

Silvia Naydenova, PhD Researcher

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Date of birth	15/02/1994	Nationality	Bulgarian
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LINKS	Professional Page , LinkedIn , Twitter
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PROFILE	Proactive and experienced PhD Candidate, demonstrating extensive academic background in political science and international relations. Bringing forth a track record of successful research internships and academic engagement acquired through professionalism, tenacity, and creativity. Aiming to contribute to international relations scholarship and community by pioneering novel research in the field of subjective well-being and security in Central and Eastern Europe.
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EDUCATION

Oct 2021 — Present	PhD in Political Science and Sociology, University of Warwick/ Vrije Universiteit Brussel	Coventry
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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'

Sep 2018 — Dec 2019	MA in International Politics (Specialist), Aberystwyth University	Aberystwyth
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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.

Oct 2013 — Jul 2017	BA in Political Science , Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"	Sofia
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Graduated with a Specialization in National and International Security (Hons)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mar 2022 — Present	Representative of Women in Political Studies (WIPS) Working Group	Coventry
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- 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

Jan 2022 — Present	Co-chair of Critical Studies in International Politics (CRIPS) Working Group	Coventry
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- 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

Aug 2018 — Oct 2018	Research Intern at Center for the Study of Democracy	Sofia
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- Compiled a background report on activities, country case studies and stakeholders in close coordination with the research team
- Executed secondary quantitative research methods/ Collecting and logging of experimental data into a substantial database

Oct 2016 — Dec 2016	Research Intern at Transparency International	Sofia
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- Supervised a team of 10 election observers / Coordinated the effective and timely gathering of cases of election rule violations

- Compiled a quantitative database / Analysis / Authored a results report for distribution to media outlets
- Executed internet research of commercial and government sources / Collected qualitative data on anti-corruption practices of local governments

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

Apr 2022 — Apr 2022	BISA Workshop: ‘Researching Emotion in IR: A Conversation on Methodologies’	Virtual
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaged in dialogue about experiences, techniques, and insights about methodology/method, knowledge-production, reflectivity, and ethics in emotion/affect research 	
Jul 2022 — Jul 2022	9th European Workshops in International Studies, 6-9 July 2022	Virtual
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	
Sep 2022 — Sep 2022	15th Pan-European Conference on International Relations 1-4 September	Athens
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the EISA PEC 2022 conference and presented the following articles at 2 panel events: <i>“Dissemination and contestation of European Union governance norms: A localised perspective”</i> and <i>“Diplomacy by Numbers: Shaping Social and Economic Governance in Post-Communist Europe through Benchmarking”</i> 	

OUTREACH

Apr 2020 — Oct 2020	Writer at Instute Greater Europe
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

SKILLS	European Politics	Expert	Ability to Work in a Team	Expert
	Security Studies	Expert	Good communication and interpersonal skills	Expert
	Qualitative Research Methods	Experienced	Good organisational skills	Expert
	Quantitative Research Methods	Skillful	Microsoft Office Suite	Expert
	Academic Writing	Expert	Nvivo	Experienced
	Leadership Skills	Experienced		

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

EUTOPIA PhD Fully Funded Co-tutelle Program

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

Learning and Networking Opportunity

- Awarded **attendance on a funded Working Trip** to the European Parliament for academic achievements.

COURSES

Jan 2022 — Jan 2022	QDAS - Principles & Practices of Qualitative Data Analysis (QDA), National Centre for Research Methods
Oct 2021 — Nov 2021	Research Integrity, University of Warwick
Sep 2019 — Oct 2019	

Security & Safety Challenges in a Globalized World by Leiden
University, Coursera

LANGUAGES	Bulgarian	Native speaker	German	A2
	English	C2		