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Welcome to the first GCRF GCDC Early Career Researcher Training School (ECR TS), which is organised within the framework of the GCRF Kent Global Challenges Doctoral Centre (GCDC)* and the GCRF COMPASS project.¹ Its main objective is to offer an opportunity for further skills development and exchange of ideas for PhD and Postdoctoral Researchers working on capacity-building and political, economic, societal and environmental developments in ODA countries.

The theme of this first ECR TS is “Governance, Resilience and Order: Eurasia and beyond, under the pressure of global and regional change”. The theme responds to current developments in the region and beyond, and this ECR TS aims to ask how global and regional transformations affect wider Eurasia and ODA countries more broadly. It will investigate how cooperative orders can be developed across the Eurasian space and how the region can best respond to current competitive challenges emanating from surrounding powers and beyond. To this end, we would like to explore the concepts of resilience as a new analytic of governance (self-governance), and look at challenges and opportunities for growth and capacity-building, both nationally and regionally across and beyond the Eurasian space.

This ECR TS is organised in tandem with the GCRF Kent signature Conference ‘Building Resilience’ (1-2 July), which successful candidates are welcome to attend. More information and the programme for this Signature Conference can be found on the website.²

¹ The website of the GCDC can be accessed here: <https://www.kent.ac.uk/graduateschool/gcdc.html>; the website of GCRF COMPASS is available here: <https://research.kent.ac.uk/gcrf-compass/>

² The main website of the conference is: <https://research.kent.ac.uk/researchservices/gcrf2019/>

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The GCRF COMPASS project (ES/P010849/1, 2017-21) is funded by an ambitious UK government capacity-building initiative, aiming to extend UK research globally, to address the challenges of growth and sustainability in the developing countries. The COMPASS project at Kent, together with Cambridge University as research partner, seeks to establish 'the hubs of excellence' at the top-level HEIs in Belarus, Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan, to enable them to become the centres for knowledge sharing and transfer, in the fields of research integration, impact governance, and sustainable communities.

The University of Kent has established a Global Challenges Doctoral Centre (GCDC) dedicated to doctoral research addressing the challenges of economic development and well-being faced by developing countries on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Development Assistance Committee (DAC) list. In addition to offering eight doctoral scholarships per year, the GCDC is the nucleus of Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) PhD training activities at Kent and is a virtual and physical "location" to discuss and undertake research to find solutions to global challenges.

Inputs and Outputs

PAPER SUBMISSION

All participants are expected to submit a 5,000-word paper prior to the Training School (deadline: **10th June**). Papers can be submitted in the online folder at:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1_TmXGtSljdVLbVmqW1RSICG3fAGyu4-h

To make the process as effective as possible, we would like to ask everyone to read each other's papers and to engage in discussion and feedback after presentations.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentations should be no more than 15 minutes, leaving enough time for feedback and questions. The style of the presentation is flexible, and up to presenters' personal preference. There will be a PC and projector available to use slides or other visual tools, as necessary.

Each panel will have a moderator who will take charge of the timing and who will coordinate the discussion session.

WORKING PAPER

All participants of the Training School are invited to submit their papers (up to 5,000 words including references) to be part of an **ECR TS Working Paper Proceedings**. The deadline for the submission of these papers is **1st August**, and the house-style editorial guidelines will be available on the website, or on request from Dr Eske van Gils. This will leave some time to incorporate the feedback received after the presentations.

The Working Paper Proceedings will be published on our websites (GCDC Kent, GCRF COMPASS, Kent Graduate School) and contributors will also receive an electronic copy. Submitting your work to this volume does not cause any copyright issues, and you can still submit your full paper for publication elsewhere after it has appeared in the volume.

LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

If you have any urgent questions while traveling or during the Training School, please contact Eske van Gils on +44 (0)74 104 109 65 (also on whatsapp and viber) or via e.van-gils@kent.ac.uk or Grace Grussenmeyer on +44 (0)7553 567 764 (also on whatsapp) or via email kentgcdc@kent.ac.uk.

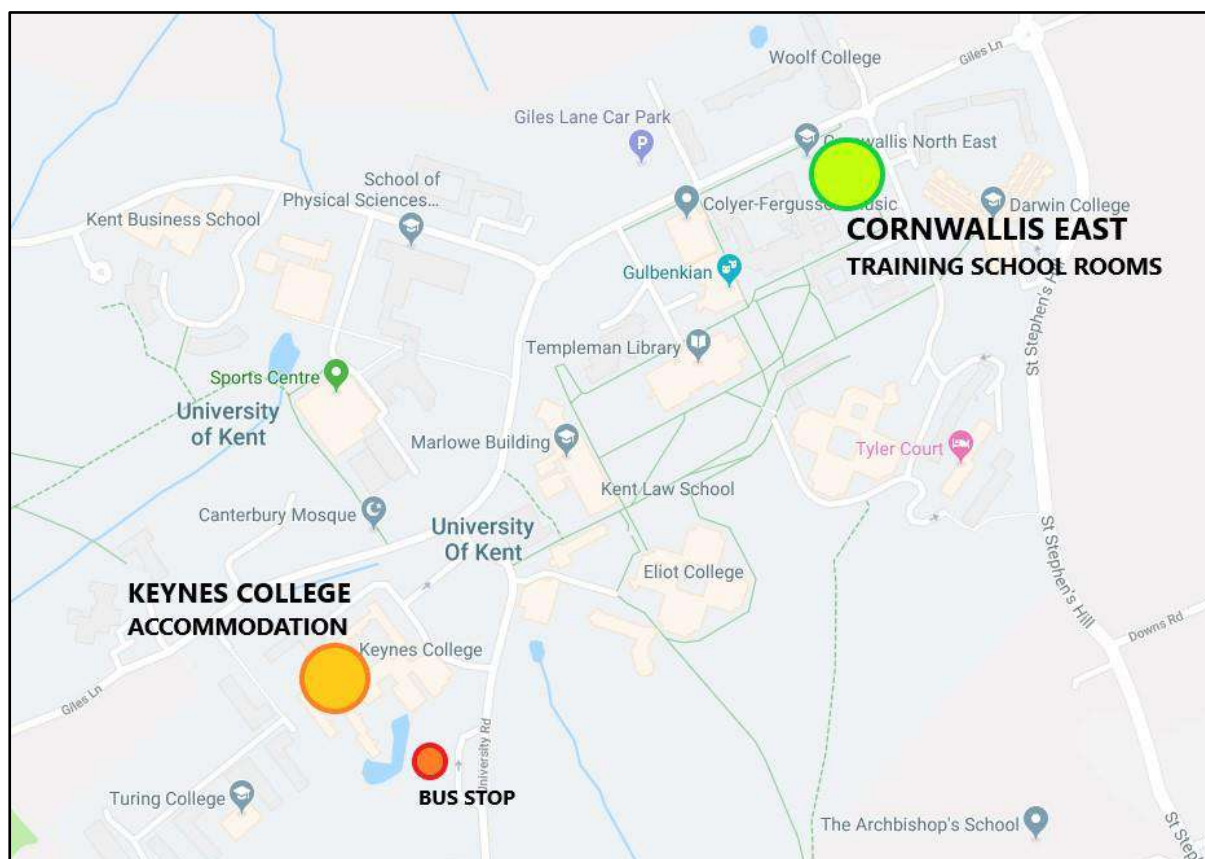
UNIVERSITY OF KENT CAMPUS

You can find an online map of the campus [here](#).

The emergency numbers for the UK are: 112 and 999 (for ambulance, police and fire). In case of emergencies on campus, please call **Campus Security**: +44 (0)1227 82 3333

For **Wi-Fi**: There is Eduroam on campus. Guest Wifi log-ins will also be provided by the Conference Office following registration.

The Training School sessions will take place on the third floor of the Cornwallis East building, where the Graduate School is located.



TRAVEL TO CANTERBURY AND TO CAMPUS

London airports to Canterbury

It takes approximately two to three hours to get from the London airports to Canterbury. You can find information and buy online tickets for **trains** here: <https://www.thetrainline.com/>
Please note that in the UK, a return ticket is often exactly the same price as a one-way ticket so often buying a return ticket will be cheaper. 'Off peak' means travel after 10.00 and in weekends, and costs less. 'Advance single' means that you buy a ticket for a specific time; you won't be able to use trains at other times than you selected.

Buses from the airport to London and Canterbury can be booked here:

<https://www.nationalexpress.com/en>

It is often cheaper to buy a separate ticket from the airport to London, and then one from London to Canterbury (rather than from the airport to Canterbury, although they will be the same bus).

Canterbury town centre to campus

All '**Uni Bus**' lines go from the city centre to the campus, and will drop you off at the Keynes bus stop, at the edge of the campus. You can buy a ticket on the bus; it's £2,30 for a one-way ticket to campus. You can find more information about the buses here:

<https://www.stagecoachbus.com/plan-a-journey>

There is a bus stop for UNI buses in St Dustan's street, just one minute away from the West train station; and the central bus station is a few minutes' walk from the East station.

A **taxi** ride from the city centre to University would cost you up to £10.

Here are a few numbers of taxi companies operating in Canterbury:

- Longley's: +44 (0)1227 710 777
- Wilkinson Taxis: +44 (0)1227 450 450
- United Taxis Canterbury: +44 (0)1227 555 666

You can also **walk** up to campus, it takes about 30 minutes uphill from the train station and the city centre.

ACCOMMODATION IN CANTERBURY

Participants who have requested accommodation in Canterbury will be staying at **Keynes College** on the university campus (highlighted on the map above).

The confirmation of your room booking, along with detailed instructions on how to access the room, will be sent to you by the University of Kent Conference Office one week prior to the event.

Registration, lunch and networking

The training school will kick off in the Graduate School (third floor of Cornwallis East, room CE329) on Tuesday, 2 July, at 12:30. This is when you will receive your name badge, information pack, and have the opportunity to network with other participants over lunch. Those who are also attending the GCRF Conference (either programme) are expected to make their way over to the Graduate School by 12:30 for the start of the training school programme. Cornwallis East map:
<https://www.kent.ac.uk/maps/canterbury/canterbury-campus/building/cornwallis-east>.

London trip

The programme includes a trip to London on Wednesday, 3 July. All participants are asked to meet in Keynes College foyer at 6:30 that morning to catch the private coach to London. A packed breakfast and lunch will be provided for all participants on this day, and we expect to arrive back to campus between 18:00-19:00 that evening.

Get connected on campus

All participants will be supplied with a Wi-Fi log-in in order to access the internet during their stay, and log-in information and instructions will be supplied by our Conference team during registration. Please contact our Conference team if you do not receive your Wi-Fi log-in (T: +44 (0) 1227 828000, E: conferences@kent.ac.uk). Free public Wi-Fi is also available on campus for all visitors. Simply look for Wi-Fi Guest in your list of available Wi-Fi networks, select it and register (if you are a first time user) or sign in (if you already have an account).

Twitter

For those wishing to tweet during the training school we will be using the hashtag #GCDCTrainingSchool2019 so please include it in your tweets. Follow us at @UniKentGCDC for live updates and useful training school information!

Catering

Tea and coffee breaks and lunch will be provided for all participants each day, and those staying in campus accommodation will receive breakfast each morning in the Dolche Vita restaurant in Keynes College (available between 7:45-9:30). All participants will be given catering cards in their information pack that can be used at any campus eatery for dinner Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evening (see campus eateries and opening times below). Please note that the catering cards cannot be used in the campus shop.

Campus Eateries



29-30 June
Closed
1-5 July
09:00-15:00

6 July
08:30-15:00
7 July
Closed



Weekends:
12:00-23:00
Weekdays:
11:00-23:00



29-30 June
Closed
1-5 July
09:00-15:00

6 July
08:30-15:00
7 July
Closed



29-30 June:
07:45-10:00 (breakfast)
1 July:
07:45-10:00 (breakfast)
08:30-16:00 (drinks,
sandwiches, snacks)
12:00-15:00 & 18:00-19:30
(hot food)

2-3 July:
07:45-10:00 (breakfast)
08:30-16:00 (drinks,
sandwiches, snacks)
12:00-15:00 (hot food)
4-5 July
07:45-10:00 (breakfast)
08:30-16:00 (drinks,
sandwiches, snacks)
12:00-15:00 & 18:00-19:30
(hot food)

6 July
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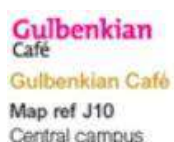
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12:00-16:30 (hot food)



29-30 June
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1-5 July
09:00-15:00

6 July
08:30-15:00
7 July
Closed



Mon-Fri
08:00-20:00

Sat
12:00-20:00
Sun
12:00-18:00



29-30 June
07:45-09:30 (breakfast)
Closed for lunch
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PROGRAMME

Tuesday 2 nd July - CE329 All day	Wednesday 3 rd July - London	Thursday 4 th July - Graduate School Training Room until 13:00; CE329 from 13:00	Friday 5 th July - CE329 All day	Saturday 6 th July - CE329 All day
Arrival (Sunday if attending conference and training school; Tuesday if attending training school only) <i>Conference programmes break up at 12pm</i>	7:00am Leave for London, <i>Keynes bus stop</i>	9.00-10.30 Skills workshop 3: Publishing internationally – <i>Prof Fragkiskos Filippaios & Sarah Slowe (Kent)</i>	9.00-11.00 Paper panel 4 “Resilience and Higher Education” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shaher Abdullateef Lala Mammadova <i>Moderator: Eske van Gils</i>	9.00-11.00 Paper panel 7 “Managing resilience” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andrei Bezruchonak Indah Kartika Sari Sukanya Ravi <i>Moderator: Eske van Gils</i>
	10.25am Tour of Westminster: 10.25-11.40 (Group A) 10.30-11.45 (Group B)	10:30-11:00 Coffee/tea break	11.00 Coffee/tea available	11.00 Coffee/tea available
12.30-13.30 Lunch & networking	Tour of Jewel Tower: 12.00-12.30 (Group A) 12.30-13.00 (Group B)	11.00-13.00 Paper panel 2 “Resilience and order formation” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Huawei Zheng Tom Harper Yingfeng Ji <i>Moderator: Anar Valiyev</i>	11.00-13.00 Paper panel 5 “Resilience and non-governmental actors” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Polina Bishenden Tabitha Magese Sindani Matlyuba Salikhova <i>Moderator: Oybek Madiyev</i>	11.00-13.00 Paper panel 8 “Resilience and regional security in Central Asia” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Munira Yuldasheva Nilufar Rakhmatullaeva Temur Islamov <i>Moderator: Anar Valiyev</i>
13.30 Welcome: <i>Prof Paul Allain</i> (Dean of the Graduate School) and <i>Prof Elena Korosteleva</i> (PI COMPASS project)	13.00-14.00 Packed lunch / free time 14:15 Walk towards Westminster University	13.00-14.00 Lunch break	13.00-14.00 Lunch break Incoming GCDC cohort joins for the afternoon.	13.00-14.00 Lunch break
13.45-15.30 Paper panel 1 “Resilience and capacity-building” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lizzie Babster Olivia Blair Aliaksandra Kondral <i>Moderator: Elena Korosteleva</i>	14.45-16.15 Skills workshop 2: Publishing your PhD thesis as a book – <i>Gurdeep Mattu, Rowman & Littlefield.</i> (Westminster University, room 152, 309 Regent street, London)	14.00-16.00 Paper panel 3A “Integration initiatives in Eurasia” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irina Kulinenko Mikita Keino Olga Malashenkova <i>Moderator: Irina Petrova</i>	14.00-15.30 Skills workshop 4: Fieldwork funding. <i>Dr Sarah Tetley & Dr Alexandra Leduc-Pagel, Kent</i>	14.00: Concluding remarks, certificates and farewell – <i>Prof Philippe de Wilde</i>
15.30-16.00 Tea & Coffee break		16.00-16.15 Coffee break	15.30-16.00 Coffee break	
16:00-17.30 Skills workshop 1: Networking – <i>Giles Polglase (Canterbury Christ Church University)</i>	16:30 Coach back to Kent	16.15-18.00 Paper panel 3B “Integration initiatives in Eurasia” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alla Leukavets Adina Asanova Gabriel Lorca-Aicardi <i>Moderator: Eske van Gils</i>	16.00-18.00 Paper panel 6 “Resilience and norms contestation” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Odilov Parviz Anna Ayvazyan Colin Elder <i>Moderator: Irina Petrova</i>	Departure
19.30 Joint dinner in town, <i>The Parrot</i>				

PARTICIPANT BIOGRAPHIES



Shaher Abdullateef

Dr Shaher Abdullateef is an independent researcher. In 2014, he gained his PhD from Humboldt University of Berlin in the field of Hydroponics and Biotechnology. Since 2015, he has been based in Turkey and working on several issues related to IDPs and refugees. He is an international agriculture and food expert, with specialist expertise in Food Security and Livelihoods. He was the agricultural expert in the EU-funded “Governance project” for governance and strategic planning in Syria, led by the Assistance and Coordination Unit (NGO). He is the lead investigator for the Agricultural Sustainable Development project - a consultancy project led by Syrian local organizations. The consultancy explores issues around food security and livelihoods, income generation, and deployed coaching of different agriculture engineering and farming groups. He has recently collaborated with researchers from Cambridge University on higher education in Syria and an academic from the University of Kent on e-learning impact on agricultural knowledge transfer, governance, and effectiveness of capacity building programs for Syrian learners both in exile and in Syria. Moreover, he is currently collaborating on a research project with a sub-group of agriculture specialists from UK Universities and the CARA Syria programme.



Adina Asanova

Adina Asanova is currently completing an MPhil in Development Studies at the Centre of Development Studies, University of Cambridge and will begin her PhD at the same department in 2019. Her main research interests include social dimensions of labour migration; economic inequality and globalisation; and the politics of development. Prior to starting her MPhil, Adina worked for over two years as an Operations Coordinator at the School of Arts and Sciences, University of Central Asia. During her work at UCA, she was involved in the curriculum development programme; recruitment and on boarding Academic Affairs team members; and academic upgrading initiatives in Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Kazakhstan. Adina also holds a Diploma of Specialist in Foreign Languages with Magna Cum Laude honours from the Bishkek Humanities University. During her undergraduate degree, she was an active member of student organizations, initiating and running social development projects.



Anna Ayvazyan

Anna is currently a researcher and a PhD candidate at the Department for European Integration, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences. Her main academic interest is the EU external policy in the South Caucasus region, namely its normative component. She received her diploma in Economics from the Russian-Armenian State University and her master's degree in European Studies: Ideas and Identities from the London School of Economics and Political Sciences. She also works for the Friedrich Naumann Foundation Moscow bureau as a project coordinator.



Lizzie Babister

Lizzie's research focusses on government financing for recovery in response to humanitarian crises for the most vulnerable, affected communities. Her background is with the international humanitarian sector and includes coordinating multidisciplinary research projects and research funding design. She was a senior manager and technical advisor based at the headquarters for INGOs and DFID, and specialised in humanitarian programming. During her time there she deployed to Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America in response to conflict and disasters. She brings to her research a range of international field experience, which motivates her to promote links between academia and development practice. She is currently working towards her PhD with the Development Policy and Practice Unit at the Open University, UK.



Andrei Bezruchonak

Dr Andrei Bezruchonak has a PhD in Geography, and is Associate Professor of the Chair of Economic and Social Geography, Department of Geography and Geo-informatics, at the Belarusian State University (Minsk, Belarus). Born in a middle-sized town of Barysau (sometimes internationally recognized for its FC BATE), Andrei was educated, learned to play the guitar, to travel, to explore and understand places and spaces at the Department of Geography and Geo-informatics of BSU in Minsk. He is interested in contemporary social and economic aspects of human geography, including transportation geography, geopolitics, and Industry 4.0. Andrei enriched his personal and professional background through mobility programs (ERASMUS in Portugal, FULBRIGHT in Iowa, US) and an internship at the Canadian Parliament. He is addicted to music and loves playing the electric guitar as loud as possible.



Polina Bishenden

Polina is funded by a 1+3 GCRF scholarship and is currently working towards a Master's in International Relations before beginning her PhD project (also in International Relations) next year at the University of Kent. Her PhD will be supervised by Prof Elena Korosteleva and Dr Andrea Den Boer, and her research addresses women's rights norm localisation in Central Asia, specifically examining the role that women's movements hold throughout the process. Polina holds a Bachelor's in Politics and International Relations from Kent, and her dissertation was titled, 'Social Movement Theory: The Case of the Kyrgyz Women's Movement'. Alongside her studies, Polina volunteers at the Amnesty International Eastern Europe and Central Asia office.



Olivia Blair

Olivia is an ESRC funded 1+3 PhD student, researching resilience to climate change. She is specifically interested in socio-economic dynamics of resilience, and the multiplier effect climate change will have on existent vulnerabilities. She asserts that it is the most vulnerable of the global community who will be most devastatingly affected by climate change. She is currently working on her MSc thesis, exploring the socio-economic dynamics of the Cape Town water crisis. This project will act as the pilot study for the full PhD, which will look at other climate crises such as wildfires, extreme weather and flooding.



Colin Elder

Colin completed his BA (Algoma University) and MA (Dalhousie University) in Canada. He is now pursuing a PhD at University of Kent with Dr Karen Jones, where he has taught in the School of History and the School of American Studies. Colin's background is in history, but as an Environmental Historian, he is increasingly concerned with ways to decolonize our current land-use practices. He argues that Indigenous practices need to be incorporated into contemporary legislation, political structures, and academic methodologies. Colin's current research explores the specific relationship which the Anishinabek populations have forged with the St. Mary's River over the last 10,000 years. His research argues for the need to use these models as a way to address environmental and social concerns in North America.



Tom Harper

Tom is a doctoral researcher in politics and international relations from the University of Surrey. His research interest is in Chinese foreign policy in the developing world, and he has been published in the Cambridge Journal of Eurasian Studies as well as in the Conversation, the Asia Times and the Independent. Tom has also been interviewed by the China Daily and the Gazeta Do Povo, and his articles have been translated into Arabic, French, Japanese and Spanish. He can also speak Mandarin Chinese and Japanese.



Temur Islamov

Temur Islamov is a research fellow at the University of World Economy and Diplomacy in Uzbekistan. He previously worked as a senior lecturer at the Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan and a lecturer at Management Development Institute of Singapore in Tashkent. He received his master's degree at the American University in Dubai. At the moment, he is obtaining his PhD at the Moscow State Institute of International Relations in Russia.

Temur is interested in Global and Regional Security issues, Afghanistan, Central Asia, International Relations and Diplomacy.



Yingfeng Ji

Yingfeng is a first-year PhD student at the University of Cambridge. She gained her bachelor's degree in International Relations in Beijing and MPhil in development studies in Cambridge. Her current research is concerned with the Sino-Central Relation under the Belt and Road Initiative.



Indah Kartika Sari

Indah completed her bachelor's degree in 2010, and she received an outstanding student award from Tanjungpura University, Indonesia, for her achievement. The Indonesian government awarded her an internationally recognized scholarship to study for her master's degree at Gadjah Mada University from 2011-2013. She finished her Master's in 1 year and 8 months, receiving an award from Gadjah Mada University and graduating Cum laude. From 2013 until 2016 Indah worked as a contracted lecturer at Tanjungpura University. In January 2016 she started her doctoral degree at Gadjah Mada University, and she was funded by a LPDP scholarship from the Indonesian government for her excellent academic achievement and strong leadership qualities. Indah is currently in her fifth semester and will do her final examination at the end of this year.



Mikita Keino

Mikita was born in Vitebsk, Belarus in 1995. He received his bachelor's degree (with honours) in Customs Affairs from the Belarusian State University (BSU), Minsk, Belarus in 2017 and a master's degree in Management and Economics from BSU in 2018. In 2018 during his master's degree, Mikita participated in the Erasmus + exchange programme and studied at the University of Kent, School of International Relations and Politics, Canterbury, UK. He is now a PhD student at BSU (World Economy). His research interests include integration processes in the developing countries, the emergence of common economic, cultural, and political interests in the integration associations, Eurasian regionalism, the emerging of the EAEU and its relations with major world actors, as well as Greater Eurasia.



Aliaksandra Kondral

Dr Aliaksandra Kondral graduated from the Faculty of History at Belarusian State University in 2009 with honours. In 2013 she finished a PhD programme at BSU with a specialty in World History. She studied language and received scientific training in Cairo (Egypt), Paris (France) and Amman (Jordan). In 2015, she defended her PhD thesis on the topic of 'Socio-political Activity of Muslim Brotherhood Association in Egypt (2005-2012)'. Since September 2013, Aliaksandra has been working at the Faculty of History at BSU, first as a lecturer, then, from January, 2018, as an Associate Professor. She teaches classes in World History, History of Asia and Africa, Radical Islamism: History and Modernity, as well as the Theory of Political Decision-making.



Iryna Kulinenko

Iryna is an MA student in History of International Relations and Foreign Policy at the Belarusian State University. Her research interests include the foreign policy of the Republic of Belarus, its relations with the EU and CIS countries, the implementation process of activities aimed at sustainable development promotion, and the position of Belarus in international and regional organisations. Iryna has participated in numerous international youth forums and student conferences on the topic of intercultural dialogue and international peace and security. She is also an active member of the BSU Quality of Education Council.



Alla Leukavets

After studying law at the Belarusian State Economics University, Dr Alla Leukavets pursued an MA programme in Human Rights at the University of Manchester. She received her second MA degree in EU international relations from the College of Europe and did a PhD in political science at the Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences. In addition, Alla Leukavets completed several traineeships, inter alia, at the European Parliament in Brussels and the UK Parliament in London. She has published in, among other outlets, *Ibidem Verlag*, *Caucasus Survey*, *Belarus Digest* and *Russian Analytical Digest*. Alla speaks Belarusian, Russian (native speaker), English, German and Serbo-Croatian.



Gabriel Lorca-Aicardi

Gabriel is a Master's Candidate in International Relations at the University of Kent, Master's Laureate in International Relations and Diplomatic Affairs at the University of Bologna, and Research Assistant at the Russo-British Chamber of Commerce in London. His core research interests include Russia's foreign policy, energy security politics, EU-Russia diplomatic relations, and post-Soviet studies. Among his awards, Gabriel received the University of Kent's International Taught Scholarship in 2018 and the merit-based Dissertation Scholarship from the University of Bologna in 2012.



Tabitha Magese Sindani

Tabitha is a doctoral researcher in Business Studies at the University of Roehampton Business School London, researching on policy and rural female subsistence entrepreneurship in sub-Saharan Africa. She previously worked for the African Union Commission in strategic policy planning and resource mobilization for the continental policy framework, Agenda 2063. Tabitha is also a 2017 Mandela Washington Fellow in Civic Leadership based at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, USA. Recently, she was a TEDx speaker at Ruhr University Bochum Germany held in May 2019, where she gave a talk on ‘How unemployment became the ruby in my life’ under the event’s main theme ‘Embrace the Unexpected’.

Tabitha’s passion for rural girls’ education and youth mentorship led her to design the Centurion’s Heart Initiative, which is a mentorship program for secondary school students in rural communities and her mission is to empower girls and women to defy the culturally embedded status quo about their role and place in society. Ultimately, she hopes that her doctoral research outputs will influence continental entrepreneurial policy action for rural female subsistence entrepreneurs in sub-Saharan Africa as well as help these women perform their own personal agencies.



Olga Malashenkova

Dr Olga Malashenkova was born on January 31, 1980 in Zhodino, Belarus. In 2002 she graduated from the Belarusian State University, Department of the International Economic Relations. In 2009 she defended her PhD thesis on the International Venture Capital Investment. From 2005 she has been working for the Department of the International Economic Relations of the BSU in different positions (as lecturer, senior lecturer, and assistant professor). From September 2009 she has held the position of a Deputy Dean for Scientific Work at the Faculty of International Relations and in 2012 she was awarded the academic title of Associate Professor. She has authored more than 120 scientific works and teaching materials. Her scientific interests include: Digitalization of the World Economy, Venture Capital Investment, Innovative Development, Internationalization of Small Enterprises, Entrepreneurial Ecosystems, Integration Processes in the World Economy and in the EAEU.



Lala Mammadova

Lala Mammadova is an Information Literacy and Academic Writing instructor at ADA University in Azerbaijan, Baku. She received her BA and first MA from Azerbaijan University of Languages. After working as an English teacher for a year at the same university, she continued her teaching career for Language Services Direct. There, she taught a private language course to mainly corporate adult students. She left her job in that company after 5 years to teach at ADA University. After 3 years teaching in the foundation programme, she was promoted to the general education programme to teach Information Literacy and Academic Writing to first year students. Alongside working as an instructor, she studied in the newly launched master's program at ADA. She graduated with her MA in Education Management with honours in 2018. A year later, she decided to apply for a PhD and is now a PhD student at the Institute of Education of Azerbaijan Republic. She has a deep interest in research and in significant issues related to the field of education.



Parviz Odilov

Parviz Odilov is a Research Fellow at the Institute for Legal Studies, Yonsei Law School, Seoul Korea. He is conducting research on the compliance issues of international-climate-change-related measures. He also focuses on normative conflicts between international economic and environmental issues, in particular between trade, investment and environmental norms. Fluent in Tajik, Russian, English, Korean and intermediate Japanese, he holds a JD from Tajikistan National University, a MA in IR from International University of Japan and a PhD in Law from Yonsei University.



Nilufar Rakhmatullaeva

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Sukanya Ravi

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GUIDE TO CANTERBURY

Canterbury is a historic English cathedral city that was a pilgrimage site in the Middle Ages. Ancient walls, originally built by the Romans, encircle its medieval centre with cobbled streets and timber-framed houses. Canterbury Cathedral, founded 597 A.D., is the Mother Church of the worldwide Anglican Communion and seat of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The University of Kent's Canterbury campus is situated just outside the city centre. The University opened its doors in 1965 with 500 students and 150 staff. Today Kent has grown into an institution of over 20,000 students and over 4,000 staff members over three UK locations, Canterbury, Medway and Tonbridge and four postgraduate centres in Europe.

Places of Interest



Canterbury Cathedral, in 597 St Augustine arrived in Kent and soon established the first cathedral. Between 1070 and 1077 the cathedral was rebuilt as a Norman church by Archbishop Lanfranc. Augustine's original building lies beneath the floor of the nave. <https://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/>



The Old Buttermarket, was known up until the mid-17th century as the Bull Stake, as bulls were toed overnight against a stake to be 'baited' by dogs, with the expectation that this would produce more tender meat. The slaughter area of the city, known as the shambles, was nearby in Butchery Lane.



Abbot's Mill, for nearly 150 years the second largest Canterbury building was the Abbot's Mill, standing where St Radigund's street bridge now crosses a branch of the Great Stour. It burnt to the ground in a spectacular fire in 1933 however you can still see the remaining metal work from the 1792 mill.



Westgate Gardens, with their stunning riverside walk, are one of the city's showpiece gardens. They are situated alongside the Westgate Towers, the largest surviving medieval city gate in England.



Canterbury Ghost Tour, follow the award winning Ghost Hunter, author and local historian, John Hippisley, as he leads you through the streets of Canterbury on a unique tour that is both spooky, historical and delightfully humorous. www.canterburyghosttour.com/



St Augustine's Abbey, This great abbey, marking the rebirth of Christianity in southern England, was founded shortly after AD 597 by St Augustine. Originally created as a burial place for the Anglo-Saxon kings of Kent, this impressive abbey is an important part of the Canterbury World Heritage Site, along with the cathedral and St Martin's Church.

<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/st-augustines-abbey/>



Canterbury Castle, The keep of Canterbury Castle, along with Westgate, is the most prominent remaining landmark of the city's medieval defences and still dominates the junction of Wincheap, the ring road (Rheims Way) and Castle Street near Canterbury East Station.

<http://www.canterbury-archaeology.org.uk/castle/4590809462>



The Canterbury Tales, Meet costumed guides, walk alongside Chaucer's pilgrims and revel in the recreated medieval scenes as five colourful tales of love, infidelity, intrigue, courtship and death are brought vividly to life. You can experience the sights, sounds and smells of medieval England; a unique and theatrical introduction to Canterbury and its famous literary connection.

<https://www.canterburytales.org.uk/>

Pubs



The Parrot

Church Lane, St Radiguns, Canterbury

<https://www.parrotcanterbury.co.uk/>



The Dolphin

St Radigunds street, Canterbury

<http://www.thedolphincanterbury.co.uk/>



Old Buttermarket

Burgate, Canterbury

<https://www.nicholsonspubs.co.uk/restaurants/southeast/theoldbuttermarketcanterbury>



The Shakespeare

Butchery Lane, Canterbury



Millers Arms

Mill Lane, St Radigunds, Canterbury



Ye Olde Beverlie – St Stephen's Green

St Stephen's Green, Canterbury



The Tyler's Kiln

Hackington Road, Tyler Hill, Canterbury

<http://www.tylerskiln.co.uk/>

