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Research Interests

Post-Soviet politics, ethnicity, citizenship, political ethnography

Education

2011-present PHD CANDIDATE in Political Science (expected 2015)
Department of Government, London School of Economics
Kin-States and Kin Majorities from the Bottom-up: Testing a Model of Nested Integration in Crimea and Moldova [[abstract](#)]
Supervised by Dr Denisa Kostovicova & Professor John Breuilly

My thesis argues that existing literature has focused on how kin-state relations can induce or reduce conflict, rather than the dynamics of interaction between kin-states and kin communities, and has considered only kin minorities, as opposed to kin majorities. This thesis develops and tests a model of nested integration, to explore the dynamics of interaction between kin-states and kin majorities, using evidence of kin identification and engagement with kin-state practices (citizenship, quasi-citizenship, education, voting, organisational) in two kin majority cases of Crimea and Moldova, where I collected over 100 interviews (2012-2013).

Courses taken: Qualitative Research Methods, Quantitative Research Methods, Qualitative Research design, Fieldwork Methods

2011 MASTER'S IN RESEARCH (MRes) in Political Science (with Distinction)
Department of Government, London School of Economics

2010 MA in Identity, Culture & Power
School of Slavonic & Eastern European Studies, University College London

2009 BA/MA CANTAB in Geography
Jesus College, University of Cambridge

TEACHING QUALIFICATIONS

2014 Full level Postgraduate certificate in Higher Education (PGCertHE), Teaching & Learning Centre, London School of Economics
Modules: Assessment & Feedback, Lecturing, Course Design, Small Group Teaching, Evaluating Teaching, Student Learning

Teaching

- 2015-present Teaching Fellow in Qualitative Methods for Political Science
School of Public Policy, University College London
Seminar instructor for 3 groups of 20 students, responsible for teaching classes, designing seminar materials, office hours & formal assessment:
Qualitative Methods: graduate/MA
Master's Dissertation Supervision: supervising & marking 3 students' research-based dissertations on conflict, nationalism, de facto states using qualitative methods
- 2012-present Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Government, London School of Economics
Seminar instructor responsible for teaching classes, designing seminar materials, marking formative essays & office hours:
Theories & Problems of Nationalism: undergraduate/BA
Power & Politics/Comparative Politics: undergraduate/BA
- 2013-2014 Post-Graduate Teaching Assistant, School of Slavonic & Eastern European Studies, University College London
Seminar instructor responsible for teaching classes, designing seminar materials, marking formative essays and office hours:
Communism: undergraduate/BA
Politics and Society in Central & Eastern Europe: undergraduate/BA
- GUEST LECTURE
- 2014 Richmond, The American International University in London
I gave a lecture on *Why was Crimea annexed?* followed by a seminar-style discussion based on my research to an upper-level undergraduate group of visiting students from the US.

Publications

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2015 Knott, Eleanor "Generating data: studying identity politics from a bottom-up perspective in Crimea and Moldova", *East European Politics and Societies*, 29: 467-486. [[url](#)] [[pdf](#)]
- Forthcoming Knott, Eleanor "What does it mean to be a kin majority? Analyzing Romanian identity in Moldova and Russian identity in Crimea from below", *Social Science Quarterly*. [[pdf](#)]

POLICY PAPERS

- 2014 Fix, Liana & Eleanor Knott, "In Crimea, time for pressure, not acceptance: why we cannot lose sight of the Crimean Tatars." *German Council of Foreign Relations*, DGAPkompakt 16: 1-6.[[pdf](#)]

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2014 Narvselius, Eleonora, *Ukrainian Intelligentsia in Post-Soviet L'viv: Narratives, Identity, & Power. Nations & Nationalism* 20:4
- 2014 Kubik, Jan & Amy Linch (eds), *Post Communism from Within. Social Justice Mobilization & Hegemony. Europe Asia Studies* 66:10.

WORKING PAPERS

1. Borders, Boundaries and Kin-state (Quasi-)Citizenship: A Bottom-up Perspective [pdf]
2. Extra-Territorial Citizens and Voters: Moldovan Voters in Romanian Elections [pdf]
3. The Moldovan Parliamentary Elections of 2014: More than Europe vs Russia? (co-authored with Daniel Brett) [pdf]
4. The Crimean 2014 crisis: Conceptualising a Critical Case of De Facto Annexation
5. Special Issue Proposal: "Nationalism & Belonging" (with William Callahan, Montserrat Guibernau Thomas Hylland Eriksen, Alain Dieckhoff & Bo Strath)

BLOG ARTICLES

I am a regular contributor to blogs, including [LSE European Politics & Policy \(EUROPP\)](#), where I write broadly on post-Soviet politics, including conflict and Europeanization. A collection of articles is available: eleanorknott.wordpress.com

MEDIA MENTIONS

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| 2014 | Washington Post: To understand Crimea, take a look back at its complicated history |
| 2014 | Washington Post: The reshuffling of Ukrainian rebel leaders may be a sign of an important change in tactics |
| 2014 | Kyiv Post: Ukraine crisis complicated Moldova's political situation ahead of signing Association Agreement with EU |

Professional Experience

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| 2014-present | Book review editor & editorial board member, <i>Nations & Nationalism</i> |
| 2014-2015 | Seminar series chair for The Association for the Study of Ethnicity & Nationalism (ASEN): Everyday Nationalism, Everyday Ethnicity |
| 2013-2014 | Conference co-chair for ASEN's 24th conference: Nationalism & Belonging <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Co-organiser of ASEN's 3-day international conference- Proposed conference theme, 3 plenary sessions, 30 panels and conference programme- Recruited and managed conference team |
| 2012-2013 | Co-chair, ASEN <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Managed and recruited executive team of 15 people- Coordinated ASEN's events and provided overall leadership of these events- Oversaw ASEN's budget- Editorial board member of <i>Nations & Nationalism & Studies in Ethnicity & Nationalism</i> |
| 2011-2012 | External Relations co-ordinator, ASEN |

Grants & Funding

2010-2014	Economic & Social Research Council Studentship: Full stipend, fees & fieldwork expenses (£78,000)
2014	Seminar Series funding, Department of Government, LSE (£2,000)
2013	LSE Annual Fund, for 2014 ASEN conference (£3,000)
2013	Department of Government, LSE, for 2014 ASEN conference (£7,000)

Prizes & Awards

2009	Commended for undergraduate dissertation in Political Geography, Royal Geographical Society
2009	William Vaughan Lewis prize (undergraduate dissertation), Cambridge University Geography Department
2009	Gilbertson Prize, awarded by Jesus College, Cambridge
2008	Part IB prize, awarded by Jesus College, Cambridge for results in second year exams
2007	Reid-Henry prize, awarded by Jesus College, Cambridge

Research Experience

Interview experience

2012, 2013	Crimea and Moldova: PhD fieldwork (in Romanian, Russian and English)
2011	Crimea: Exploratory pre-fieldwork interviews (in Russian)
2010	Moldova: MA fieldwork (in Romanian and English)

Survey experience

2008, 2010	Moldova: Designed and conducted surveys (in Romanian) for BA and MA research
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Invited Talks

2015	Ukrainian Institute, London <i>Russia & Crimea before annexation: a perspective from below</i>
2015	Research Turkey (Think Tank), London <i>Why is there Antagonism between Russian Nationalists & Crimean Tatars?</i>
2014	LSEE – Research on South Eastern Europe, LSE <i>Moldovan voters in the 2014 Romanian Presidential Elections</i>
2014	Centre for Russian, Central & East European Studies, Glasgow University <i>Russia & Crimea: a Perspective from Below</i>
2014	Platform Ukraine Symposium, School of Slavonic & Eastern European Studies, UCL <i>Researching Crimea pre-2014: a bottom-up perspective</i>

Conferences

Forthcoming	European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) <i>Borders, boundaries & kin-state (quasi-)citizenship: a bottom-up perspective</i>
Forthcoming	American Political Science Association (APSA) <i>Extra-territorial voting practices & the asymmetry of charisma: Băsescu & his Moldovan constituents</i>
2015	Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN)

Multiple Citizenship vs. Quasi-Citizenship: A Lived Experience Comparison of Kin-State Practices in Moldova & Crimea

- 2015 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)
Extra-territorial voting practices & the asymmetry of charisma: Bănescu & his Moldovan constituents
- 2015 British Association for Slavonic & East European Studies (BASEES)
Dissecting Crimea's 2014 de facto annexation
- 2015 International Studies Association (ISA)
The Crimean 2014 crisis: conceptualising a critical case of de facto annexation
- 2014 American Political Science Association (APSA)
Meanings & Practices: A Political Ethnographic Approach to Kin-State Relations
- 2014 Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN)
What does it mean to be a kin majority? Analysing Romanian identity in Moldova & Russian identity in Crimea from below
- 2014 Association for the Study of Ethnicity & Nationalism (ASEN)
What does it mean to be a kin majority? Analysing forms of kin belonging in Moldova & Crimea
- 2014 British Association for Slavonic & East European Studies (BASEES)
Romania as a kin-state in Moldova: the view from below
- 2014 Graduate Network Conference in Political Science, Sciences Po
Kin relations from below: Analysing the meaning of Romanian identity in Moldova & Russian identity in Crimea
- 2014 Whither Eastern Europe? Changing Political Science Perspectives on the Region, University of Florida, Gainesville, USA
Generating data: studying identity politics through political ethnography in Eastern Europe
- 2013 Black Sea Symposium, New Europe College, Bucharest, Romania
Policies & Identities: a Framework for Analysing the Impact of Romanian Citizenship Acquisition in Moldova
- 2012 British Association for Slavonic & East European Studies (BASEES)
What does it mean to be a kin majority? Defining a new typology for post-Communist kin relations

Service

INSTITUTIONAL

- 2015 Widening Participation: Year 12 Political Science Conference, Department of Government, London School of Economics
- 2007 Widening Participation: Jesus College Access Week, Jesus College, University of Cambridge, access week for Year 12 Students from Sunderland

REVIEWER

British Journal of Political Science, St Anthony's International Review

Professional Memberships

Fellow, Higher Education Academy (UK)
APSA, ISA, BASEES, MPSA, ASN

Languages

English (native)

Russian (advanced-intermediate)

Romanian (intermediate)

French (advanced-intermediate)

German (intermediate)

Other Skills

Qualitative analysis software packages (Atlas.ti, NVivo)

MS Office (Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint)

Learning Technology for teaching (Moodle, Reading Lists, YouTube, Twitter, Skype)

Referees

Upon request

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