

Kseniya Oksamytna

Employment

City St George's, University of London

Reader in International Politics	August 2024 – present
Senior Lecturer in International Politics	April 2023 – July 2024
Lecturer in International Politics	September 2021 – March 2023

King's College London

Postdoctoral Research Associate	November 2018 – August 2021
Teaching Fellow / Research Assistant	September 2017 – October 2018

University of Warwick

Visiting Lecturer	October 2015 – July 2017
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Education

University of Geneva and LUISS

PhD, International Relations	November 2014
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Aarhus University, University of Amsterdam, and City St George's, University of London

MA, Journalism, Media and Globalisation	June 2009
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Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv

BA, International Relations	June 2007
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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
- Honorable Mention for 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*

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* (forthcoming, 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

- “UN Peacekeeping and the Challenges of Preventing Autocratization,” commissioned by the German Review on the United Nations (planned for February 2027)
- “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 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,” *Global Observatory*, International Peace Institute (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,” commissioned by the 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)
- “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* (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, January – December 2027)
- Bayreuth Academy of Advanced African Studies Fellowship “International Actors in the Great Lakes Conflict”, part funded by the German Research Foundation (£17,749, September – December 2026)
- British Academy ODA Global Innovation Fellowship for secondment to the International Crisis Group (£119,982, September 2025 – August 2026)
- Co-Investigator on ESRC-funded project “Democratization and UN Peacebuilding” (September 2021 – October 2022, £81,733 to City St George’s)
- UKRI Policy Support Fund (£4,975, August 2023) for collaboration with Nonviolent Peaceforce
- UKRI Higher Education Innovation Fund for Knowledge Exchange (£6,450, January 2023) for data visualisation of the PEMA dataset
- Transatlantic Post-Doc in International Relations and Security (September 2015, unable to accept)
- Dissertation completion grant, Fondation Schmidheiny (December 2013)

Leadership and Service

- Editorial Board member, *Global Governance* (2025 – present) and *International Peacekeeping* (2024 – present)
- “Doing Both: Bridging Research and Policy Advice in Peace and Security,” masterclass for early career scholars, University of Marburg (planned for November 2026)
- Mentor on funding and external impact at the British International Studies Association (BISA) mid-career professional development skills workshop (June 2026)
- Member of the Diplomatic Studies Section Awards committee (2026) and the Chadwick F. Alger Prize committee (2025), International Studies Association
- Deputy Head of Department (September 2022 – August 2024) and Grant Capture Lead (September 2021 – August 2022), City St George’s, University of London
- Co-convener of the section “21st Century International Organizations” at the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference (September 2023)
- Co-convener of the workshop of the European International Studies Association “Norms and Practices of Peace Operations: Evolution and Contestation” (June 2017)

Policy Engagement and Impact

- Member of Research Working Group on Leadership and Cooperation, Folke Bernadotte Academy, a Swedish government-funded development agency (2023 – present)

- Expert consultation in the context of the selection of the next UN Secretary-General in support of the UN80 Global Group (May 2026)
- Background paper cited in a UK Parliament debate “Ukraine: Non-recognition of Russian-occupied Territories” (January 2026)
- 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 (November 2025)
- External reviewer on policy briefs on strategic communications and countering disinformation in peacekeeping, International Peace Institute (2021 – 2022)
- Written evidence for an inquiry by the House of Lords EU External Affairs Sub-Committee cited in HL Paper 132 “Brexit: Common Security and Defence Policy missions and operations” (May 2018)

PhD Supervision

- Martin Joergensen, “Norway’s Role in Promoting the Climate, Peace, and Security Agenda” (October 2025 – present)
- Lynessa Griffith, “Black Women in Diplomacy: Competence and Legitimacy in Everyday Diplomatic Practice” (October 2024 – present)
- Charvi Jain, “India’s Nuclear Policies: Identity, Power, and Politics” (October 2023 – present)

Selected Speaking Engagements

- One of keynote speakers at the 31st International Humanitarian and Security Conference, the Centre International de Conférences Genève, Switzerland (planned for November 2026)
- Roundtable “Protecting Civilians and Sustaining Assistance: Challenges Affecting Civilians in Occupied Territories of Ukraine,” Norwegian Refugee Council and ODI Global (February 2026)
- Virtual roundtable “The Challenges for Brokering Sustainable Peace Today,” the British Academy and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (January 2026)
- Roundtable “Mediation Under Fire: Protecting Peace Processes and Peacemakers,” Qatar Mediation Forum (December 2025)
- Workshop “Violence in Russia: The Ukraine War and Beyond,” Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies (June 2025)
- One of keynote speakers at a hybrid roundtable “History is Not an Accident: The Return of Molotovs and Ribbentrops?,” University of Tallinn (March 2025)
- One of keynote speakers at a hybrid roundtable “Three Years of Ukrainian Resistance to the Full-scale Invasion,” University of Helsinki (Feb 2025)

- Speaker in the Global Governance Programme seminar series, European University Institute (February 2025)
- One of keynote speakers at the opening plenary of the Conflict Research Society Annual Conference (London, Sep 2023)
- One of keynote speakers at a virtual Korea Institute for Defense Analyses' seminar "US' and China's Peacekeeping Operations Policy" (April 2023)
- Workshop for academics and humanitarian workers "Protracted Conflict and Lessons for Security in Europe and Beyond," University of Birmingham (February 2023)
- Chair at the conference "The Russo-Ukrainian War" and participant at roundtables "Social Consequences of the War in Ukraine" and "Justice and Accountability During the War in Ukraine," British Academy (September 2022 – February 2023)
- Symposium "One Decade of Multi-crisis in the Sahel," Université libre de Bruxelles (March 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