

Curriculum Vitae

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Summary of career experience

- Track record as a political analyst and consultant with the special focus on Iran, Russian foreign policy in the Middle East and the energy security of the Gulf.
- University lecturer with the experience of designing courses on political economy of Iran and the Middle East
- Courses delivered (in English and Russian): Introduction to the Political Economy of the Middle East, International Relations of the Middle East; History of Iran in the 20th century; Introduction to the Political Economy of Iran, Islamic Economic Thought, Russia in the Middle East; Energy and Natural Resources in the Gulf; Global Energy Geopolitics

Research Interests

- Political economy of the Middle East (with a special focus on the Gulf)
- Energy security of the Gulf
- Iran's foreign policy and economic security
- Russian presence in the Middle East

Education

Sep 2006 – Feb 2010 **PhD** (international economics and economic security of the Middle East and Iran), School of Economics, St Petersburg State University.

Oct 2010 – Sep 2011 **MA Middle East Studies** (with distinction), Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter.

Sep 2003 – Jun 2006 **MPhil International Economics**, School of Economics, St Petersburg State University.

Sep 2004 –Jun 2006 **MA Oriental Studies** (History of the Middle East and Asia), School of Oriental Studies, St Petersburg State University.

Sep 1999 – Jul 2004 **BA Oriental Studies** (History of Iran and Afghanistan), Faculty of Oriental Studies, St Petersburg State University.

Language skills

Russian	native
English	fluent
Farsi	fluent
Arabic	basic.

Current Employment

Aug 2019 – present **Research Associate Professor, Gulf Studies Center, Qatar University.**

- Delivering courses for MA and PhD students on political economy of the Middle East including Global Energy Geopolitics and Energy and Natural Resources in the Gulf;

- Preparing academic reports and publications on the Gulf energy issues and Russian relations with the GCC countries;
- Delivering public lectures on the topics of my research interest

Sept 2019 - present **Consulting Fellow**, Russia and Eurasia Programme, *The Royal Institute of International Affairs, London*.

- Research on the Russian presence in the Middle East;
- Writing articles and op-eds for in-house and external publications;
- Conference presentations on Russian diplomacy in the Middle East.

Previous Employment

May 2017 – May 2020 **Non-resident Consultant**, *Rapidan Group*

Oct 2013–Aug 2019 **Associate Professor on the Political Economy of the Middle East**, *European University, St Petersburg*.

Jan 2019 – May 2019 **Visiting Associate Professor**, *Gulf Studies Center, Qatar University*.

Feb 2016–Feb 2019 **Chatham House Academy Associate**, *The Royal Institute of International Affairs, London*.

Nov 2014–July 2016 **Non-resident fellow**, *Carnegie Moscow Center, Russia*.

Nov 2011–June 2016 **Senior Lecturer on the Political Economy and Economic Security of the Middle East**, *School of Economics, St Petersburg State University*.

Feb 2015–Nov 2015 **Chatham House Robert Bosch Fellow**, *The Royal Institute of International Affairs, London*.

Mar 2012 – May 2012 **Visiting fellow**, *Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington DC*

Apr 2010 – Sept 2010 **Internship**, *Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Science, Moscow*

Nov 2009–Feb 2015 **Expert**, *Institute of the Middle East, NGO, Moscow*

Jul 2006 – Nov 2009 **Assistant-attaché** (since February 2008, **attaché**), *Embassy of the Russian Federation, Iran*.

Participation in Conferences

Regular presenter on the issues of Russian foreign policy at the annual conferences organized by the BASEES, BRISMES, ASMEA and Gulf Studies Center.

List of most recent publications

Monographs

1. *Iran's Strategic Thinking: The Evolution of Iran's Foreign Policy 1979-2017*. (London, Berlin: Gerlach Press, 2018)

2. *Russia and the Syrian Conflict: Moscow's Domestic Regional and Strategic Interests* (London, Berlin: Gerlach Press, 2016)
3. *Экономические санкции против Ирана: цели, масштабы, возможные последствия введения* (Москва: Институт Ближнего Востока, 2011) [*Economic Sanctions against Iran: Aims, Scale and Consequences* (Moscow: Institute of the Middle East, 2011)]

Research and policy papers

4. *Russian Foreign Policy towards Qatar and Saudi Arabia: Bridging the Gaps* (Doha: Gulf Studies Center, 2019)
5. *Russian Policy Across the Middle East: Motivations and Methods* (London: Chatham House, 2018)
6. *Russian Foreign Policy in the Middle East: New Challenge for Western Interests?* (Washington: Center for Transatlantic Relations, 2017)
7. Together with Piotr Dutkiewicz, *Civil War in Syria and the Evolution of Russian – Iranian Relations* (Abu Dhabi: Emirates Policy Center, 2016)
8. *Understanding the Revitalization of Russian-Iranian Relations* (Moscow: Carnegie Moscow Center, 2015)
9. *Russia's Relations with Iran: Dialogue without Commitments* (Washington: Washington Institute of Near East Policy, 2012)

Articles in English and Russian peer-reviewed journals

10. (in press) Diversifying Relationships: Russian Policy towards GCC. *International Politics*. 2021
11. Together with Bogacheva, A. S., Ibragimov, I. E. (2020). The Middle East in the Second Wave of the Coronavirus Crisis. *Outlines of global transformations: politics, economics, law*, 13(5), 2020. Pp. 158-180.
12. The GCC and the Evolving Notion of Gulf Energy Security. *Al Sharq Strategic Research*, 14. 2020.
13. Together with Bogacheva, A. S. The Islamic Republic of Iran in Search of its Foreign Policy Identity: Revolutionary Innovation or Continuity? *MGIMO Review of International Relations*, 13(2), 2020.
14. Iran and the GCC countries: Between Confrontation and Dialogue. *World Economy and International Relations*, 64(7), 2020.
15. [together with Irina Zvyagelskaya], 'States of the Middle East in Search of Foreign Policy Identity', *World Economy and International Relations*, Vol. 63, №9 (In Russian).
16. 'Russian-Iranian Relations through the Prism of the Syrian Crisis', *Insight Turkey*, Vol. 19, №4 (2017).
17. 'Russian-Iranian Dialogue after 2012: Turning a New Page?', *Russian Analytical Digest* №192 (2016)
18. 'Брак по расчету: перспективы российско-иранского регионального сотрудничества', *Россия в глобальной политике*, №3 (2016) ['Marriage of Convenience: the Prospects of Russian-Iranian Regional Cooperation' in *Russia in Global Affairs*, N3 (2016)]
19. 'Действие и противодействие: опыт иранских санкций и усилий по их нейтрализации', *Россия в глобальной политике*, №1 (2016) ['Action and Counteraction: the Iranian Experience of Sanctions Evasion' in *Russia in Global Affairs*, N1 (2016)]
20. 'Russia and the Arab Spring: Adjusting to a New Political Vista' in *Ortadoğu Stutleri* (August 2014), Vol. 6, No 1.
21. 'Russian-Syrian Dialogue: Myths and Realities' in *The Journal of the Middle East and Africa* (2014), 5:1.
22. 'Russian Support of Assad's regime: are there any limits?' in *The International Spectator* Vol. 48, No. 2, June 2013
23. 'Russian-Iranian Economic Relations: Challenges and Opportunities' in *The Maghreb Review*, Volume 37, 2012
24. 'International Economic Sanctions as a Means of "the Enforcement of a Contract" (the Case Study of the Economic Sanctions Adopted against Iran)' in *The Herald of the Saint-Petersburg State University*. №1, January, 2012]

25. 'The Pretexts and Reasons for the Allied Invasion of Iran in 1941' in *The Iranian Studies*, Issue 4, 2012.

Chapters in collective volumes and monographs

26. (in press). 'Religion and Iran's International Relations'. Jeffrey Haynes (ed.) *Handbook on Religion and International Relations*. London: Edward Elgar, 2021
27. 'Iran and Russia: Between Pragmatism and Possibilities of a Strategic Alliance. Luciano Zaccara (ed.) *Foreign Policy of Iran under President Hassan Rouhani's First Term (2013-2017)*. Singapore: Springer Singapore, 2020.
28. 'From Russia's military deployment in Syria to the Astana Process', Raymond Hinnebusch, Adham Saouli (ed.), *The War for Syria* (London: Routledge, 2019)
29. 'The USSR and the Allied Occupation of Iran in August 1941: the Untold Story of a Difficult Decision', Rudi Matthee, Elena Andreeva (ed.), *Russians in Iran* (London: I.B.Tauris, 2018)
30. 'Russian Foreign Policy in the Middle East: New Challenge for Western Interests?', Stefan Meister (ed.), *The Russia File: Russia and the West in an Unordered World* (Washington: Center for Transatlantic Relations, 2017)
31. 'Iranian and Russian Views on the Situation in the Middle East: How Do We See the Future of the Region', I.Ivanov (ed.), *Russian-Iran Partnership: an Overview and Prospects for the Future*. (Moscow: RIAC, 2016)
32. 'Международный маркетинг в странах Ближнего и Среднего Востока', И.Воробьева (ред.), Международный Маркетинг (Москва: Юрайт, 2016) ['Marketing in the Countries of the Middle East', in Irina Vorobyova (ed.), *International Marketing*, (Moscow: Youright, 2016)]
33. 'Russian Economic Relations with the GCC Countries', Ahmed Al-Hamli (ed), *Russian Foreign Policy and the GCC*, (Abu Dhabi: Trends, 2015)
34. 'Russia and the Middle East: Adjusting to a New Political Vista' in Mason Robert (ed.), *The International Politics of the Arab Spring: Popular Unrest and Foreign Policy* (New-York: Palgrave, Macmillan, 2014)
35. 'Iran's Struggle for Food Security: Results and Future Perspectives' in Bazoobandi Sara (ed.), *The Politics of Food Security: Asian and Middle Eastern Strategies* (London & Berlin: Gerlach Press, 2014)
36. 'Iran and East Asian Countries: Economic Dialogue and its Strategic Implications' in Tim Niblock, Yang Guang (ed.), *Security Dynamics of East Asia in the Gulf Region* (London & Berlin: Gerlach Press, 2014)
37. 'Государства Ближнего и Среднего Востока в системе международного бизнеса', А.Погорлецкий (ред.), *Международный бизнес: Теория и Практика* (Москва: Юрайт, 2014) ['The States of the Middle East in the System of International Business', Aleksandr Pogorletskiy (ed.), *International Business: Theory and Practice* (Moscow: Youright, 2014)]
38. 'Russia and the Gulf: the Main Principles of the Political and Economic Dialogue' in Tim Niblock, Monica Malik (ed.), *Asia-Gulf Economic Relations in the 21st Century* (London & Berlin: Gerlach Press, 2013)
39. 'The Influence of the External Factors on the Effectiveness of Economic Sanctions. The Case Study of Sanctions adopted against Iran', Sergey Sutyurin (ed.), *Экономическая Теория и Хозяйственная Практика: Глобальные Вызовы* (СПб: СПбГУ, 2012) [*Economic Theory and Practice: Global Challenges* (St.Petersburg: St.Petersburg State University, 2012)]