

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

2015 – 2016

George Mason University (www.gmu.edu), School of Policy, Government and International Affairs – **Fulbright Visiting Student Researcher**

2013 – to present (on sabbatical leave from January 2015)

Rīga Stradiņš University (www.rsu.lv), Division of Doctoral Studies, Doctoral study programme “Political Science”. Doctoral dissertation – “The Many Sources of Foreign Policy Expertise: European Union’s Policy towards Belarus (2004-2014)” (provisional title)

2007 – 2012

Rīga Stradiņš University, Faculty of European Studies, Master’s study programme „International Relations” (**M.rel.int. degree with distinction**) and Bachelor’s study programme „International Relations – European Studies” (**B.sc.pol. degree with distinction**)

WORK EXPERIENCE

June 2012 – to present

Latvian Institute of International Affairs (www.liia.lv) – research fellow (*associate fellow in the period up to December 2012*)

March – April 2015 and November 2013 – January 2014

Rīga Stradiņš University – lecturer

May 2014 – September 2015

European Economic and Social Committee (www.eesc.europa.eu) – alternate

October 2012 – October 2013

European Economic and Social Committee – expert (REX/387 opinion on “Sustainable change in transition societies”, adopted; SOC/458 opinion on the “Europe for Citizens programme”, adopted; SOC/428 opinion on the “European Year of Citizens (2013), adopted)

December 2010 – August 2013

European Movement – Latvia (www.eiropaskustiba.lv) – project manager, counsellor (*assistant project manager in the period up to December 2011*)

GENERAL RESEARCH INTERESTS

Latvia’s foreign policy; Europeanization; Latvia’s relations with CIS/Eastern Partnership states and the USA; external relations of the EU; civic participation in decision-making

SELECT PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

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– Potjomkina, Diāna. *A More Geopolitical Eastern Partnership: U-Turn or “The Lady’s Not For Turning”?* Riga: Latvian Institute of International Affairs, 2015. <http://liia.lv/en/publications/a-more-geopolitical-eastern-partnership-u-turn-or/>

- Bukovskis, Kārlis, and Diāna Potjomkina. “Latvia”. In *EU Member States and Enlargement Towards the Balkans*. Brussels: European Policy Centre, 2015. http://www.epc.eu/pub_details.php?cat_id=2&pub_id=5832
- Potjomkina, Diāna. “The Unheard Voices on the Eve of the Riga Summit”. In *New Eastern Europe*, May 2015. <http://www.neweasterneurope.eu/articles-and-commentary/1589-the-unheard-voices-on-the-eve-of-the-riga-summit>
- Lange-Ionatamišvili, Elina, and Diāna Potjomkina. “The Fight for Hearts and Minds: Challenges in the Information Sphere of Russia’s Neighborhood”. In *Visegrad Insight*, November 2014. <http://visegradinsight.eu/the-fight-for-hearts-and-minds26112014/>
- Potjomkina, Diāna. “Wrap-Up: Challenges, Opportunities and Prospects”. In *Northern Distribution Network: Redefining Partnerships within NATO and Beyond*, eds. Andris Sprūds and Diāna Potjomkina. Riga: Latvian Institute of International Affairs, 2013. <http://liia.lv/en/publications/northern-distribution-network-redefining-partnersh/>

INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCES AND SUMMER SCHOOLS

- **Paper** “Politics of Transparency: A Knowledge Management Perspective on the Civic Participation in European Union’s Foreign Policy-Making”, **Annual Conference of the American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences (AABSS)**. Las Vegas, 2016
- **PhD Summer School** “The ENP under Pressure: The EU and the Eastern and Southern Neighbourhoods” organised by the College of Europe, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, and Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung. Warsaw, Be’er Sheva, East Jerusalem, Ramallah, 2015
- **Paper** “Generational Change or Continuity? Latvia’s Foreign Policy towards Belarus”, **13th International Postgraduate Conference on Central and Eastern Europe “Old Rules & New Traditions: Generational Divides in Central and Eastern Europe”**, University College London. London, 2014

MAIN INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

- Eastern Partnership Civil Society Conference in Riga, Latvia, May 2015 (Riga Eastern Partnership Summit side event) – **co-organizer**
- European Council on Foreign Relations, European Foreign Policy Scorecard 2015 and 2014 – **national researcher** – Latvia, <http://www.ecfr.eu/scorecard/home>
- Advanced Programme for European Politics, Law and Economics 2015 and 2014 – **organizer** of week-long study visits to Brussels and Luxembourg for mid-career professionals from Eastern Partnership and Central Asia, see <http://www.rgsl.edu.lv/en/news-and-events/732/call-for-applications-advanced-programme-in-law-and-economics>

MAIN AWARDS

- **Certificate of merit by the Chair of the Saeima [Parliament of the Republic of Latvia] Ināra Mūrniece** for contribution to the Latvian Presidency of the Council of the European Union (2015)
- **Certificate of merit by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia Edgars Rinkēvičs** for contribution to the Latvian Presidency of the Council of the European Union (2015)

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

- **Elected board member at the European Movement – Latvia**
- **Co-chair of the Civil Society Group, the Younger Generation Task Force on Ukraine and Euro-Atlantic Security** established by the Nuclear Threat Initiative and partners
- Volunteering experience at the **American Councils for International Education and European Movement – Latvia**

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Russian – native language

Latvian – native level (C2)

English – proficient user (C1-C2, academic IELTS 8.5/9, TOEFL 111/120)

Spanish – intermediate to good (B2-C1)

Belorussian – passive