

## Curriculum Vitae

### EDUCATION

From October 2006

▶▶ **UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE (DOWNING COLLEGE)**

- ▶ MPhil Development Studies
- ▶ Concentrating on development economics, institutional economics and theories of financial organisation
- ▶ Dissertation topic: Kazakhstan's hydrocarbon boom and its centre-periphery implications

September 2003 - June 2006

▶▶ **SOAS, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON (LONDON, UK)**

- ▶ BA (Hons) Development Studies and Economics, grade obtained: First Class with Honours
- ▶ Courses included: Banking and Finance in Economic Development; Economics of Developing Countries; Quantitative Analysis for Economists; Central Asia: History, Religion, Politics; Intensive Russian
- ▶ Dissertation title: Kazakhstan's Hydrocarbon Challenge: Economic, Political and Developmental Considerations (distinction awarded)

### EXPERIENCE

August 2004 until present

▶▶ **FOUNDER AND EDITOR-IN-CHIEF: NEWEURASIA.NET (LONDON, UK)**

- ▶ Daily management of dynamically growing online magazine about Central Asia and the Caucasus
- ▶ Responsible for six part-time staff
- ▶ Liaising with sponsors, co-writing semi-annual reports
- ▶ Organisation of workshops and conferences in Almaty, Kazakhstan and Prague, Czech Republic
- ▶ Regular contributions on Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan country pages

February 2002 - July 2003

▶▶ **PROJECT ASSISTANT: ZUKUNFTSBAU GMBH (BERLIN, GERMANY)**

- ▶ Co-developed European minimum skills project BASICON (Basic Skills for the Construction Site)
- ▶ Oversaw IT part of the project, including extensive e-learning platform
- ▶ Performed extensive research on European funding schemes
- ▶ Organised and attended several European conferences, e.g. in Romania, Bulgaria, Austria and Belgium

### INTERNSHIPS & ACTIVITIES

October 2004 - March 2005

▶▶ **MARKETING ASSISTANT: OPENDEMOCRACY.NET (LONDON, UK)**

- ▶ Liaised with existing subscribers and authors, analysed website and subscription statistics
- ▶ Compiled and organised material for editorial staff meetings

July - August 2004

▶▶ **ASSISTANT TO CHIEF OF MISSION: IFES (BISHKEK, KYRGYZSTAN)**

- ▶ Reliably worked with the senior mission staff in preparation of Kyrgyzstan's parliamentary elections, for which IFES was offering technical advice to the Kyrgyz government
- ▶ Charged with political analysis, procurement of ballot boxes, graphic design

November 2002 - April 2003

▶▶ **RESEARCHER FOR AUTHOR LUTZ KLEVEMAN (BERLIN, GERMANY)**

- ▶ Fact-checked and researched for *The New Great Game: Blood and Oil in Central Asia* (GroveAtlantic 2003)
- ▶ Compiled background reading material for author, designed book's and author's websites

### LANGUAGES ETC.

<b>German</b> native	<b>English</b> bilingual	<b>Russian</b> intermediate	<b>French</b> intermediate	<b>Spanish</b> basic
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President and Founder: SOAS Central Asia and Caucasus Society

Full scholarship to attend Global Voices Conference 2006 in Delhi/India

1996-2003: Drummer in band *Lensflare*, Winner *Bandbreite* Berlin competition (out of 100+ participating bands)