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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Postdoctoral Fellow Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute, Harvard University	01/07/2025 - present
Visiting Professor in Social Sciences, Kyiv School of Economics, Ukraine	01/10/2024 - present
Postdoctoral Fellow Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia, New York University	01/07/2024 - 30/06/2025
Postdoctoral Research Scholar in Ukrainian Studies , Harriman Institute, Columbia University	10/07/2022 - 30/07/2024
Adjunct lecturer in Sociology Columbia University	01/01/2023 - 30/12/2024

EDUCATION

DPhil (PhD) in Sociology Balliol College, University of Oxford Doctoral thesis: “Together We Are Strong”: Regional Protest During Moments of Mass Mobilization in Ukraine and Belarus. Supervisors: Prof Olga Onuch (Primary) and Prof Stephen Fisher	01/10/2018 - 10/07/2022
MPhil in Russian and East European Studies (Interdisciplinary) St Antony’s College, University of Oxford Dissertation: Mobilising Ukraine: Understanding the symbolism and slogans of the Ukrainian Revolution of Dignity 2013-14	01/10/2016 - 30/06/2018 Distinction
BA in Modern Languages (Russian, French & Ukrainian) Newnham College, University of Cambridge Dissertation: Maidan: Time, Space and Identity (Analysis of documentary films of the Euromaidan)	01/10/2011 - 30/06/2015 First class

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- 2026** Onuch, O., and Mateo, E., “A Duty to Defend: Survey Analysis of Citizen Wartime Engagement in Ukraine” *East European Politics*
- 2026.** Mateo, E., and Onuch, O., ”Understanding Ukraine’s resistance, resilience, and reform in the face of Russia’s war”, *East European Politics*
- 2026** Mateo, E., “‘Together we are many’: Activist networks & regional protest in Ukraine 1990-2004” *Nationalities Papers*
- 2022** Mateo, E., “‘All of Belarus has come out onto the streets’: Exploring Nationwide Protest and the Role of Pre-existing Social Networks”. *Post-Soviet Affairs*, 38:1-2, 26-42
- 2021** Onuch, O., **Mateo, E.**, and Waller, J.G., “Mobilization, Mass Perceptions, & (Dis)information: ‘New’ and ‘old’ media consumption patterns and protest” *Social Media and Society*. April 2021

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Forthcoming** Mateo, E. and Onuch, O., “Ukrainian Civilians’ Wartime Engagement following Russia’s Full-Scale Invasion” *Global Security and Change in Armed Conflict*, Oxford University Press

Forthcoming Mateo, E., “Thirty-eight days of resistance in Chernihiv: how Ukrainian civilians helped their city survive” *Ukrainian Freedom: Collective Agency in National Defense*. Ibidem Press

BOOK PROJECT UNDER PREPARATION

Mateo, E., “*If not us then who?*”: *How civilians under fire responded to Russia’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine*

WORKING PAPERS

Torrise, O., and Mateo, E. “Ethical Challenges to Research in Conflict Zones: A Systematic Review”

Mateo, E., “The limitations of ethnographic approaches to safety: What a missile strike taught me about fieldwork in a warzone”

Mateo, E., The Evolution of Nationalist Symbolism and Slogans during Ukraine’s Euromaidan (To be submitted to *Problems of Post-Communism* as part of special issue)

Mateo, E., “Not sheep, not cattle, not little people - we are workers!”: Industrial and white collar employment and subnational protest variation in Ukraine and Belarus (PhD Article)

Mateo, E., “Local Political Networks, Protest, and Subnational Variation in Repression: The Case of Ukraine’s Euromaidan” (PhD Article)

Mateo, E., ““We will withstand, and it is because you see this unity”: Social networks and strangers as sources of support in wartime Ukraine”

Buckley, C., Williams, N., Mateo, E., and Torrise, O. “The Challenges of Defining and Delineating Conflict-related displacement: The Case of Ukraine”

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

2025 Mateo, E. “Ukraine’s Civil Society Endures” in Zelensky’s Anti-Corruption Missteps: Experts Respond, *Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute*, 08/2025.

2024 Mateo, E., “Bakhmut’s Continuing Resistance: Beyond the Ruins” *Harriman Magazine*

2024 Mateo, E., “Review: Without The State by E. Channell-Justice” *American Ethnologist*

2024 Mateo, E., “Belarus’s Parliamentary ‘Elections’ Mark the Entrenchment of Lukashenka’s Authoritarian Regime” *ZOiS Spotlight* Centre for East European and International Studies, Berlin.

2023 Mateo, E., “Introduction” in *Ukraine at War: Street Art, Posters + Poetry* by Daoud Sarhandi-Williams, Interlink Publishing

2023 Mateo, E., “Review: Olesya Khromeychuk, A Loss: The Story of a Dead Soldier Told by His Sister”, *The Journal of Power Institutions in Post-Soviet Societies*, Issue 23

2022 Mateo, E., “Researching Ukraine in wartime” *British Sociological Association Magazine* Spring 2022

2019 Mateo, E., “Review: Youth Movements and Elections in Eastern Europe by O. Nikolayenko.” *Harvard Ukrainian Studies*. Vol. 36, No. 1/2

2019 Mateo, E., “Review: Revolution and War in Contemporary Ukraine: The Challenge of Change.” Ed. O. Bertelsen. *ID:International Dialogue, Multidisciplinary Journal of World Affairs*. Vol. 9.

TEACHING

Visiting Professor, Kyiv School of Economics, Ukraine (Online) 2024-
Design and teaching of modules for 1st year PhD students: Foundational course on Philosophy of Science and Academic Integrity; Comparative Institutional Approaches; Public Policy.

MA Thesis Supervisor, Columbia University in the City of New York 2024-2025
Primary supervisor for MA student in Russia, Eurasia and Eastern Europe Studies program

Adjunct Lecturer, Columbia University in the City of New York
Design and teaching of seminar course: Ukrainian Activism and Protest since 1990

Spring 2023, Fall 2023

MA Thesis Supervisor, Freie University Berlin
Secondary supervisor for MA student in International Relations

2023-2024

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Core Researcher, “Ethical and Responsible Social Science Research in Armed Conflict Contexts”,
National Science Foundation (P.I. Nathalie Williams, University of Washington, 3 years, \$400,000) *2024-2027*
Pepsico Grant for Faculty Research Travel (Columbia University) *2023*
UK Economic and Social Research Council Doctoral Training Partnership *2018-2022*
Balliol College Devorguilla Scholarship (University of Oxford) *2018-2021*
Cambridge University Ukrainian Studies Award for Outstanding Performance in BA Dissertation. *2015*
Ruth Cohen Memorial Prize for Outstanding Social Sciences Project (University of Cambridge). *2015*
Margaret Gardner Prize for Excellence in Modern Languages BA (University of Cambridge). *2015*

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) *Washington DC, USA, 2025*
Pathways to civilian engagement in Ukraine’s war effort following Russia’s 2022 invasion.

Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Convention *New York, USA, 2025*
Pathways to civilian engagement in Ukraine’s war effort following Russia’s 2022 invasion.

Workshop: The Struggle from Below - Democracy and Civil Society in the Age of Backsliding
Local employment and subnational protest variation in Ukraine and Belarus *Gainesville, FL, USA, 2025*

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting *Philadelphia, USA, 2024*
The limitations of ethnographic safety: What a rocket attack taught me about fieldwork in a warzone

Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Convention *New York, USA, 2024*
Nationalist Symbolism during Ukraine’s Euromaidan Protests

International Graduate Student Symposium in Ukrainian Studies *Toronto, Canada 2024*
The Evolution of Nationalist Symbolism during Ukraine’s Euromaidan

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) *Chicago, USA, 2023*
Social networks and strangers as sources of support in wartime Ukraine

Population Health & Armed Conflict Network Annual Conference *Urbana-Champaign, USA, 2023*
‘If not us, then who?’: The volunteer networks providing healthcare support in wartime Ukraine

Danyliw Research Seminar on Contemporary Ukraine *Ottawa, Canada, 2023*
Networks of support and agency in wartime Ukraine

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting *Los Angeles, USA, 2023*
Networks of support and agency in wartime Ukraine

Workshop: Russia’s War on Ukraine *Manchester, UK, 2023*
The 44 Million Army: Drivers of Civilian Resistance to Russia in Ukraine

Workshop: Social Movements in Times of War *Bremen, Germany, 2023*
Networks of support and agency in wartime Ukraine

Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Convention *New York, USA, 2023*
Networks of support and agency in wartime Ukraine

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting *Montreal, Canada, 2022*
‘Where is your conscience?’: Regional political networks, protest, and repression during Ukraine’s Euromaidan

- The Future of Social Research in and on Russia and Ukraine** *Bremen, Germany, 2022*
Studying Ukrainian protest and grassroots mobilisation in the context of war
- Association for the Study of Nationalities World Convention** *Online, 2022*
'All of Belarus has come out onto the streets': Exploring Nationwide Protest & Pre-existing Social Networks
- German Political Science Association** *Online, 2021*
Regional Employment Patterns & Subnational Protest Variation in Ukraine & Belarus
- Association for the Study of Nationalities World Convention** *Online, 2021*
Real-Life Linkages in the Digital Age: Activist Networks & Geospatial Protest Diffusion in Ukraine & Belarus
- Mid-Western Political Science Association Conference** *Online, 2021*
Real-life Networks in the Digital Age: Activist Networks & Geospatial Protest Diffusion in Ukraine & Belarus
- American Political Science Association Conference** *Online, 2020*
Ukraine's Many Maidans: Regional Patterns of Protest During Mass Mobilisations in Ukraine 1990 – 2004.
- Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies Conference** *San Francisco, USA, 2019*
"Ukraine is Europe": Protester Beliefs About Europe During the Euromaidan Protest Wave
- Information Wars: Social Media and Politics in Russia & Eastern Europe** *Austin TX, USA, 2019*
(with O. Onuch) Information and Mobilisation: The Role of Media Sources in Protest Mobilisation

SELECTED TALKS (INVITED)

- "If not us, then who?" Understanding Ukrainian Civilians' Engagement in the War Effort Since February 2022
University of Madison-Wisconsin *Madison, USA, 2025*
- Panel discussion on Ukraine's history of protest: "Protest as a Manifestation of Society's Consciousness" (in Ukrainian)
Museum of the Revolution of Dignity, Ukraine *Online, 2024*
- "If not us, then who?": Understanding Ukrainian Civilians' Engagement in the War Effort Since February 2022".
Harriman Institute, Columbia University *NYC, USA, 2024*
- "Understanding the Roles and Motivations of Wartime Civilian Actors in Ukraine".
UK Treasury Department *Online, 2024*
- "Why Ukraine's Civilians are Integral to the War Effort: Understanding the Roles and Motivations of Wartime Civilian Actors".
PONARS New Voices on Eurasia Seminar Series *Washington DC, USA, 2024*
- "Civil Society and Ukrainian Resistance: International Networks of Support".
University of Colorado Boulder, George Washington University, & RPCV Alliance *Online, 2023*
- Invited speaker for Alumni Independence Day Meet up,
Kyiv School of Economics *Kyiv, Ukraine, 2023*
- "War in Ukraine: Past, Present and Future".
New York University *New York, USA, 2023*
- "Social media & social networks in Ukraine: From Euromaidan to civilian response to invasion".
Globalizing Education Faculty Learning Community, University of Texas Austin *Online, 2023*
- "From 'Glory to Ukraine' to 'Long Live Belarus': A Comparison of Mass Mobilization in Ukraine and Belarus".
Harvard University Ukraine Research Institute. *Online, 2020*
- "The Ukraine Crisis in Context: How did we get here and what happens next?".
The Royal Navy Strategic Studies Centre. *Plymouth UK, 2019*

TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

Teaching Inclusively from the Start *NYC, USA, 2024*
Columbia University Teaching and Learning Faculty

Teaching Lab for Generative AI Tools: Community Building *NYC, USA, 2023*
Columbia University Teaching and Learning Faculty

Essentials of Teaching & Learning: Active Learning *NYC, USA, 2023*
Columbia University Teaching and Learning Faculty

Summer Institute: "Witnessing the War in Ukraine: Vectors of Reflection, Practices of Documentation." *Krakow, Poland, 2023*
Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies

Advancing Research on Conflict Field Research Mini Course *London, 2023* .
Advancing Research on Conflict Consortium/University College London

Media Training **ESRC Grand Union Doctoral Training Partnership** *Oxford UK, 2022*

How to Create an Effective Podcast **ESRC Grand Union Doctoral Training Partnership** *Online, 2021*

Oxford Spring School in Advanced Research Methods **University of Oxford** *Oxford, UK, 2019*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Consultant US Institute for Peace, Ukraine Peace Advisory Group *01/07/2024 - 31/03/2025*

Research Assistant MOBILISE Project, University of Manchester *01/03/2022 - 30/06/2022*

Research Assistant to Prof. Jan Zielonka, University of Oxford *01/03/2017-30/06/2022*

Intern PPV Knowledge Networks Economic Development Agency, Lviv, Ukraine *01/08/2019 - 31-08/2019*

Research and Events Assistant European Studies Centre, University of Oxford *30/10/2017 - 30/06/2018*

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS ORGANISED

Workshop: Women and Resistance: Rethinking and Decentring Approaches to Teaching on Eastern Europe, Columbia University *01/04/2024*

Workshop: A Decade After the Euromaidan: Reflecting on Ukraine's Revolution of Dignity & Its Ongoing Impact, Columbia University *05/12/2023*

Workshop "Russia's War in Ukraine: Resistance, Reform & Reconstruction", University of Manchester *19/06/2023*

Conference "Ukraine: Hope for the future, or land of lost opportunity?", University of Oxford *07-08/03/2018*

AFFILIATIONS Association of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Member (ASEEES); Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN); American Political Science Association (APSA)

REVIEWER Comparative Political Studies; European Political Science Review; Cambridge University Press; Nations and Nationalism; Nationalities Papers; Social Media + Society; Problems of Post-Communism; International Journal of Comparative Sociology; Democratizatsiya; Partecipazione e Conflitto;

MEDIA COMMENTS The Telegraph's Ukraine: The Latest podcast; BBC Radio 5 Live, BBC News UkraineCast Podcast, 'Vidkrytyi' TV Dnipro (Ukraine)

OTHER

Contributor to Data for Ukraine project, tracking displacement, resistance & human rights abuses

Administrative Support for Ukraine Hub UK, co-ordinating UK community response to Russian invasion

Contributor for online course "History of Ukrainian Civil Society" organised by the Ukrainian Institute, funded by the European Union <https://www.coursera.org/learn/ukraine-history-of-civil-society>

Guest Editor for forthcoming *East European Politics* special issue on Russia's War on Ukraine

LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

Languages: English (native); Russian, French and Ukrainian (advanced); Spanish (beginner)

Technical proficiencies: MS Office Suite, STATA, QGIS, NVivo, R

AVAILABLE REFEREES

Olga Onuch, Professor of Ukrainian & Comparative Politics, University of Manchester, *olga.onuch@manchester.ac.uk*

Nathalie Williams, Professor of Sociology, University of Washington, *natw@uw.edu*

Bryn Rosenfeld, Associate Professor of Government, Cornell University, *brr59@cornell.edu*