protection, Communication, and Reconstruction in UN Peacekeeping* (2023, Oxford University Press)

Articles

- 'Colonial and anticolonial discourses of peace in Ukraine', *International Affairs* (2026, with Bohdana Kurylo and Yulia Ioffe)
- 'Gender in international bureaucracies: Evidence from UN missions', *International Studies Quarterly* (2025, 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 Jessica Di Salvatore and Katharina Coleman)

- ‘Race and international organizations’, *International Studies Quarterly* (2024, with Sarah von Billerbeck)
- ‘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)
- ‘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)

Forum Contributions

- ‘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)
- 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)

Public and Policy Scholarship

- ‘African mediation faces a hard reality test in the Great Lakes’, *World Politics Review* (2026, with Richard Moncrieff)
- ‘The gendered impact of the Russian full-scale invasion on the priorities of Ukrainian MPs’, commissioned by the Westminster Foundation for Democracy (2025, with Olena Sotnyk and Heidi Riley)
- ‘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-International Relations* (2024)
- ‘Can racial hierarchies in UN peacekeeping be dismantled?’, *Global Dialogue*, magazine of the International Sociological Association (2024, with Sarah von Billerbeck)
- ‘Who is behind the expansion of UN peacekeeping mandates?’, *Multilateralism in Action*, Columbia University (2024)

- ‘Gender considerations in the international response to the full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine’, commissioned by the Global Public Policy Institute (2024, with Felicity Gray)
- ‘Responsible management and use of data in UN peace operations’, commissioned by the French Ministry of Armed Forces, Sasakawa Peace Foundation, and the International Peace Institute (2023)
- ‘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)
- ‘Russia, NATO, and international organizations’, International Peace Institute (2022)
- ‘Does the UN hold peacekeeping leaders accountable?’ (2022, with Magnus Lundgren and Vincenzo Bove), *Political Violence at a Glance*
- ‘The politics of peacekeeping performance’, commissioned by the German Review on the United Nations (2022)
- ‘Peacekeeping bosses should be chosen by the UN and not the paymasters’ (2020, with Magnus Lundgren and Vincenzo Bove), *PassBlue*
- ‘Country profile: Ukraine’, *Providing for Peacekeeping*, International Peace Institute (2016)

Editorship

- *UN Peace Operations and International Relations Theory* (2020, Manchester University Press, paperback edition 2023, with John Karlsrud)
- ‘Norms and practices in UN peacekeeping: Evolution and contestation’, special section, *International Peacekeeping* (2019, with John Karlsrud)

Book Chapters

- ‘Regional and international mediation in the Great Lakes crisis’, in *Peace Mediation in an Era of Normative and Institutional Collapse: World Mediation Report 2026*, edited by Seán Deely (2026, with Richard Moncrieff, Doha Center for Conflict and Humanitarian Studies)
- ‘Creating datasets of officials in international organisations’, in *Introduction to International Organization Research Methods*, edited by Fanny Badache, Leah R. Kimber, and Lucile Maertens (2023, University of Michigan Press)
- ‘Public information and strategic communications in peace operations’, in *Handbook on Peacekeeping and International Relations*, edited by Han Dorussen (2022, Edward Elgar)
- ‘Liberal institutionalism’, in *United Nations Peace Operations and International Relations Theory*, edited by Kseniya Oksamytna and John Karlsrud (2020, with Carla Monteleone, Manchester University Press)
- ‘Civil society and the UN Security Council: Advocacy on the Rwandan genocide’, in *Partnerships in International Policy-Making: Civil Society and Public Institutions in European and Global Affairs*, edited by Raffaele Marchetti (2016, Palgrave Macmillan)

Funding

- Leverhulme Trust Research Fellowship ‘Legitimising Foreign-Backed Rule: Local Intermediaries in Ukraine and DR Congo’ (£57,477, Jan 2027 – Dec 2027)
- ‘Africa Multiple’ Cluster of Excellence Fellowship, German Research Foundation, University of Bayreuth (teaching replacement costs, Sep 2026 – Dec 2026)
- British Academy ODA Global Innovation Fellowship in partnership with the 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 George’s, University of London)
- UKRI Policy Support Fund (£4,975, Aug 2023) for collaboration with a policy partner from Nonviolent Peaceforce
- UKRI Higher Education Innovation Fund for Knowledge Exchange (£6,450, Jan 2023) for data visualisation ((<https://peacemandates.com>) and data story for the UN website (https://psdata.un.org/blog/pema_story/pema_story?)

Policy Engagement and Impact

- Member of research working groups, Folke Bernadotte Academy, a Swedish government-funded development agency (2023 – present)
- Virtual expert consultation in the context of the selection of the next UN Secretary-General in support of the UN80 Global Group (May 2026)
- Advisory Board member of the New Frontiers initiative by the FCDO Research Commissioning Center on causes of wars and pathways out of conflict (Feb – Mar 2026)
- Background paper cited in the UK Parliament debate ‘Ukraine: Non-recognition of Russian-occupied Territories’ (Jan 2026)
- Briefing to the Council of the EU and the European External Action Service on mediation in the Great Lakes region (Nov 2025)
- Virtual expert consultation ‘Making the UN fit for purpose: Recommendations for the mandate life cycle’ in support of the Co-Chairs of the UN General Assembly’s Informal Ad Hoc Working Group on Mandates (Nov 2025)
- Written evidence for an inquiry on post-Brexit UK-EU cooperation in crisis management cited by the House of Lords EU External Affairs Sub-Committee (May 2018)

Leadership and Service

- Editorial Board member, *Global Governance* (2025 – present) and *International Peacekeeping* (2024 – present)
- Mentor on funding and external impact at the British International Studies Association (BISA) mid-career professional development skills workshop (Jun 2026)
- Guest lectures ‘The return of great power politics’ and ‘Security cooperation in Europe’, European Consortium for Political Research Summer School, Lisbon (Sep 2025)
- Member of the Diplomatic Studies Section Awards committee and the Chadwick F. Alger Prize committee (Sep 2024 – Mar 2025), International Studies Association (Sep 2025 – Mar 2026)
- Reviewer of funding applications for the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek (NWO), Austrian Science Fund (FWF), and EU’s Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Ukraine Programme (2023 – 2025)
- Deputy Head of Department (Sep 2022 – Aug 2024) and Grant Capture Lead (Sep 2021 – Aug 2022), City St George’s, University of London
- Co-convener of the section ‘21st Century International Organizations’ at the European Consortium for Political Research General Conference (Sep 2023)
- Co-convener of the workshop of the European International Studies Association ‘Norms and Practices of Peace Operations: Evolution and Contestation (Jun 2017)

PhD Supervision

- Lynessa Griffith, 'Black women in diplomacy: Power, identity, and legitimacy in everyday diplomatic practice' (Oct 2024 – present)
- Martin Joergensen, 'Norway's role in promoting climate sensitivity in international peace and security' (Oct 2025 – present)

Selected Speaking Engagements

- One of keynote speakers at the seminar 'From local realities to global norms: What our partners teach us about the rules-based world order – voices from Ukraine and the MENA-region', Folke Bernadotte Academy (May 2026)
- Roundtable 'Protecting civilians and sustaining assistance: Challenges affecting civilians in occupied territories of Ukraine', Norwegian Refugee Council and ODI Global (Feb 2026)
- Virtual roundtable 'The challenges for brokering sustainable peace today', by the British Academy and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (Jan 2026)
- Roundtable 'Mediation under fire: Protecting peace processes and peacemakers', Qatar Mediation Forum (Dec 2025)
- Workshop 'Violence in Russia: The Ukraine war and beyond', Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies (RUSI) (Jun 2025)
- 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', University of Helsinki (hybrid, Feb 2025)
- The Global Governance Programme seminar series, European University Institute (Feb 2025)
- Roundtable 'What role can international organizations play in a geopolitically fragmented world?', University of St Andrews (Feb 2024)
- One of keynote speakers at the opening plenary of the Conflict Research Society Annual Conference (London, Sep 2023)
- Workshop 'Protracted conflict and lessons for security in Europe and beyond', University of Birmingham (Feb 2023)
- Korea Institute for Defense Analyses' seminar on 'US and China's peacekeeping operations policy' (virtual, Apr 2023)
- Chair at the conference 'The Russo-Ukrainian war' and participant in roundtables 'Social consequences of the war in Ukraine' and 'Justice and accountability during the war in Ukraine', British Academy (Sep 2022 – Feb 2023)
- Book talks at the University of Oxford, University College London, Columbia University, Stockholm Center on Global Governance, Australian National University, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, Leiden University Centre for International Relations, Global Public Policy Institute, Polish Academy of Sciences, School of Oriental and African Studies, Queen Mary, Dublin City University
- Guest lectures at University of Geneva, University College London, Karazin Kharkiv National University, TU Dresden, Fundação Armando Alvares Penteado (FAAP) São Paulo, University of Helsinki, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Ghent University, University of St Andrews, King's College London, American University