

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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WORK EXPERIENCE

09/2016–Present

Research Fellow

Eurasian States in Transition (EAST) Research Center

Co-founder and Research Fellow at the recently established think-tank focused on post-Soviet and East European studies. Its team members are experienced researchers and analytical journalists based in Poland, Belarus, Ukraine, Russia and the Baltic states.

The Center's three main lines of activities are media analysis, research of Eurasian integration, and regular monitoring of the socio-economic situation in a number of post-Soviet countries. Our advantages are promptness and wide use of elaborate infographics and visuals.

09/2013–11/2016

Mentor

Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv (Ukraine)

I was mentoring Ukrainian students and graduate students at the Schools of International Journalism organized by the Ukrainian Catholic University, Department of Journalism, arguably the best journalism department in Ukraine. So far, six four-day journalism schools have taken place.

Under my guidance around forty journalists produced analytical articles which were published at the regional and leading national Ukrainian media.

Contact person: **Igor Balynsky**, Masters Program Director in UCU, ibalynskyy@ucu.edu.ua

04/2016–05/2016

Lecturer

European College of Liberal Arts in Belarus (ECLAB), Minsk (Belarus)

I read the course *International organizations in contemporary world politics: Belarus case* for the group of ECLAB students.

Contact person: **Alexander Adamiants**, Director of European College of Liberal Arts in Belarus (ECLAB), Director of Center of European Studies (Minsk), email: avadam@gmail.com

01/2016–08/2016

Analytical Journalist

BEL.BIZ Center of Business Communication, Minsk (Belarus)

At the Bel.biz business portal I was running two projects in analytical journalism. First, I used to produce weekly analysis of the most important trends or events in Belarus ("Topic of the Week"), with a wide use of infographics. A couple of examples:

Entire branches wither away: New statistics sheds light on emergency situation in Belarusian industry ([link](#), RU)

Online search statistics: Belarusians seek jobs in Poland five times more often than before ([link](#), RU)

Second, I did a series of big reports from Ukraine and Moldova on socio-political and economic situation in these countries, timed to the 25 years of independence.

Examples of reports on political history and current situation in Moldova for wider readership can be seen [here](#) and [here](#), a piece on socio-political situation in Ukrainian Kryvyi Rih can be found [here](#).

06/2012–12/2015

Research Fellow

Belarusian Institute for Strategic Studies, Minsk (Belarus)

I was responsible for producing research papers, briefs, monitoring analytical products in accordance with the think-tank's research agenda. I represented the BISS at national and international conferences, forums, and discussions at state institutions.

During my work for the BISS, in 2015 it was recognized by the Belarusian Research Council as top-ranked Belarusian think-tank.

Research areas: migration, visa policy and readmission, EU-Belarus relations, Belarus' relations with developing countries, international public law, international human rights law, potash market. Links to my research and brief papers produced at BISS can be found below.

- Editor and regular author of the quarterly **BISS Eurasian Review**, January 2014 – December 2015.
- Editor of the biannual monitoring reports on the main political, economic, legal, geopolitical and cultural trends in Belarus (**BISS-Trends**), June 2012 – January 2014.
- Editor of the monthly monitoring reports on political, economic, social, and cultural developments in Belarus (**BISS-Timeline**), January 2013 – December 2013.
- A few hundred commentaries and interviews in the media on the topics of my expertise.

11/2011–05/2012 **Research Fellow**

Belarusian Center for European Studies, Minsk (Belarus)

I produced research on EU sanctions policy towards Belarus, EU-Belarus relations, international human rights law mechanisms, etc.

A few examples of my analytical pieces:

EU's sanctions policy towards Belarus: Analysis of effectiveness ([link](#), RU)

Lawsuit against Belarusian Minister of Interior: How the principle of universal jurisdiction works ([link](#), RU)

Belarusian officials bypass EU visa ban: Loopholes or legitimate exceptions? ([link](#), RU)

09/2009–10/2011 **Correspondent**

European Radio for Belarus, Minsk (Belarus)

Key *Euroradio* reporter on international affairs responsible for covering European affairs as well as Belarus' domestic politics & NGO activities. My work included regular contributions to the radio program *Eurofocus* designed to raise awareness in European affairs and inform the public about Belarus' cooperation with the European Union, the Council of Europe, the OSCE and other international organizations.

- More than 300 three-minute long radio reports on politics and NGO activities in Belarus, European affairs, EU-Belarus relations, etc.
- Experienced in reporting from the EU institutions. I spent about two months in working trips to Brussels, Strasbourg and Luxembourg, reporting from the European Parliament & the Council of Ministers, interviewing the European Commission officials.
- I did extensive coverage of 2010 Poland's presidential campaign, including interviews with the Presidential candidates, and occasionally reported from some other EU countries.
- First place award in the Journalism Contest *EU - Belarus 2010*, organized by the Belarusian Association of Journalists and the EU Delegation in Belarus.
- First place award in the 2012 national journalism contest *Tvoj Styl (Your Style)* nominated for the best piece on youth leadership in Belarus.
- I represented the Belarus' journalistic community at the World Press Freedom Day 2011 official events in the United States.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

09/2012–05/2015 **MA in Management**

EQF level 7

Belarusian State Technological University (Belarus) & Vilnius Gediminas Technical University

(Lithuania)

Specialization: Real Estate Management.

Main subjects included Methods of Real Estate Appraisal, Applied Econometrics for Business, Real Estate Investment and Development, Mediation in Real Estate, Multiple-criteria Analysis of Building Assessment and Project Management, Management of Social and Economic Systems, Project Management Methodology, Management of Construction and Real Estate Under Conditions of Market Instability, etc.

Master's thesis: Good governance in public land management in the European Union countries: Lessons for Belarus.

08/2013–09/2013 **Internship at the Finnish Institute of International Affairs**

Helsinki (Finland)

I researched border cooperation at the EU's eastern frontiers. The following paper was published by the FIIA:

Yeliseyeu, Andrei. Keeping the door ajar. Local border traffic regimes on the EU's eastern borders. Finnish Institute of International Affairs, FIIA report 41, 2014. [\[Link\]](#)

Contact person: **Arkady Moshes**, Programme Director (The EU's Eastern Neighbourhood and Russia research programme) at the FIIA, arkady.moshes@fiia.fi

10/2011–05/2012 **Postgraduate diploma**

EQF level 7

Estonian School of Diplomacy, Tallinn (Estonia)

Specialization: International Relations and European Integration.

Main subjects of the Training Course valued 60 ECTS Credit Points included Theories of International Relations, International Law, Political Theories and Systems, International Conflicts, International Economics, European Economic Integration, Russian Foreign Policy, Diplomatic and Consular Law, etc.

09/2007–06/2009 **Master in Political Science**

EQF level 7

European Humanities University, Political Science Department, Vilnius (Lithuania)

Specialization: Democracy and Civil Society.

Main subjects included Democratic Theory and History, Political Institutions in Comparative Perspective, Political Theory, Political Science Research Methods, Theories of Power, NGO Management, Globalization and International Organizations, Impact of Public Relations, Ethnicity and Nationalism, Political Participation and Culture in Democratic and Authoritarian Regimes, Social Transformations in the Borderlands of Central and Eastern Europe, etc.

Master's thesis: Evolution of policy-making in Belarus: Structural-functional analysis and Structuration theory.

09/2008–05/2009 **LL.M. in International and European Law**

EQF level 7

Riga Graduate School of Law, Riga (Latvia)

Specialization: Business and Human Rights.

Main subjects included Theory and Development of International Public Law and Human Rights, Modern Challenges to Public International Law, Enforcement of Human Rights, Settlement of Disputes: Public and Private, Business and Human Rights, Humanitarian Law, Changing European Human Rights Law, State Responsibility in International Law, International Criminal Law, etc.

Master's thesis: The Alien Tort Claims Act as a new trend in corporate social responsibility: the Doe v. Unocal case.

09/2007–06/2008 **Master in History**

EQF level 7

Belarusian State University, Department of International Relations, Minsk (Belarus)

Specialization: Foreign policy.

Main subjects included Theories of International Relations, Contemporary International Relations, Belarus' Foreign Policy, Philosophy, etc.

Master's thesis: Foreign policy of the Republic of Lithuania in 1991 – 2007.

06/2002–05/2007 **Bachelor / Specialist in International Relations, Translator-Reviewer (Spanish, English)** EQF level 6

Belarusian State University, Department of International Relations, Minsk (Belarus)

Specialization: International Relations.

Main subjects included History and Concepts of International Relations, History of Europe and America, History of Asia and African countries, Foreign Policy of the Middle East countries, International Public Law, International Organizations, Political Parties and Movements, National and International Security, Religion Studies, Social Psychology, Theory and History of Culture, Regional Conflicts, Constitutional Law, Philosophy, Logics, Political Theory, Medicine, Diplomacy, Diplomatic Protocol and Etiquette, Spanish, English, etc.

First award in the *Students Research Competition on Belarus - Lithuania cooperation* organized by the Belarusian State University and the Embassy of the Lithuanian Republic.

First award in the 2007 University contest on the World War II History.

17/06/2013–28/06/2013 **Certificate of Attendance, IX Migration Summer School: Theories, Methods and Policies**

European University Institute, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, Florence (Italy)

Two-week summer school included lectures and workshops on Migration and Citizenship, Demography and Migration, International Statistics on Migration, The European Law for Governing Migration, Legal Aspects of the EU-Eastern Neighbourhood Cooperation on Migration and Mobility, Migration Law in Southern EU Neighbourhood, Integration and Social Cohesion, Social Costs of Migration, Innovation, Migration and Mobility of Talents, etc.

22/09/2013–01/10/2013 **Certificate of completion of the Population and Development course**

Russian Institute of Demography & the National Research University "Higher School of Economics", St. Petersburg (Russia)

The 76-hour course included lectures and workshops on the Theory of Demographic Transition, Epidemiological Transition, Regional characteristics of Demographic Transition, Integral Health Indicators, Mortality problems in the post-Soviet countries, Modern Approaches to Fertility Analysis, Sexual and Reproductive Health, Demographic Projections, etc.

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Belarusian, Russian

Other language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C1	C2	C1	C2	C2
International Legal English Certificate C1 Pass, May 2009 Diploma of Translator / Reviewer, Belarusian State University					
Spanish	B2	C1	B2	B2	B2
Diploma of Translator / Reviewer, Belarusian State University					
Polish	C1	C2	B2	B2	B2
Lithuanian	B2	C1	B1	B1	B1
Latvian	B2	B2	B1	B2	B1
State Language Proficiency Test by the Latvia's National Centre for Education B2, August 2014					
Ukrainian	C2	C2	C1	C1	B2

French	B1	B2	A2	A2	A2
Estonian	A2	A2	A2	A2	A2
Estonian language proficiency examination, A2, May 2013					

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

Communication skills

Experienced in giving public presentations, many appearances on TV and radio programs. I have given public presentations in English, Polish, Russian, Ukrainian and Belarusian at various national and international conferences, round tables, discussions at state institutions, briefings for foreign diplomats, etc.

I keep improving my presentation skills by attending specialized seminars. In June 2015 I attended a one-day training *How to Make the Camera Work for You in a Television Appearance* by Rita Miliūtė, a known Lithuanian media specialist.

Organisational / managerial skills

I am an Ongoing Curator at the Global Shapers Minsk Hub <http://minshub.org/>, part of the Global Shapers Community, an initiative of the World Economic Forum. In January 2016, our team member was invited to the 46th Annual meeting of the World Economic Forum in Davos.

For this reason the Minsk Hub elaborated a proposal **Minsk Hub of Peace** to set up in Belarus a long-lasting international platform under the aegis of the Global Shapers Community / WEF, which would deal with resolution of conflicts which affect post-Soviet countries. Minsk Hub's essay on this topic prepared by me in cooperation with two other team members was distributed among 2.5 thousand of Davos-2016 guests and **published at the WEF Webpage**.

Job-related skills

A larger list of my research and policy papers available at the **Academia.edu page**, whereas my 2016 journalism pieces for the Bel.biz business portal can be found [here](#).

Selected research papers:

- Yeliseyeu, Andrei. Belarus: Europeanisation through the "Back-Door"? In: *Dilemmas of Europeanisation: Political Choices and Economic Transformations in the Eastern Partnership Countries* [Ed. by Andris Sprūds, Ilvija Brūge, Aldis Austers]. Latvian Institute of International Affairs and Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung. Riga, 2016. [\[Link\]](#)
- Yeliseyeu, Andrei (in cooperation with Krzysztof Mrozek). *EU Visa Code reform. Necessary but not easy*. Batory Foundation. Warsaw, May 2016. [\[Link\]](#)
- Yeliseyeu, Andrei (in cooperation with Aliaksandr Autushka-Sikorski). *Belarus's potash sector: Reasons and consequences of break-up with Uralkali*. BISS Research Paper, April 2015. [\[Link\]](#)
- Yeliseyeu, Andrei. *Keeping the door ajar. Local border traffic regimes on the EU's eastern borders*. Finnish Institute of International Affairs, FIIA report 41, 2014. [\[Link\]](#)
- Yeliseyeu, Andrei. Migration between the EU, V4 and Eastern Europe: the present situation and the possible future. The perspective of Belarus, in *Forecasting migration between the EU, V4 and Eastern Europe. Impact of visa abolition* (ed. by Marta Jaroszewicz and Magdalena Lesińska). Center for Eastern Studies, Warsaw, July 2014. [\[Link\]](#)
- Yeliseyeu, Andrei (in cooperation with Balázs Jarábik and Alexei Pikulik). *Belarus and the Eurasian Union: incremental integration*. FRIDE Policy Brief, 11 June 2013. [\[Link\]](#)
- Yeliseyeu, Andrei. *Some aspects of Belarusian-Chinese relations in the regional dimension: much sound and little sense*. BISS research paper, #08/2013RU, 9 April 2013. [\[Link\]](#)
- Yeliseyeu, Andrei. *Emigration and diaspora policies in Belarus*, INTERACT Research Report 2014/27, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, San Domenico di Fiesole (FI): European University Institute, 2014. [\[Link\]](#)
- Yeliseyeu, Andrei. *Belarus-EU: The likely consequences of a readmission agreement*. BISS research paper, SA#10/2013EN, 29 May 2013. [\[Link\]](#)
- Yeliseyeu, Andrei. *Cases of Belarusian nationals at the European Court of Human Rights*. BISS research paper, SA #04/2012EN, 10 September 2012. [\[Link\]](#)
- Yeliseyeu, Andrei. *Response to the Research Report "The impact of labour migration on Belarus: a demographic perspective"* (CARIM-East RR 2012/20), CARIM-East AS 2012/13, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, San Domenico di Fiesole (FI): European University Institute, 2012. [\[Link\]](#)

• Yeliseyeu, Andrei. *Analysis of Belarus's trade with developing countries*. BISS research paper, SA #18/2013EN, 16 December 2013. [[Link](#)]

Selected international research projects:

Eastern Partnership Visa Liberalization Index. Country expert (Belarus). Responsibilities: quarterly (in October 2013 - 2015, quarterly, since 2015, yearly) monitoring and assessment of the fulfillment of criteria for visa liberalization by Belarus in four blocks: Documents security, including biometrics; Irregular immigration, including readmission; Public security and order; External Relations and Fundamental Rights.

INTERACT (Researching Third Country National's Integration as a Three-way Process – Immigrants, Countries of Emigration and Countries of Immigration as Actors of Integration).

Country expert (Belarus), implemented by a consortium built by CEDEM, UPF and MPI. Responsibilities: delivering data for the database (policy framework, statistical data, contacts of the NGOs dealing with emigrants and migration issues), preparing a short annotated bibliography of relevant publications on Belarusian emigration, delivering an explanatory note on main issues on integration, conducting telephone survey among stakeholders, preparing a report on legal framework of diaspora and emigration policy in Belarus.

Forecasting migration between the EU, V4 and Eastern Europe: impact of visa abolition (June 2013 – June 2014). County expert (Belarus), supported by the Visegrad Fund. Responsibilities:

conducting two-round Delphi survey among migration experts representing academia, state agencies, NGOs and IOs dealing with migration, collecting visa and migration statistics for the econometric modelling, preparing a country report.

Digital competence

SELF-ASSESSMENT				
Information processing	Communication	Content creation	Safety	Problem solving
Proficient user	Proficient user	Proficient user	Independent user	Proficient user

Digital competences - Self-assessment grid

Website building and administering (CMS Drupal, Wordpress), Page-making (Quark XPress), Video-editing (Adobe Premiere Pro), SPSS.

Driving licence B