



Silvia Naydenova

PHD CANDIDATE

Profile

Skilled PhD candidate in Political Science. Demonstrating professionalism, tenacity, and creativity through successful research experience and academic engagement.

Education

PhD in Political Science and Sociology, University of Warwick/ Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Coventry

OCTOBER 2021 – PRESENT

PhD Candidate at the Department in Politics and International Studies. The program is jointly supervised by Dr Alexandra Homolar (University of Warwick) and Prof. Dieter Vandenbroeck (Department of Sociology/ Vrije Universiteit Brussel)

Topic of PhD Project: 'Benchmarking everyday life? Measuring social security in post-communist welfare states'

MA in International Politics (Specialist), Aberystwyth University, Aberystwyth

SEPTEMBER 2018 – DECEMBER 2019

Thesis: „Evaluating the relevance of human security in the European Union: A case study of Brexit” / Graduated with **DISTINCTION** / **Supervisor:** Dr. Alistair Shepherd / **Focus** on human security, inequality, subjective well being and electoral behavior.

BA in Political Science, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Sofia

OCTOBER 2013 – JULY 2017

Graduated with a Specialization in National and International Security (Hons)

Conferences and Workshops

BISA Workshop: 'Researching Emotion in IR: A Conversation on Methodologies', Virtual

APRIL 2022 – APRIL 2022

- Engaged in dialogue about experiences, techniques, and insights about methodology/method, knowledge-production, reflectivity, and ethics in emotion/affect research

9th European Workshops in International Studies, 6-9 July 2022, Virtual

JULY 2022 – JULY 2022

- Presented paper: 'Global Benchmarking: Contestations from a localised everyday perspective'. Showcased PhD research-related theoretical frameworks and ideas, and fostered discussions and engagement with the presentation topic.
- Discussant on panel 'Security Discourses and Practices'. Delivered thorough feedback to panel participants and facilitated productive conversations.

15th Pan-European Conference on International Relations 1-4 September, Athens

SEPTEMBER 2022 – SEPTEMBER 2022

Details

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NATIONALITY

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DATE OF BIRTH

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Links

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Skills

Collaboration

Data Analysis

Research Experiences

Social Media Management

Project Management

Teamwork

Excellent Communication Skills

Administrative Functions

Research Promotion

Leadership Skills

Languages

Bulgarian

English

German

- Attended the EISA PEC 2022 conference and presented the following articles at 2 panel events: "*Dissemination and contestation of European Union governance norms: A localised perspective*" and "*Diplomacy by Numbers: Shaping Social and Economic Governance in Post-Communist Europe through Benchmarking*"

Council for European Studies' Twenty-Ninth International Conference of Europeanists, Reykjavik

JUNE 2023 – JULY 2023

- Paper accepted "Setting the EU Standards for Social Citizenship through Benchmarking: A Regionalised Approach"

Professional Experience

Representative of Women in Political Studies (WIPS) Working Group, Coventry

MARCH 2022 – PRESENT

- Amplified awareness about the 'leaky pipeline' of women in academia
- Coordinated events in conjunction with colleagues and academic staff to raise pertinent issues concerning the role of women in the Department
- Currently coordinating a Cross-department 2 Day Conference on Women in Academia

Co-chair of Critical Studies in International Politics (CRIPS) Working Group, Coventry

JANUARY 2022 – PRESENT

- Devised and executed academic events such as annual lectures, presentations and panel talks, both in person and virtually, with the aim to facilitate engagement and networking of the PhD Community
- Managed the online presence of the working group and promoted activities and participation in events via Twitter - increased following by 100% for 1 year
- Moderated talks and steered productive conversations

Employment History

Outreach

Writer at Instute Greater Europe

APRIL 2020 – OCTOBER 2020

- Produced quality research and commentary pieces on salient social and political topics - **raising critical awareness** towards issues related to the well-being and security of European Union citizens

Awards and scholarships

EUTOPIA PhD Fully Funded Co-tutelle Program

- Receive full payment of international tuition fees, maintenance stipend and Research Support Grant

Courses

QDAS - Principles & Practices of Qualitative Data Analysis (QDA), National Centre for Research Methods

JANUARY 2022 – JANUARY 2022