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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- ❖ **National University Kyiv-Mohyla Academy**, Associate Professor of Law – Kyiv, Ukraine (12/2021–present)
 - Teaching International Criminal Law, Transitional Justice (LLB, LLM) (in English);
 - Supervising LLB, LLM, PhD students' research on different aspects of public international law.
- ❖ **International Center for Transitional Justice**, Head of Ukraine Program – Kyiv, Ukraine (02/2025 – present)
 - Legal and policy advice on developing reparations and wider transitional justice measures for survivors of international crimes in Russia's aggression against Ukraine.
- ❖ **British Institute of International and Comparative Law**, British Academy Research Fellow (03/2023 – present)
 - Research on the international law aspects of the Russia-Ukraine armed conflict, with a particular focus on incitement to genocide, cultural heritage, conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV) & transitional justice.
- ❖ **Clooney Foundation for Justice**, Consultant (06/2022 – 11/2024)
 - Interviewed survivors, assessed evidence, conducted legal research and analysis for drafting submissions to international and domestic jurisdictions on alleged atrocity crimes in the Russia-Ukraine armed conflict. Key focus: direct and public incitement to genocide and CRSV.
- ❖ **Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies**, Visiting Fellow – Regensburg, Germany (03/2022 – 02/2022)
 - Researched, published, co-organised and spoke at events on the international law issues concerning the Russia-Ukraine armed conflict, in particular war crimes investigations, CRSV, genocide.
- ❖ **UN Women**, National Consultant on Transitional Justice and Prevention of and Response to Conflict-Related Sexual Violence – Kyiv, Ukraine (02/2021 – 02/2022)
 - Advised Ukrainian authorities on ensuring a gendered approach to transitional justice policy;
 - Co-drafted the strategy on the prevention of and response to CRSV in Ukraine.
- ❖ **Global Survivors Fund**, Consultant – Kyiv, Ukraine (02/2021 – 02/2022)
 - Contributed to the [study](#) on the needs and opportunities for reparations for CRSV survivors from 20 conflict-affected countries.
- ❖ **#InternationalLawTalks webinar series**, co-organiser – Kyiv, Ukraine (01/2021 – present)
 - Co-organising webinars that bring together international and Ukrainian legal professionals to discuss the Russia-Ukraine armed conflict-related issues in the wider dynamics of international law and international relations.
- ❖ **Centre for Defence Strategies**, lawyer, Project Manager – Kyiv, Ukraine (02/2021 – 04/2021)
 - Supervised the inaugural project on the Crimean Platform, defining law and policy responses to security and defence issues connected with the occupation and de-occupation of Crimea;
 - Wrote a policy paper on cultural heritage as an element of national security.
- ❖ **The Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House)**, Robert Bosch Stiftung Academy Fellow, Russia and Eurasia Programme – London, UK (09/2019 – 10/2020)

- Wrote policy comments on different topics of international humanitarian, criminal, human rights law, transitional justice, cultural property protection and gender;
 - Contributed to the activities of The Queen Elizabeth II Academy for Leadership in International Affairs through the participation in leadership talks with outstanding policymakers, business people and academics; represented the Academy at leadership and professional workshops for young people around the UK;
 - Co-organised and spoke at events on international law, transitional justice, Ukraine and Eastern Europe, including: 'Crimea: Ukraine's Lawfare vs Russia's Warfare', 'Transitional Justice Policymaking: Lessons for Ukraine', 'Truth-Telling, Amnesties and Reconciliation during and post-Conflict', 'Domestic Violence in Russia and Central and Eastern Europe: Challenges and Responses'.
- ❖ **Global Rights Compliance LLP**, Legal Consultant – Kyiv, Ukraine (09/2015 – 08/2019)
- Contributed to drafting legislation improving Ukraine's compliance with international humanitarian and criminal law, including the amendments to the Criminal and Criminal Procedure Codes;
 - Consulted Ukrainian authorities and NGOs on the best practices of documenting, investigating, prosecuting and adjudicating international crimes and drafting respective communications to the International Criminal Court.
- ❖ **International Criminal Court**, Office of the Prosecutor, Visiting Professional – The Hague, the Netherlands (02/2018 – 05/2018)
- Conducted legal research, analysis and drafting (further details are confidential).
- ❖ **Kennan Institute of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars**, fellow – Washington D.C., USA (02/2017-04/2017)
- Conducted the research 'Justice beyond Adjudication: Reconciliation Challenges for Ukraine after 2014'.
- ❖ **National Art Museum of Ukraine**, lawyer, advisor to the Director-General – Kyiv, Ukraine (12/2013 – 10/2015)
- Led the litigation work, provided legal advice to museum employees on cultural heritage issues.
- ❖ **Institute of International Relations, Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University, Department of International Law**, Teaching Assistant – Kyiv, Ukraine (09/2012 – 06/2015)
- Taught seminars on International Human Rights, Humanitarian and Criminal Law.
- ❖ **KPMG Ukraine**, junior tax consultant – Kyiv, Ukraine (03/2011 – 09/2011)
- Conducted comparative legal analyses of Ukrainian and foreign tax legislation.

EDUCATION

- **University of Oxford** - MSc in International Human Rights Law (10/2022 – 10/2024) (part-time)
- **University of Cambridge** – LLM in International Law (10/2011 – 06/2012)
- **Institute of International Relations, Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University** – PhD in International Law (10/2012 – 04/2015), LLM in International Law (Distinction) (09/2010 – 05/2012), LLB in International Law (Distinction) (09/2006 – 07/2010)

PRINCIPAL PUBLICATIONS

- ✓ '[Transitional Justice for Ukraine: Myths and Ways Forward](#)' (ICTJ, 03/2026)
- ✓ '[History and International Law Proscribe Amnesties for Russian War Crimes](#)' (Just Security, 12/2025)
- ✓ '[Invisible Scars: Ukraine's Disappeared amid Russian Aggression](#)' (co-authored with Alec Knight, ICTJ, 09/2025)
- ✓ '[Ensuring Gender-Competent Responses to Conflict-Related Male Sexual Violence in Russia's Aggression against Ukraine](#)' (*Journal of International Criminal Justice*, 04/2025)

- ✓ [‘Beyond Sexual: Reproductive and Obstetric Violence in Russia’s Aggression against Ukraine’](#) (Opinio Juris, 06/2024)
- ✓ [‘Women Are at the Center of Ukraine’s Path to Justice and Recovery’](#) (co-authored with Prof Fionnuala Ní Aoláin, Just Security, 05/2024)
- ✓ [‘Russia’s weaponising of sexual violence, and Ukraine’ response, reveals a grim war of values’](#) (*The Guardian*, 03/2024)
- ✓ [‘Reparations for Atrocity Victims in Ukraine: Survivors’ Aspirations and Emerging Legal Framework’](#) (*Cambridge Journal of Law, Politics, and Art*, 03/2024)
- ✓ [‘When the Head of State Makes Rape Jokes, His Troops Rape on the Ground: Conflict-Related Sexual Violence in Russia’s Aggression against Ukraine’](#) (*Journal of Genocide Research*, 12/2023)
- ✓ Chatham House report [‘How to end Russia’s war on Ukraine’](#) (contributor, 06/2023)
- ✓ [‘Protecting Cultural Heritage from Armed Conflicts in Ukraine and beyond’](#), research for the CULT Committee of the European Parliament (contributor, 03/2023)
- ✓ [‘If Ukraine’s Fate Is not a Menu à La Carte, then Ukrainian Voices Must Be Heard’](#) (EJIL:Talk!, 06/2022)
- ✓ [‘Russia’s Aggression against Ukraine and the Idealised Symbolism of Nuremberg’](#) (EJIL:Talk!, 06/2022)
- ✓ [‘Transitional Justice in Ukraine: Guidance to Policymakers’](#) (co-authored with Prof Rebecca Hamilton, Just Security, 06/2022)
- ✓ [‘Mariupol and the Origins and Avenues of Ukraine’s Transitional Justice Process’](#) (Just Security, 06/2022)
- ✓ [‘Ukraine Study on the Status of and Opportunities for Reparations for Survivors of Conflict-Related Sexual Violence’](#) (co-authored with Amal Nassar and Alexa Sydor-Czartorysky, Global Survivors Fund, 05/2022)
- ✓ [‘Human Rights Development in the Post-Soviet Region under External Pressure: the Role of the EU’](#) (book chapter co-authored with Prof Karina Shyrokykh) in ‘Thirty Years Looking Back: State-Building, Rule of Law, Good Governance and Human Rights in the Post-Soviet Space’, ed. by L. Leontiev, P. Amarasinghe, Routledge, 2022
- ✓ [‘Female Faces of Donbas Hostages’](#) (Media Initiative for Human Rights report, 12/2021, legal and gender consultant)
- ✓ [‘The Thunder Road to Justice: Ukraine’s 2001 Constitutional Court Opinion on the Rome Statute and Its Impact on the Country’s Relationship with the International Criminal Court’](#) in ‘March to Justice: Global Military Law Landmarks’, ed. by N. Singh, F. D. Rosenblatt, Occam 2021
- ✓ [‘Cultural Heritage as an Element of National Security: the Crimea Lens’](#) (co-authored with Alina Frolova, Centre for Defence Strategies, 03/2021)
- ✓ [‘COVID-19 Holds Lessons for Ukraine’s Amnesty Policy’](#) (co-authored with Anna Korbut, Chatham House, expert comment, 11/2020)
- ✓ [‘Can the International Criminal Court Help Belarus?’](#) (Chatham House, expert comment, 08/2020)
- ✓ [‘Conflict-Related Sexual Violence in Ukraine: An Opportunity for Gender-Sensitive Policymaking?’](#) (Chatham House, expert comment, 08/2020)
- ✓ [‘Domestic Violence in Ukraine: Lessons from COVID-19’](#) (Chatham House, expert comment, 07/2020)
- ✓ [‘ICC’s Influence Can Be Strengthened by Ukraine’s Case’](#) (Chatham House, expert comment, 04/2020)
- ✓ [‘Can Ukraine’s Appeal to the International Courts Work?’](#) (Chatham House, expert comment, 04/2020)
- ✓ [‘Crimea’s Occupation Exemplifies the Threat of Attacks on Cultural Heritage’](#) (Chatham House, expert comment, 02/2020)
- ✓ [‘Is International Law ‘fit’ to Deal with Crimea?’](#) (co-authored with Maria Issaeva and Cindy Wittke, *Dekoder*, 03/2018)
- ✓ [‘The Humanitarian Dimension of the Ukraine Conflict and OSCE Engagement’](#) (report for the Workshop ‘Experiences and Opportunities: The OSCE as Mediator and Facilitator of Civil Society Dialogues in Long-Standing Conflicts’, 11/2018)
- ✓ [‘Art in War: Ukraine’s Cultural Property in Occupied Crimea’](#) (Ukraine-Analysen, 11/2018)
- ✓ [#InternationalLawTalks](#) , interviews with [Professor Philippe Sands KC](#) (12/2016), [Prof Sarah Nouwen](#) (10/2017), ECtHR Judge [Ganna Yudkivska](#) (12/2017)
- ✓ [‘Relevance of the ICC Timbuktu case’](#) (co-authored with Wayne Jordash KC, LexisNexis, 08/2016)
- ✓ [‘Protection of Cultural Property in the Armed Conflict in Eastern Ukraine’](#) (‘Ukrainian Revolution,

Russian Aggression and International Law', collective monograph, 07/2014)

- ✓ **'Protection of Cultural Property of Indigenous Peoples under International Law'** (*Ukrainian Journal of International Law*, 03/2013)
- ✓ **'The Conformity of the US Activities on the Protection of Cultural Property during the 2003-2011 War in Iraq with International Law and US National Law'** (*Law and Life*, 2013)

PRINCIPAL PRESENTATIONS

- Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, side-event "[Using Technology to Improve Investigations of Sexual and Gender-Based Crimes](#)" (The Hague, The Netherlands, 12/2024)
- Presentation "[Reproductive Violence and the Crime of Aggression](#)" (43:16) at the conference "[Reproductive Violence in International Criminal Law](#)" (The Hague, The Netherlands, 06/2024).
- Chatham House event '[Russia's Use of Abduction, Torture and Sexual Violence in War](#)' (London, UK, 02/2024)
- Conference '[Gender and International Criminal Law](#)' (The Hague, The Netherlands, 01/2024)
- Ukrainian International Law Association-ASIL Summit '[Stand Tall for the Rule of Law](#)' commemorating the 75th anniversary since the adoption of the Genocide Convention and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Lviv, Ukraine, 12/2023)
- Chatham House event '[Ending the War on Ukraine: Dangers of False Peace](#)' (London, UK, 06/2023)
- 2023 ASIL Annual Meeting, panel '**Preventing and Responding to Aggression: International law's limits and (alternative) potentials?**' (Washington, D.C., US (online), 03/2023)
- Vrije University Amsterdam 2023 lecture series '**Accountability for Conflict-Related Crimes in Ukraine**', lecture '[Transitional and Transformative Justice for Conflict-Affected Ukraine and the Wider Region](#)' (Amsterdam, The Netherlands (online), 01/2023)
- Oxford Transitional Justice Research ([OTJR](#)) Seminar Series, presentation 'On the Thunder Road to Reconciliation: Ukraine's Transitional Justice Policy' (Oxford, UK (online) 05/2020)
- 9th Annual Cambridge International Law Conference '**International Law and Global Risks: Current Challenges in Theory and Practice**', presentation '[The Realpolitik of Cultural Property Crimes: the Case-Study of the Russia-Ukraine Armed Conflict](#)' (Cambridge, UK (online), 05/2020)
- Conference '**International Criminal Justice Cascade: from the International Criminal Court to the National Courts and Back**', presentation 'Amnesties in the Context of the Armed Conflict in Ukraine: Domestic Legislation, Minsk Agreements and International Law' (Kyiv, Ukraine, 05/2019)
- 7th Annual Cambridge International Law Conference '**Non-State Actors and International Law**', presentation '[The Role of the Ukrainian Civil Society in Ensuring Justice for the Conflict-Affected Country](#)' (Cambridge, UK, 04/2018)
- International Conference '**Ukraine and the Challenges of International Law: Annexation, Aggression, Cyber Warfare**', speaker (Cambridge, UK, 12/2017)
- ESIL Conference '**Post-Conflict Justice in Ukraine**', speaker (Kyiv, Ukraine, 05/2017)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **The Hague Academy of International Law**, winter session, a scholarship holder (The Hague, The Netherlands, 01/2019)
- **Nuremberg Summer Academy for Young Professionals 2018**, participant (Nuremberg, Germany, 08/2018)
- **V4 Heritage Academy 2018, 9th Summer Training Course in Management of the UNESCO World Heritage Cultural Sites**, participant (Kraków, Poland, 07/2018)
- **The ICC Trial Competition**, participant of the team-winner (The Hague, the Netherlands, 05/2013)
- **International Rounds of 2010 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition**, participant (Washington, D.C., US, 03/2010)
- **International Rounds of Stetson International Environmental Moot Court Competition**, participant (ranked top 7% of 80 participants) (Gulfport, US, 03/2010)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS: member, Ukrainian International Law Association; member, Ukrainian Women Lawyers Association; Board member, Cambridge Society of Ukraine; member, Professional Government Association

LANGUAGES: Ukrainian (mother tongue), English (fluent), Russian (fluent), German (basic)

HOBBIES: art, literature, painting, yoga, opera, ballet, travelling