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Ewa Polak

researcher, analyst, anthropologist of politics
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born: 23.08.1987. citizenship: Polish. education: higher



Employment details:

OSCE – ODHIR Election Observation Mission

Short Term Observer

Observation of local elections in Ukraine, Kiev (10.2015)

„Nowa Europa Wschodnia” journal

Free-lancer journalist-analyst

writing articles on Caucasus and Central Asia (02.2015 – currently)

Analytical Centre on Globalization and Regional Cooperation, Yerevan:

Senior Research Fellow

research on EU-Armenia, Armenia-Turkey, Armenia-Azerbaijan relations and on South Caucasus, research on anti/discrimination, (30.06.2014 – currently)

Intern

support with organizing events, communication with foreign partners, and research in the fields of Armenia-Turkey and Armenia-Azerbaijan relations as well as promotion of ACGRC via social networks, (05.07.2014 – 29.06.2014)

European Parliament, Brussels:

Intern in the office of Member of European Parliament – Mr Pawel Kowal

research on Eastern Partnership region and its relations with EU, drafting speeches and letters, (10.2011-11.2011)

Socio-political anthropologist, researcher:

Independent researcher, author and coordinator of individual research, author of documentation (also photographic materials), research reports, publications ect. Experience of coordination of group of researchers.

Research carried out in Belarus, Poland, Russia, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. Topics: civil society and social activity, perception of political changes, grassroots responses to nation- and ideology-building, collapse of the Soviet Union, (2007-2012).

Ethnographic Laboratory Association, Warsaw:

Cultural educator, trainer

carrying out workshops for primary schools on the role of local identity and multicultural heritage (03.2010–06.2010, 09.2011–12.2011, 04.2012-06.2012 and 09.2013)

Coordinator of Projects, Warsaw:

Conceptual work on project, coordination and planning of activities of project's group, coordination of fundraising, coordination of agenda and budget and involvement in mentioned activities.

Projects carried out within the activity of the University of Warsaw and students associations: museum exhibition, international conference and summer school, film festival, public discussions, (2009-2011)

Education:

Name of Institution: **Yerevan State Univeristy, Center for European Studies – Yerevan, Armenia**
Taras Shevchenko National Univeristy of Kiev – Kiev, Ukraine

Faculty / Major: MA Studies in Human Rights and Democratization in Eastern Partnership Region, legal module (2013-10 – 2014-07)

Name of Institution: **Universitas Udayana, Fakultas Sastra – Denpasar, Indonesia**

Faculty / Major: Indonesian language, non-degree studies (2012-09 - 2013-09)

Name of Institution: **Academy of Foreign Affairs at House of Diplomacy – Warsaw, Poland**

Faculty / Major: International Institutions, non-degree studies (2011-10 - 2012-06)

Name of Institution: **Center for East European and Central Asian Studies, University of Warsaw**

Faculty / Major: MA, The Specialist Eastern Studies; majors: I - Russia, II - Central Asia (2010-10-2012-10)

Name of Institution: **Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, University of Warsaw**
Faculty / Major: MA, Ethnology (2009-10 -2011-10)

Name of Institution: **Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, University of Warsaw**
Faculty / Major: BA, Ethnology (2006-10 - 2009-09)

Additional Training:

- Training for cultural animators „Local initiatives – know- how” (2008);
- Workshops: Future of Nongovernmental Sector: Tendencies, Challenges, Changes (2010);
- Training for cultural and intercultural educators (2010, 2011);
- Workshops 'Antidiscriminational education and it's standards of quality' (2011);
- Course at The Network University: Global Education – The intercultural dimation (2012);
- Numerous international academic and non-academic conferences, seminars and simulations.

Membership of Professional Societies and NGOs

- **Chairman** of Scientific Circle of East European and Central Asia Studies in years 2010/2011, 2011/2012
- **Chairman** of Scientific Circle of Students Of Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology 'Ethno' in years 2008/2009, 2009/2010, 2010/2011
- **National Coordinator** (Poland) of Moving Anthropology Student Network 2009-2011
- **Board Member** of Foundation Center for Studies on the History and Culture of Small Towns
- **Supporting Member** of Ethnographic Laboratory Association (formerly: Member)

Prizes:

- Distinction in competition „Student's Nobel Prize” , Poland (2012)
- Award of Ministry of Science and Higher Education, Poland (2012, 2011)
- II Prize in photocontest „Etno w Oku”, Poland (2013)

Languages:

- Polish – native speaker
- English - C1
- Russian - C1
- Ukrainian - passive C1, active A2
- French – B1
- Indonesian – B1
- Uzbek - A2

Skills:

- very good organisation of work
- individualism and self-sufficiency balanced with good ability of working in group
- very good interpersonal and intercultural skills
- facing new situations, work out of the comfort zone
- analytical and critical thinking

Interests

- junction of politics and life of individuals (anthropology of politics), geopolitics and international affairs
- Central Asia (especially: Uzbekistan), Eastern Europe and Caucasus
- broadening horizons via conscious travelling and field-research
- out of the box projects as incentives for social change
- reading books (in particular literary reportage)
- driving motorbike