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## CURRICULUM VITAE

**Irina S. Khmelko**  
**Assistant Professor of Political Science, Georgia Southern University**

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### CAREER AND EDUCATION

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#### **Experience**

##### **Academic Positions**

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Georgia Southern University, 2005- Present.

Visiting Assistant Professor, SPEA School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University, 2004-2005.

Research Associate, Parliamentary Development Project, Indiana University (USAID), 2002-2004.

Project Associate, Center for the Study of Global Change, Indiana University, 2000-2002.

Project Coordinator, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). Reported to the 10<sup>th</sup> US National Security Advisor Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski, Washington D.C. 1998.

#### **Education**

Ph.D. in Public Policy - Joint Program: School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) and the Department of Political Science, Indiana University, USA, 2003.

M.P.A. (Master of Public Administration) - Bowling Green State University, 1996.

M.A. (Master of Arts) in Society and Politics - Lancaster University, United Kingdom, 1995.

Graduate Credit - International Summer School on Energy and Environment, University of Oslo, Norway, 1993.

Candidate of Science in Philosophy – National Academy of Sciences, Ukraine, 1991.

Diploma with highest honors in Philosophy - Kiev State University/Shevchenko, Ukraine, 1988.

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PUBLICATIONS, RESEARCH, AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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**Publications**

**Peer Reviewed, Refereed Journal Articles**

“Committees and Legislative Strengthening: The Growing Influence of Committees in Ukraine’s Policy Making Process.” *The Journal of Legislative Studies*. Forthcoming March 2010.

“Domestic and International Factors in the Process of Civil Society Development.” *Journal of East European and Asian Studies*. Forthcoming, October 2009.

“Committees in the Process of Legislative Institutionalization.” *The Journal of Legislative Studies*. June 2007.

**Work Under Review, Refereed Journal Articles**

“Managing Water Resources: the Case of Administrative Decentralization in Ukraine.” *Water Policy*.

“Legislative Oversight in the Ukrainian Rada: Assessing the Effectiveness of Parliamentary Committees.” *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*.

**Chapters in Scholarly Books**

“National Institutions and Sub-National Separatism” in *Nationalism and Racism in a Liberal Order*, United Kingdom: Brighton University. 1999.

“Committees as a Foundation for Activities of Legislative Institutions of Power.” *A Handbook*, eds. P. Kisliy, T. Sinclair, T. Brown, A. Rosenbaum, C. Wise, I. Khmelko, N. Rizova. Kiyv: Zapovit. Ukraine, USA. 1997.

“Implementation of Environmental Policy Instruments in Water Management: The Ukrainian Case”, in *Implementing Environmental Policy Instruments in Nordic and Post-Communist Countries*, Per Kristen Mydske, ed., Norway: Oslo University. 1996.

“Liberal Education in Practice” in *The University in a Liberal State*, eds. Robert Brecher, Otakar Fleischmann and Jo Halliday, USA, England: Verbury. 1996.

“CEU: Idea and Reality” in *Liberal Education*. Ustie Nad Labum, Czech Republic. 1995.

### **Service Publications**

“Domestic Violence in a Global Perspective.” *USAID Publications* #202 (United States Agency for International Development). 2004.

“Committee Hearings and Policy Change”, *PDP Documents* (#178), Ukraine, USA: PDP (United State Agency for International Development Publication). USA. 1999.

“Committees and Ministries in the Process of Legislative Drafting”, *Visnik*. # 39. *Journal of the Ukrainian Parliament*: Kyiv, Ukraine. 1999

“Committee Hearings and Changes in Public Policy”, *Visnik*, #40, *Journal of the Ukrainian Parliament*: Kyiv, Ukraine. 1999.

“Parliamentary Staff: A Comparative Research of World Parliaments” in *Golos Gromadyanuna*, 2 (189), Ukrainian Parliament. Kyiv: Ukraine. 1997.

### **Translated, Peer Reviewed, Refereed Journal Articles**

“Cultural Relations as an Appearance of Social Laws” in Boychenko, Ivan (ed.), *Mechanisms of Social Development*. Kyiv, Ukraine. 1995.

“Culture in the Historical Process of Development of Human Civilization” in Boychenko, I. (ed.), *Social Relations: Civilization Approach*, Kiev: Scientific Thought. Ukraine. 1994.

*Cultural - Moral Relations and Behavior*, Kiev, Ukraine: Scientific Thought. Ukraine. 1993.

“Moral - Cultural Relations as a Type of Social Relations”, Kiev: *Scientific Thought*. Ukraine. 1992.

“Cultural Production and Its Characteristics” in Novikov, Boris (ed.), *Creativity and Philosophy*, Kiev: KPI, Ukraine. 1991.

“Cultural and Moral Communication as a Mechanism of Interaction Between Cultural - Moral Relations and Activity”, *Philosophy and Sociological Thought*, Vol. 4. Ukraine. 1991.

“Cultural - Moral Relations and Human Creative Activity” in Novikov, Boris (ed.), *Creativity*:

*Theory and Practice*, Kiev: KPI. Ukraine. 1991.

### **Works in Progress**

“Governmental Actions in the Process of Conflict Resolution: The Role of Institutional Incentives and Past Legacies.” Completed Manuscript; 32pp.

“Committees and Parties in the Process of Legislative Institutionalization: The Case of Ukraine.” Model Testing Stage.

“Establishing Committee Systems Within the Dual Channel Design Legislatures of the Former Soviet States.” Theory Development Stage.

### **Conference Participation**

#### **Papers Presented At Professional National Conferences**

“Committees and Parties in the Process of Legislative Institutionalization: The Case of Ukraine.” SPSA (Southern Political Science Association) Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. January 2010.

“Role of Institutional and Cultural Factors in Structuring Outcomes in Conflict Resolution Process.” MPSA Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. April 2009.

“Committee Strength in Legislative Oversight: The Case of the Ukrainian Parliament.” APSA Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. August 2007.

“Institutional Incentives in Structuring the Conflict-Resolution Process.” MPSA Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. April 2007.

“What is Next? Taking the Next Step in the Field of Communism and Post-Communist Studies.” MPSA Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. April 2006.

“Democratic Institution Building and Sub-National Separatism in Former Communist Countries: Chechnya and Crimea.” MPSA Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. April 2006.

“Committee Roles in Legislative Politics of Developing Legislatures; the Case of the Ukrainian Parliament. APSA Annual Meeting. Washington, DC. August 2005.

“Democratic Institution Building and Sub-National Separatism in the Former Communist

Countries: Chechnya and Crimean Cases.” MPSA Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. April 2005.

“Committee Strength in Legislative Politics of Developing Legislature: the Case of the National Parliament of Ukraine.” MPSA Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. April 2005.

“Democratic Transition in the Former Soviet Countries.” Central Slavic Conference. University of Kansas. Lawrence, KS. April 2003.

“Ethnic Identity in a Liberal Society.” MPSA Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. April 1998.

### Service At National Conferences

Panel Organizer. *Legislative Institution Building in Developing Democracies*. Legislative Politics Section. SPSA Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. 2010.

Panel Organizer. *Parliamentary Audit and Scrutiny of Ex-poste Government Spending*. Public Administration, Bureaucratic and Public Sectors Politics. SPSA Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. 2010.

Panel Chair. *Political Regimes Under Pressure*. MPSA Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. 2009.

Discussant. *Opposition, Lustration, and Democratization*. MPSA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. 2009.

Panel Organizer. APSA Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. August 2007.

Panel Chair. APSA Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. August 2006.

Discussant. APSA Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. August 2006.

Panel Chair. MPSA Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. March 2004.

Discussant. *Legislative Studies in Comparative Perspective*. MPSA Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. March 2004.

Conference Organizer. *Security in the Indian Ocean Region*. Bloomington, IN, Indiana University. March 2001.

Conference Organizer. *Best Practices in International Studies*. Bloomington, IN, Indiana University, USA. January 2000.

### **Presentations at International Conferences**

*New Liberal Order Conference* – Brighton University, UK, Olomouz, Czech Republic. June, 1999.

*International Society for Third-Sector Research, Third International Conference – Presenter*, Geneva, Switzerland. 1998.

*University of Oslo Workshop/Environmental Studies* – Department of Political Sciences, Oslo, Norway. 1997.

*Nationalism and Racism in a New Liberal Order Conference* – Brighton University, UK, Usti Nad Labum University Czech Republic, Czech Republic. 1997.

*Ukrainian National Academy of Sciences International Conference/Environmental studies* – Kyiv, Ukraine. 1997.

*International Project on Meeting/Environmental Policy* – Oslo University, Norway. 1996.

*University of Oslo Workshop/Environmental Policy* – Department of Political Sciences, Oslo, Norway. 1995.

*Financing Options Meeting/Policy Studies of Environmental Issues in Ukraine* – USAID and American- Ukrainian Foundation Office, Washington DC, USA. 1995.

*Central European University: Idea and Reality* – Central European University, Prague, Czech Republic. 1995.

*Development and Government of Nation States: Norway, Baltic States and Ukraine* - Institute of Political Science, the University of Oslo, Norway. 1994.

*XVI World Congress* - Congress on The Process of Democratization, arranged by the International Association of Political Science, Berlin, Germany. 1994.

*Montana Environmental Organizations* - Alternative Energy Organization (AERO), National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT), and the Montana Environmental Information Center (MEDIC). 1995.

*Institute of Urban and Rural Studies* - Workshop, Vienna, Austria. 1994.

*University of Oslo Workshop* - Department of Political Sciences, Oslo, Norway. 1993.

*Mankind, Nature and Society* - Ukrainian Academy of Sciences, Kiev, Ukraine. 1993.

*International Seminar on Mankind and Nature* - Uzgorod, Ukraine. 1991.

*International Conference on National Relations* - Lutsk, Ukraine. 1991.

*International Conference on Implementation of Human Creativity* - Kiev Polytechnic Institute, Kiev, Ukraine. 1990.

*Women's Study Seminar* - University of Lodz, Lodz, Poland. 1989.

*Contemporary Issues in Philosophy* – Seminar for Young Scientists, Alushta, Ukraine. 1988.

*Methodological Issues of Social Sciences* - Latvian University, Riga, Latvia. 1987.

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## TEACHING

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### **Academic Areas**

Public Administration, Public Policy, American Government and Politics, Research Methods, and Comparative Politics and Administration.

### **Courses Taught**

#### **Graduate Courses**

Research Methods for Public Administration  
Program Evaluation  
Democratic Transition in Eastern Europe and the NIS  
Post Soviet Government and Politics  
Democracy and Political Violence

#### **Undergraduate Courses**

Introduction to American Government and Politics  
Scope and Methods in Political Science  
Public Management  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Post Soviet Government and Politics  
Democracy and Political Violence  
International Relations  
Sociology  
Career Development

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SERVICE, GRANT AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

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**Service to the University, College, and Department**

JSTOR II database; 3 academic journals; Web-based data analysis tool (developed by the University of California at Berkeley).

CLASS Advisement Center (2006-2007; 2007-2008)

Member of two personal search MPA committees (2005-2006, 2006-2007)

MPA curriculum development committee (2007-2008; 2008-2009)

Research Methods curriculum development committee (2007-2008; 2008-2009)

Capstone committees (2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009)

MPA recruitment committee (2008-2009)

Adviser to Political Science Majors (2006-2007; 2007-2008; 2008-2009)

Open house for the MPA program (Spring 2009)

Georgia Southern Day (Fall 2008)

Graduation ceremony (Fall 2008)

**Grants, Scholarships, and Awards**

**Research Grants**

*Research Grant*, INTAS, EU. \$15,000. 1999.

*International Pre-Dissertation Fellowship*, Ford Foundation, USA. \$2,000. Summer 1999.

*Research Grant*, Nordic Research Council, Norway. \$3,500. 1996-1997.

*Research Grant*, Open Society Foundation (Soros Foundation), USA. \$6,000. 1995.

### **Project Management**

*Team Leader*. Research project on the process of transfer and adaptation of environmental policy instruments from West to East: comparative analysis of water management systems in Norway, Denmark, Russia, Ukraine. (INTAS). (01/99 – 04/02).

*Project Associate*. University of Oslo, Norway (Nordic Research Council). (12/95-12/97).

*Project Associate*. (Open Society Foundation, USA). (09/95-05/97).

*Project Associate*. (International Organization for Migration, Prague, Czech Republic). (11/93-08/94).

*Project Associate*. (Institute for Urban and Rural Studies, Vienna, Austria). (Fall 1993).

### **Educational Scholarships and Awards**

*Graduate Scholarship*, NAFSA, USA. 1995-1996.

*Graduate Scholarship*, Soros Foundation, Prague, Czech Republic. 1994-1995.

*Graduate Scholarship*, Nordic Council. 1993.

*Educational Award*, National Academy of Sciences, Ukraine. 1988-1991.

*Educational Award*, Kiev State University, Ukraine. 1983-1988

### **Book Manuscripts and Article Manuscripts Reviewed for Academic Publishers and Peer Reviewed, Refereed Journals**

Journal Politics Science and Politics  
Journal of Politics  
Academy of Management  
Wordsworth

## **Public Service**

Presenter. Ford Plantation Discussion Group. Richmond Hill, GA. (Spring 2009 and Winter 2010).

Reader. Statesboro Regional Library. Reading Appreciation Week. Statesboro, GA. (Spring 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009).

## **Memberships**

APSA (American Political Science Association).

MPSA (Mid West Political Science Association).

SPSA (Southern Political Science Association).

RCLS (Research Committee of Legislative Specialists, division of IPSA (International Political Science Association)).