

Katarina Kertysova

WORK EXPERIENCE

European Leadership Network (ELN)

Policy Fellow

London, UK

March 2020 – Present

- Conducting research, policy advocacy and campaigning related to conventional arms control, Russia-West and Russia-NATO relations, Arctic security and climate-nuclear nexus.
- Coordinating and supporting the *Contact Group on Russia-West Relations*, a mid-career pan-European network of individuals who can impact national and European policymaking and public debate and who will shape or manage the consequences of present developments in Russia-West relations.
- Assisting in the organization of roundtables, conferences, network meetings and press calls.
- Supporting fundraising, online communications and commissioning. Presenting our work to external audiences.

Kennan Institute – Woodrow Wilson Center

Global Fellow

Washington DC, USA

May 2020 – Present

George F. Kennan Fellow

December 2019 – March 2020

- Research project: *Russia's Militarization of the Arctic: What role can the EU, NATO and the OSCE play in addressing the growing security dilemma in the High North?*

The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies (HCSS)

Non-Resident Research Fellow

The Hague, The Netherlands

March 2019 – November 2019

Strategic Analyst

April 2017 – February 2019

Assistant Analyst

November 2014 – May 2015

- Research focused primarily on Russia-West relations, security challenges in the shared neighborhood, new technologies, hybrid threats and cyber-enabled influence operations (including disinformation).
- Organised roundtables, conferences and workshops.
- Supported project acquisition and management, liaised with clients, presented our work to external audiences.
- Supported public relations and online communications of the Centre, including social media messaging.

The Slovak Electric (formerly ENEL)

Institutional Affairs Specialist

Bratislava, Slovakia

September 2016 – March 2017

- Monitored political and economic developments in Slovakia.
- Liaised and communicated with external stakeholders with the aim to expand the company's network of contacts. Built and maintained a database of stakeholders.
- Coordinated and implemented joint projects and activities with high schools and universities in Slovakia with the aim to support cooperation between industry and academia.

Scenarios4Summits (S4S)

Research and Content Support

The Hague, The Netherlands

January 2016 – May 2016

- Conducted background research and provided content-related advice. Translated research findings into scripts and scenarios. Supported design of scenarios on issues relating to security, defence, hybrid warfare and climate change.
- Supported the preparation and execution of table-top exercises and wargames for ministerial and high-level government meetings during the Dutch Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

Clingendael International Energy Programme (CIEP)

Researcher

The Hague, The Netherlands

June 2015 – December 2015

- Conducted research on energy and climate change in relation to the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP21) in Paris. Prepared internal presentations and issue briefs on the findings of my research.
- Assisted in the organization of events, seminars and diplomatic trainings offered by the Clingendael Academy.

The GLOBSEC Policy Institute

External Researcher

Bratislava, Slovakia

October 2014

- Provided research assistance to Mr. Milan Nič, former director of the GLOBSEC Policy Institute. Researched existing vulnerabilities of Slovakia vis-à-vis Russia and suggested steps Slovak government should take to face them. The focus was on defence, energy and financial sectors, targeted by EU sanctions against Russia.

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Research and Communications Assistant

Moscow, Russia

September – December 2013

- Helped with organization of events such as conferences, briefings and roundtables. Wrote website reports of the events hosted by the Centre. Helped maintain the Centre's blog "Eurasia Outlook".
- Conducted research. Studied and compared Russian and American laws governing press freedom.

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)*Intern with the Crisis Prevention and Recovery Practice*

Bratislava, Slovakia

June – August 2013

- Monitored daily press in Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). Supported the bi-weekly preparation of “Conflict and Political Risk Forecasting Reports” for distribution to UN actors.
- Mapped existing early warning mechanisms and activities at the sub-regional and country levels.
- Incorporated suggestions on the draft study on integration of local perceptions in multi-dimensional UN peacekeeping and on a matrix on conflict risks around elections and political transitions for the period 2013-2015.

Ministry of Defence of the Slovak Republic*Trainee at the Office of the State Secretary*

Bratislava, Slovakia

July – August 2012

- Researched political extremism in the armed forces of V4 countries.
- Studied organizational structures of Ministries of Defence of selected NATO member states for planned organizational changes of the Slovak Ministry of Defence.
- Suggested revisions to pre-assignment training and post-assignment support provided to Slovak soldiers.

Research Centre of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association (SFPA)*Research Assistant, International Security Program*

Bratislava, Slovakia

August 2011-September 2011

- Conducted research on the implications of Bin Laden’s death for international and regional security, as well as for the future of Al Qaeda. Assisted with editing of Dr. Samson’s book “International Terrorism – Implications for Slovakia”.

EDUCATION**Odessa I. I. Mechnikov National University***Visiting Research Program in International Relations and Russian Language*

Odessa, Ukraine

May – August 2019

American University in Kosovo (RIT/A.U.K)

Summer school in peacebuilding, post-conflict transformation and development in the Balkans

Prishtina, Kosovo

June – July 2014

Sciences Po Paris*Certificat d'Aptitudes Managériales (CAM)**MA International Security (Cum Laude)*

Recipient: Academic scholarship “Students to the world”, Tatra Banka Foundation

Paris, France

2014 – 2015

2012 – 2014

The Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO)*Russian Language and Eurasian Studies*

Postgraduate exchange program between Sciences Po and MGIMO

Moscow, Russia

September 2013 – January 2014

The University of St Andrews*Master of Arts (Honours) French and International Relations*

Awards: Dean’s list award of academic excellence in 2011/2012. Distinction in Spoken French in 2012.

St Andrews, United Kingdom

2008 – 2012

VOLUNTEER AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**NATO 2030 Young Leaders Program***Member of the Young Leaders cohort; climate-security working group lead*

Remotely

November 2020 – Present

Younger Generation Leaders Network on Euro-Atlantic Security (YGLN)*Member of the Security Working Group*

London, UK

April 2020 – Present

OSCE Perspectives 20-30 Initiative*Member of the Core Group of Experts*

Vienna, Austria

May 2019 – December 2019

LEAF Slovak Professionals Abroad Program*Volunteer mentor to high-school students (TalentGuide Mentoring Program)*

Bratislava, Slovakia

2014 – Present

Selected participant of the Tatra Summit Young Professionals (2019), the New Security Leaders program of the Warsaw Security Forum (2018), and the GLOBSEC Young Leaders Forum (2018).

ADDITIONAL SKILLS**Languages:**

Slovak (native), English (fluent), French (fluent), Russian (working proficiency), Dutch (pre-intermediate), Italian (beginner).

IT Skills:

Proficient at MS Office applications (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook), Mac and PC platforms, and Internet use. Experience with new media and basic web publishing.

PUBLICATIONS

1. Katarina Kertysova and Alexander Graef (2021) "Open Skies in the Arctic: Challenges and Opportunities," in Duncan Depledge & Whitney Lockenbauer, *On Thin Ice: Perspectives on Arctic Security*, North American and Arctic Defence and Security Network (NAADSN), Ontario.
2. NATO Young Leaders, *NATO 2030: Embrace the change, guard the values*, The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), February 2021, Available at: <https://www.nato.int/nato2030/young-leaders/>.
3. Katarina Kertysova (2020) "Climate change in transatlantic relations: Prospects for bridging the EU-US climate divide," in Simona Soare, *Turning the tide: How to rescue the transatlantic relationship*, EU Institute for Security Studies (EUISS).
4. Katarina Kertysova et al., "U.S. Troop Withdrawal from Germany: An Expert Analysis," *Kennan Institute*, 4 August 2020, Available at: <https://www.wilsoncenter.org/article/us-troop-withdrawal-germany-expert-analysis>.
5. Sherri Goodman and Katarina Kertysova (2020). *The Nuclearisation of the Russian Arctic: New Reactors, New Risks*, European Leadership Network (ELN), London.
6. Mathieu Boulegue and Katarina Kertysova (2020). "Arctic Development Reflects Russia's Thorny Civil-Military Relations," *The Russia File blog*, Kennan Institute, Washington D.C., Available at: <https://www.wilsoncenter.org/blog-post/arctic-development-reflects-russias-thorny-civil-military-relations>.
7. Katarina Kertysova (2020). "What are the main drivers behind Russia's military build-up in the Arctic?" European Leadership Network (ELN), Available at: <https://www.europeanleadershipnetwork.org/commentary/what-are-the-main-drivers-behind-russias-military-build-up-in-the-arctic/>.
8. Katarina Kertysova (2019). "Artificial Intelligence and Disinformation: How AI changes the way disinformation is produced, disseminated and can be countered," *Security and Human Rights*, 29:1-4, Leiden: Brill.
9. Michel Rademaker, Katarina Kertysova, Bart Schermers, Alen Hristov (2019). *Planetary Security Initiative Briefing Note: Climate and Security Strategic Capability Game Takeaways*, Clingendael Institute, The Hague.
10. Katarina Kertysova, Erik Frinking, Gabriella Gricius (2019). *Understanding the Strategic and Technical Significance of Technology for Security: The Case of Data Diodes for Cybersecurity*, The Hague Security Delta (HSD), The Hague.
11. Katarina Kertysova, "Čaputová's triumph not yet a victory for Slovak liberalism," *EUobserver*, 16 April 2019, Available at: <https://euobserver.com/opinion/144653>.
12. Katarina Kertysova, "Slovakia viser vei for et liberalt Europa," *Liberal.no*, 5 April 2019, Available at: <https://www.liberal.no/artikler/2019/kertysova-slovakia-liberal-europa>.
13. Katarina Kertysova, Michel Rademaker, Tim Sweijjs (2019). *The Role of Strategic Communications in Enhancing Resilience and Stability in the EU's South-Eastern Neighbourhood*, The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies (HCSS), The Hague.
14. Eric Wilms, Lotte de Jong, Katarina Kertysova, Frank Bekkers, Karlijn Jans (2018). *European Defence Fund: Challenges and Opportunities for Dutch Participation*, The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies (HCSS), The Hague.
15. Katarina Kertysova, Gabriella Gricius, "November Elections in Eastern Ukraine Unlikely to Bring Major Change," *Global Security Review*, 10 November 2018, Available at: <https://globalsecurityreview.com/november-elections-donetsk-luhansk-ukraine-unlikely-change-russia/>.
16. Katarina Kertysova, "Know Your Enemy: How dismissal of MGIMO graduates weakens Poland's knowledge base on Russia," *EUobserver*, 26 October 2018, Available at: <https://euobserver.com/opinion/143134>.
17. Willem Oosterveld, Eric Wilms, Katarina Kertysova (2018). *The Belt and Road Initiative Looks East: Political Implications of China's Economic Forays in the Caribbean and the South Pacific*, The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies (HCSS), The Hague.
18. Katarina Kertysova (2018). "The EU Considers a New Approach to Confront Disinformation Online," *World Politics Review*, 4 June 2018.
19. Katarina Kertysova, Erik Frinking, Koen van den Dool, Aleksandar Maričić, Kumar Bhattacharyya (2018). *Cybersecurity: Ensuring awareness and resilience of the private sector across Europe in face of mounting cyber risks*, European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), Brussels.
20. Katarina Kertysova, "Európsky prístup k dezinformáciám na internete: Kto má niešť zodpovednosť?" *Euractiv.sk*, 7 May 2018, Available at: <https://euractiv.sk/section/digitalizacia/opinion/europsky-pristup-k-dezinformaciam-na-internete-kto-ma-niest-zodpovednost/>

21. Tim Sweijs, Hugo van Manen, Katarina Kertysova, Frank Bekkers (2018). *Flow Security and Dutch Defense and Security Policies*, The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies (HCSS), The Hague.
22. Sijbren de Jong, Tim Sweijs, Katarina Kertysova, Roel Bos (2017). *Inside the Kremlin House of Mirrors: How Liberal Democracies Can Counter Russian Disinformation and Societal Interference*, The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies (HCSS), The Hague.
23. Katarina Kertysova, Hugo van Manen, Michel Rademaker, Roel Bos, Sijbren de Jong (2017). "Policy Paper: Energy Transition and Demand for Raw Materials," The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies (HCSS), The Hague.
24. Katarina Kertysova (2016). "CIEP Briefing Paper on the 2015 Climate Negotiations: Interpreting Paris," Clingendael International Energy Programme (CIEP), The Hague.
25. Milan Nič and Katarina Kertysova (2016). "Between non-recognition and constructive engagement: The roots and limitations of Slovakia's position on Kosovo," The GLOBSEC Policy Institute, Bratislava.
26. Willem Oosterveld, Ludy de Vos and Katarina Kertysova (2015). *Future Force Conference Report 2015: Engaging uncertainty through shock-resistant partnerships*, Ministry of Defence of the Netherlands, The Hague.
27. Willem Oosterveld, Sijbren de Jong, Katarina Kertysova, Ihor Ilko, and Juncal Fdez-Garayzabal Gonzalez, "Words Speak Louder Than Guns," *EUobserver*, 23 April 2015, Available at: <https://euobserver.com/opinion/128422>
28. Sijbren de Jong, Willem Oosterveld, Artur Usanov, Katarina Kertysova, Ihor Ilko and Juncal Fdez-Garayzabal Gonzalez (2015). *Beyond the Cold War of Words: How Online Media Can Make a Difference in the Post-Soviet Space*, The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies (HCSS), The Hague.
29. Sijbren de Jong, Cyril Widdershoven, Katarina Kertysova, Willem Auping and Vesela Miladinova (2015). "Running Out of Gas: Natural Gas Diversification Efforts in the EU Neighbourhood," *Oil, Gas & Energy Law Journal (OGEL)*, No. 6 (2015).