

## BOHDAN BERNATSKYI

### Education and Key Qualifications

- 04.2023 Executive Training Seminar ‘Making Sanctions Work’, European University Institute
- 06.2023 MWP Teaching Certificate programme  
Teaching practice at the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid
- 11.2019 PhD in International Law  
PhD Thesis Title: Forming the Ukrainian model of the prohibition of political parties in light of international standards and practices
- 09.2015 Master’s in International Law  
Department of International Law, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine
- 06.2013 Bachelor’s in International Law  
Department of International Law, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine

### Current and previous positions

- 06.2024 – Visiting Fellow / Main duties: participating in the EU co-funded project  
08.2024 KLEPTOTRACE (ISF – International Security Fund) on intersection of sanctions and high-level corruption, contributing to the analysis of EU sanctions regimes and asset recovery, Transcrime, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Italy.
- Since 09.2022 Max Weber Fellow / Main duties: during first year, carrying out the project on the prohibition of political parties’ research; during the second year, accomplishing the project on complex reasons behind international sanctions (current position), Law Department / European University Institute, Italy.
- Since 09.2021 Senior Lecturer / Main duties: teaching disciplines such as Sanctions & International Responsibility, Diplomatic Law, Contemporary Problems of International Law. Department of International and European Law, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Ukraine (current part-time position, remote).
- 03.2020 – Legal Adviser / Main duties: commenting and reviewing legislative initiatives, drafting  
03.2022 legislation (draft law on sanctions), organising workshops and conferences on the steps in legislation. Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (Parliament), Ukraine.
- 07.2015 – Legal Adviser/ Main duties: consulting DRI project in Ukraine on decentralization and  
12.2019 justice reforms, commenting on legislative initiatives, project management. Democracy Reporting International, Ukraine.

### Peer recognition:

- 1) In 2023, I won a re:constitution fellowship, which allowed me to spend three months at Transcrime, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore.
- 2) I have been invited to be a peer reviewer for the *Journal of International Trade Law and Policy*.
- 3) Several of my students at the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy have been successfully enrolled in the Fulbright Program and at the EUI, with the support of my letters of recommendation and assistance in preparing their academic letters of interest.

- 4) I held visiting lectures at the Ukrainian Catholic University, Ukraine; European University Institute, Italy; Sciences Po, France; Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Italy.
- 5) Participant in the Geneva International Sanctions Network at IHEID.

**Additional relevant contributions.** I have solid networking skills, which allow me to participate in wider debates on sanctions, present my findings, and appeal to certain sanctions paradigms. To list the most important: Workshops and public events as the speaker:

- 1) CSIS's Congressional Foresight Initiative briefing on sanctions, in cooperation with Visegrad Insight (14 September 2023), Washington, D.C.
- 2) 'Electoral Break Training at the European Parliament' – Seminar organised with the European University Institute, 'Sanctions in EU external policy and the role of the European Parliament' (4 June 2024) and more.

Latest academic conferences:

- 1) 'Beyond a Single Purpose: The Complex Reasons Behind International Sanctions', 18th Max Weber Fellows June Conference 'Continuity or Rupture: Towards an Interdisciplinary Inquiry' (12-14 June 2024) at the European University Institute.
- 2) 'Unpacking sanctions data', Eighth Annual Tartu Conference on East European and Eurasian Studies (20-21 June 2024) at the University of Tartu.

**Career breaks, diverse career paths and major life events.** My career path combines both the NGO and academic sectors, complementing each other. After starting work with DRI, I developed a particular interest in the activities of political parties, leading to the successful defence of my PhD thesis on the prohibition of political parties.

In 2020, I began working with the Ukrainian Parliament and had the opportunity to contribute to the development of reforms in Ukraine's sanctions regulation. This experience sparked a professional and lifelong interest in this foreign policy tool. In 2021, I launched a unique course on sanctions at Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, which continues to be offered as an optional course for students.

In 2023, I launched an online platform, Sanctions Finder, which is a comprehensive dataset of all sectoral sanctions from the US, UK, and EU. The platform attracts more than 10,000 users per month and has received positive feedback from both scholars and practitioners.

**Latest research outputs:**

- 1) Bohdan Bernatskyi, 'Beyond a Single Purpose: The Complex Reasons Behind International Sanctions' (draft article – under review in the *German Law Journal*).
- 2) 'Introduction to the KLEPTOTRACE Report on Sanctioning High-Level Corruption Actors', (the report will be published at: <https://transcrime.it/kleptotrace/>).
- 3) Bohdan Bernatskyi, 'Why and When Democracies Ban Political Parties', *Comparative European Politics Journal* (April 2024).
- 4) Bohdan Bernatskyi, Dmytro Koval, *Sanctions Handbook*, Zmina, 2024 (in Ukrainian).
- 5) <https://sanctions-finder.com> – my platform (start-up) provides sanctions lists imposed by the US, UK, and EU. It grants researchers and officials access to the most recent and relevant sanctions data, including sectoral limitations.