

Ekaterina (Kate) Svyatets

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

PhD in Politics and International Relations 2006 – expected in May 2012
The University of Southern California Los Angeles, CA
Center for International Studies Fellow, 2011-2012
Concentrations: International Security, Foreign Policy, International Political Economy
Dissertation topic: “Economic Potential, Geopolitical Considerations, and Domestic Interest Groups as Determinants of Energy Cooperation: the Cases of U.S.-Russia, U.S.-Azerbaijan, and Russia-Germany”

Master of Arts in International Relations 2004 – 2006
The University of Southern California Los Angeles, CA
Muskie Fellowship from the U.S. Department of State 2004-2006
GPA 3.85/4.00

Bachelor of Science in International Management (with honors) September 1995 - June 2000
Vladivostok State University of Economics and Service Vladivostok, Russia
GPA 4.00
Related Courses: Economics, Statistics, Management, Finance, Organizational Behavior.

PUBLICATIONS

Robert English, Ekaterina Svyatets. *A Presumption of Guilt? Western Media Coverage of the 2008 Russia-Georgia War.* Article in revision for submission to *Foreign Policy Analysis*.

Robert English, Ekaterina Svyatets, Azamat Zhanalin. *Nationalism and Post-Communist International Relations.* In Robert A. Denemark, ed., *The International Studies Encyclopedia*. Wiley-Blackwell, 2010, pp. 5279-5301.

Ekaterina Svyatets. *Borderline Democracies: The Case of Russia.* Proceedings of the 5th Anniversary Convention of the Russian International Studies Association (RISA): “World Politics: View from the Future,” Moscow, MGIMO-University, September 26-27, 2008.

OTHER TRAINING

Energy Politics and Economics July 2009
Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy, School of International Affairs Baku, Azerbaijan
The summer school in partnership with the State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic (SOCAR) with support from Cambridge Centre for Energy Studies, UK and Center for Energy, Marine Transportation and Public Policy Columbia University.

The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research May 25-June 10, 2009
Syracuse University Syracuse, NY
Field Research Methods
Archival Research Methods
Process-tracing

Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection August 2-15, 2008
The University of Essex Colchester, the United Kingdom
Time-series analysis course

Professional Certificate October 2001 – June 2002
Moscow State University Moscow, Russia
English Language and Cross-Cultural Communication

Semester Abroad September 1999-December 1999
School of Business Administration, the University of Turin Turin, Italy
Sponsored by TACIS (the European Commission)
Courses: Corporate Finance, Italian language, the European Institutions, Operational Management

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: RESEARCH AND POLICY ANALYSIS

University of Southern California, Los Angeles
Graduate Research Assistant for Prof. Robert English Fall 2007 – present
Perform data collection and field work (interviews) for research projects on European and Post-Soviet foreign policies
Co-author a publication on the theory of nationalism and migration in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe
Represent USC at professional workshops in Washington D.C., Chicago, and Moscow
Present research findings at national and international scientific conferences
Organize video conferences and exchange visits between USC and Russian universities

Global Green USA (U.S. Affiliate of Green Cross International), Washington DC
Intern/Volunteer May-June 2008
Prepared a grant proposal for funding agencies to sponsor an international workshop on the environmental consequences of the Nord Stream pipeline
Participated with GGUSA in policy-related meetings, including the Freedom Prize Launch at the U.S. Senate and events at the Russian Embassy

University of Southern California, Los Angeles CA

Teaching Assistant

Fall 2005 – Spring 2007

Courses: “Introductory Theory and Analysis in International Relations” and “Global Affairs”

Instructed discussion sessions of 25-30 students

Graded students’ papers, exams and exercises

Marketplace, American Public Media, National Public Radio, Los Angeles CA

Intern/Research Assistant to Foreign Editor

Summer 2005

Researched and analyzed international events, news and trends; collected data for radio reports; developed and maintained project relationships with American and Russian media companies

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Convergent Business Operation Support Systems (CBOSS), a telecommunication software developer and system integrator, Moscow, Russia

International Sales Specialist

November 2003 – June 2004

Accounted for more than 100 potential clients through business correspondence, meetings, and negotiations

Consulted visitors and presented CBOSS products at telecommunication exhibitions and forums in France (3GSM Congress), Germany (CeBIT), Singapore (CommunicAsia), and Turkey (Caspian Telecom)

Prepared commercial proposals of CBOSS integrated solutions including product descriptions, price calculations, and technical support information

New Telephone Company (NTC), telecommunication service provider, Vladivostok, Russia

Customer Service/Sales Specialist

December 2002 – June 2003

Led the department in sales of cellular, landline and Internet contracts, cell phones and accessories

Advised clients on technical, organizational and financial issues

Controlled and coordinated the delivery of invoices to subscribers

International Relations Division, Vladivostok State University of Economics and Service, Vladivostok, Russia

Program Manager

March 2000 – June 2001

Coordinated meetings, city and university tours, educational and social activities for international students and partners

Performed market research, developed promotion and advertisement of educational services offered by the university

Organized seminars and lectures including budgeting, purchasing, and contacting suppliers

HONORS, AWARDS AND GRANTS

USC School of International and Department of Political Science, fellowship, 2010-2011

ISA Travel Grant, 2011

The Association of Pacific Rim Universities Doctoral Student Conference Travel Award from the USC Office of the Provost for Globalization, 2009

The USC Provost's Distinguished Visitors Program Award for arranging Prof. Tatiana Gubaydulina's visit to USC, 2008

The Unruh Institute Graduate Internship Award, University of Southern California, 2008

International Business Dissertation Award from the Center for International Studies (CIS) and the USC Center for Global Business Excellence, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

Academic Achievement Award, the University of Southern California, April 2006

Honorable Mention in the 2006 Center for International Studies Essay Competition, USC, 2006

Muskie Fellowship from the U.S. Department of State, 2004-2006 (full tuition and stipend for a Master of Arts Degree in International Relations)

Outstanding Leadership Award from the Office of International Services, University of Southern California, 04/2005

Grant from the Ministry of Education, Russian Federation to conduct research at the School of Economics, Moscow State Lomonosov University, 10/2001 – 01/2002

Certificate "Remarkable Student of Major," Vladivostok State University of Economic and Service, June 2000.

Participant of "Global Business Challenge 2000," an international case-study competition, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, 2000

Full scholarship from the European Commission to study at the School of Business Administration, the University of Turin, Italy, Fall 1999

Full scholarship from the Governor of Primorsky Region, Russia, under the auspices of the "Support for Talented Youth" Program, 1995 – 2000 to study at Vladivostok State University of Economics and Service

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Member of International Studies Association, 2005 – present

Board Member of the USC Energy Club, 2010 - present

Vice-President, Politics and International Relations Graduate Student Association, 2011

Member of Campus Safety Committee, acknowledged "The Committee of the Month" in January 2005, University of Southern California, 2004 – 2005

Member of the Women in International Security, Georgetown University, 2008 - 2010

Member of the Los Angeles World Affairs Council, 2007-2008

Member of APSA (American Political Science Association), 2011

RESEARCH PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

“Germany-Russia Energy Cooperation: Beyond Geopolitics”

presented at the ISA-West Convention in Pasadena, CA, September 23, 2011 and at the ISA Annual Convention in Montreal, Canada, March 16, 2011

“Challenges in U.S.-Russia Nonproliferation and Disarmament Initiatives”

presented at the PONI 2011 Summer Conference, CSIS, Washington, D.C., July 7, 2011

“Energy Cooperation: The Case of the United States and Russia”

presented at the International Studies Association Convention in New Orleans, LA, February 17, 2010 and at the ISA-West Convention in Los Angeles, CA, September 25, 2010

“Borderline Democracies: The Case of Russia”

presented at the 67th Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual National Conference, Chicago, April 2-5, 2009

Discussant at the talk on ***“Energy and Security in the Caspian”*** by Brenda Shaffer (University of Haifa and the Caspian Studies Project, Harvard University) at the Center for International Studies, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, 09/15/2008

“The Role of Great Powers in East Asian and Central Asian Regionalism”

presented at the 2nd Annual Graduate Student Conference in East Asian Studies, Princeton University, New Jersey, USA, June, 5, 2008

“Foreign Aid and Imports of Oil: The United States as a Strategic Donor”

presented at the panel “Geopolitics of Energy,” the International Studies Association Convention, San Francisco, CA, March 28, 2008

Discussant at the talk on ***“The Tragedy of Offensive Realism: Testing Aggressive Power Politics Models”*** by Brandon Valeriano (University of Illinois at Chicago and Whitter College) at the Center for International Studies, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, 01/30/2008

“Russia and the West: the Iranian Nuclear Issue”

presented at the CIS Conference on Contemporary International Security Issues “Where Have All the Weapons Gone?” Davidson Conference Center, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California, March 30-31, 2007;

presented at the 2007 Middle East and Central Asia: Politics, Economics, and Society Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, September 6-8, 2007.

Discussant at the talk on "Bringing Religion into International Relations" by Jonathan Fox (Department of Political Science, Bar-Ilan University) at the Center for International Studies in conjunction with the Religion, Identity and Global Governance (RIGG) Project, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, 02/21/2007

“Foreign Exchange Markets and Operations”

presented at the Anniversary Scientific Conference for Students, Graduates and Young Scientists, Vladivostok State University of Economics and Service, Vladivostok, Russia, 04/2001

“Business Value”

presented at the conference “Present Day Business and Communication”, Vladivostok State University of Economics and Service, Vladivostok, Russia, 04/1998

“The Role of the Pacific Economic Collaboration in the Russian Far East Development”

presented at the Anniversary Scientific Conference for Students, Graduates and Young Scientists “The Russian Far East: Problems and Perspectives of Global Markets Entry”, Vladivostok State University of Economics and Service, Vladivostok, Russia, 04/1997

“International Economic Relations in the Russian Far East”

presented at the international conference for young scientists of Siberia, the Russian Far East and the Pacific Rim Countries “Youth and Science – to the Region”, Khabarovsk, Russia, 04/1997

LANGUAGES

Russian (native), English (fluent), Italian (beginner), German (beginner)

REFERENCES

Robert English, Associate Professor, the University of Southern California, renglish@usc.edu
Patrick James, Professor, the University of Southern California, patrickj@usc.edu
Saori Katada, Associate Professor, the University of Southern California, skatada@usc.edu