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## EDUCATION

Post-Doctorate in International Relations, School of International Relations, University of St. Andrews, Scotland, United Kingdom, 2009.

Ph.D. (magna cum laude) in Political Science, Department of Political Science, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary (2008).

Master of Arts, International Relations, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, Medford, MA, USA (2000).

Master of Public Administration, Georgian-American Institute of Public Administration, Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia (1996).

Bachelor of Arts (Honors), major: Teacher of English and German Languages, Iliya State University, Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia (1996).

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

01/2013– present Department of Security Studies and Criminal Justice, Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX, USA

Adjunct Instructor

- Teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in cultural studies, international relations, US national security and globalization.

09/2013 – 12/2016 Department of Political Science, Utah State University, Logan, UT, USA

Assistant Professor of Political Science (tenure track)

- Developed and taught a broad range of undergraduate and graduate courses in terrorism, international relations, area studies (Eurasia, former Soviet Union and Africa), globalization, democratization, human rights and terrorism.
- Published books and articles in peer-reviewed academic outlets.

09/2010 – 08/2013 Department of Security Studies and Criminal Justice, Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX, USA

Assistant Professor of Political Science (tenure track)

- Developed and taught graduate and undergraduate courses: Human Rights and National Security, Terrorism; US national security and regional studies (Eurasia, former Soviet Union and Africa) to active-duty US Air Force officers and commanding personnel;
- Published books and articles in peer-reviewed academic outlets.

09/2009-08/2010 International Studies Department, Macalester College St. Paul, MN, USA

Visiting Assistant Professor of International Studies

- Developed and taught courses: “Study of Terrorism”, “Post-Nationalism: European Union”; “Post-Soviet Sphere”, “Advanced Themes in Human Rights” to undergraduate students

09/2008-08/2009 School of International Relations, University of St. Andrews, St. Andrews, UK  
Postdoctoral research fellow (UK Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) fellowship)

- Prepared the manuscript for book publication: “Foreign Interventions on Ethnic Conflict” with Ashgate Publishers.
- Tutored five groups of undergraduate students on the courses “Power and Violence in the World Politics” and “Peace and Governance in the World Politics”.

02/2009-06/2009 Center for Russian and East European Studies, University of Birmingham, UK  
Visiting lecturer

- Taught in the MA module “History, Culture and Contemporary Politics in the Caucasus”

09/2007 – 08/2008 Smolny College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, St. Petersburg, Russia  
Lecturer

- Courses taught: “International Security”, “Conflict resolution – theories and practices”, “International system of human rights protection”, “Caucasus and Caspian Geopolitics”, “Research methods in Social Sciences”, “Institutionalism” to undergraduate students.
- Developed online classes “International Human Rights and Islam” and “Caucasian Geopolitics”

09/2000– 08/2004 Graduate School of IR, Tbilisi State University, Tbilisi, Georgia  
Lecturer

- Course taught: "Euro-Atlantic Security" to undergraduate students.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

08/2002 – 08/2004 International Committee of the Red Cross, Tbilisi, Georgia  
Head of Cooperation Unit

- Taught the “LOAC” (Laws of Armed Conflict) and the “IHL” (International Humanitarian Law) courses to active-duty high-level military officers;
- Provided organizational management support and supervision for institutional development and capacity-building of the Georgian Red Cross Society;
- Managed the GRCS programs: Dissemination of the International Humanitarian Law, Tracing, First Aid and Legal Statute.

11/2003– 08/2004 Booz Allen Hamilton, Tbilisi, Georgia  
Consultant, Biological Weapons Proliferation Prevention Program

- Researched and analyzed existing biological and bacteriological production capacities
- Provided recommendations to the US and Georgian governments on organizational management restructuring of biological facilities

09/2000 – 01/2002 Social Policy Initiative Group, Horizonti Foundation, Tbilisi, Georgia  
Policy Analyst & Advocacy Specialist (USAID-funded project)

- Provided recommendations for ongoing reforms in the sphere of social policy to the Georgian governmental agencies at central, regional, and local levels

- Researched the issues of social protection of children with disabilities; social security and education

06/2000 – 09/2000 World Bank, Tbilisi, Georgia

Strategy Consultant, Georgian Section, Global Development Gateway

- Developed overall business strategy for the country section

04/1997 – 04/1999 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tbilisi, Georgia

Second Secretary, Diplomatic Protocol Department

- Organized substantive and logistical support of visits by high-rank foreign diplomatic delegations and international conferences

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### Books

Nalbandov, R. *Not By Bread Alone: Russia's New Foreign Policy*. University of Nebraska Press, 2016, ISBN: 978-1612347103

Celso, T. and Nalbandov, R. (eds.) *Crisis of the African State In The 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Globalization, Tribalism And Jihadism Unbound*. US Marine Corps University Press, 2016.

Nalbandov, R. (2014). *Democratization and Instability in Ukraine, Georgia and Belarus*. Strategic Studies Institute, US Army War College. ISBN: 1-58487-628-X

Nalbandov, R. (2009). *Foreign Interventions in Ethnic Conflicts*. Ashgate Publishing, ISBN: 978-0754678625

### Book chapters

Nalbandov, R. "From Donbass to Damascus: Russia on the Move". in Anna Ohanyan (ed.) (2018). *Driving Regional Fracture in Post-Communist Eurasia and Beyond*. Georgetown University Press.

Nalbandov, R. "The Evaluation of CT Policy and the Difficulty of Evaluating CT policy. What constitutes "success" and "failure"?". In Romaniuk, S.N., Grice, F., Irrera, D., Webb, S. (Eds.) (2017). *The Palgrave Handbook of Global Counterterrorism Policy*. Palgrave Macmillan.

Nalbandov, R. "Chad (1966-1987): Muscling in For Control". In Celso, T. and Nalbandov, R. (eds.). (2016) *Crisis of the African State In The 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Globalization, Tribalism And Jihadism Unbound*. US Marine Corps University Press.

Fawn, R. and Nalbandov, R. (2013) "The Difficulties of Knowing the Start of War in the Information Age: Russia, Georgia and the War over South Ossetia, August 2008". In Rick Fawn (ed.), *Georgia: Revolution and War*, Routledge.

Nalbandov, R. (2013) "Uncertain Old Friends: Georgia-Armenia Relations". In Korneli Kakachia and Michael Cecire (eds.), *Georgian Foreign Policy. The Quest For Sustainable Security*, Konrad Adenauer Foundation.

### Journal Articles

Nalbandov, R. (2020). Securitization of Migration in Europe. *População e Sociedade*, 34, December 2020, 121-138.

Nalbandov, R. (2016). Pressure Dilemma in International Politics. *Marine Corps University Journal*, 7(2): 7-35

Nalbandov, R. (2013). Irrational Rationality of Terrorism. *Journal of Strategic Security*, 6(4).

Nalbandov, R. (2012). Terrorism 2.0 in Eurasia. *Central European Journal of International and Security Studies*, 6(2): 90-118.

Fawn, R. & Nalbandov, R. (2012). The Difficulties of Knowing the Start of War in the Information Age: Russia, Georgia and the War over South Ossetia, August 2008. *European Security*, 21(1): 57-89.

Nalbandov, R. (2010). Living with Security Dilemmas: Triggers of Ethnic Conflicts. *Transcience*, 1(1): 42-57.

Nalbandov, R. (2009). Battle of Two Logics: Appropriateness and Consequentiality in Russian Interventions in Georgia. *Caucasian Review of International Affairs*, 3(1): 20-36.

Nalbandov, R. (2008). (Neo)Realism and Strategic Culture: a Battle or Coexistence. *International Relations – Students' Prospective*, 4: 35-44.

Nalbandov, R. (2007). European Migration: A Positive Truism or (Un)necessary Evil. The Case of Securitization. *Proceedings of the VII International Scientific-Practical Conference. Kyiv, Ukraine*.

### Conference papers

"Fear and Loathing in Russian Foreign Policy," Paper presented at the International Studies Association meeting, Atlanta, GE, March 2016.

"US Foreign Policy Towards Russia: Perils of Political Culture," Paper presented at the NPSA meeting, Philadelphia, PA, November 2015.

"Democracy in the Former Soviet Republics: Trends and Idiosyncracies," co-authored paper with Dr. Kunihiko Imai, Elmira College, presented at the NPSA meeting, Philadelphia, PA, November 2015.

"Perils of Russian Political Culture," Paper presented at the Southern Conference of Slavic Studies, Lexington, KY, March 6-7, 2015.

“Globalized Democratization: Challenges of Institutional Mimicry in Post-Soviet Societies,” Paper presented at the NPSA meeting, Boston, MA, November 2014

“Pressure Dilemma in International Affairs,” Paper presented at the NPSA meeting, Philadelphia, PA, November 2013

“Terrorism 2.0: a New Birth of an Old Essence,” Paper presented at the NPSA meeting, Boston, MA, November 2012.

“Evaluating Counter-Terrorist Policies in the European Union and the Russian Federation,” Paper presented at 50th Anniversary Meeting of the Southern Conference on Slavic Studies in Savannah, GA, March 2012.

“To Cut the Knot. A Gordian Solution to the Turkish-Armenian Question,” Paper presented at the Twelfth Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS), Columbus, OH, September 15-18, 2011.

“Somalia: When Force Fails,” Paper presented at the symposium entitled, “Canada, Humanitarian Intervention and “The Responsibility to Protect”, Canadian Studies Program, UC Berkeley, November 13, 2009.

#### Forthcoming

Book manuscript “Rethinking American Grand Strategy in Eurasia” (under contract with Rowman&Littlefield; forthcoming in Winter 2022);

Series contribution “The COVID-19 Impact in the Caucasus: Socio-Economic and Cultural Factors of Pandemic Response in Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan” to “Implementing the UN Sustainable Development Goals- Regional Perspectives” (to be published by Hamburg University of Applied Sciences/The Springer in Spring 2022);

Article “Freudian Psychoanalysis of Terrorism” (under review with Studies in Conflict and Terrorism);

#### Interviews and op-eds

“The Ticket: The Putin Games,” Tracey Holmes, ABC News Radio, (June 24, 2016)

<http://www.abc.net.au/newsradio/content/s4488676.htm>

Interview to the Shargh newspaper on the topic of Russia’s intervention in Syria, Iran, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

[http://www.sharghdaily.ir/Default.aspx?NPN\\_Id=1023&pageno=9](http://www.sharghdaily.ir/Default.aspx?NPN_Id=1023&pageno=9)

Nalbandov, R. (April 9, 2015). Interview to KVNU Radio station on the topic “Nuclear Deal With Iran”.

[http://610kvnu.com/assets/podcaster/324/2015\\_04\\_10\\_324\\_32406\\_2867.mp3](http://610kvnu.com/assets/podcaster/324/2015_04_10_324_32406_2867.mp3)

Nalbandov, R. (March 8, 2014). U.S. should know Russia only respects ‘hard power’. *The Salt Lake Tribune*.

<http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/mobile3/57643309-219/russian-russia-political-power.html.csp>

Nalbandov, R. (September 12, 2013). Interview to KVNU Radio station on the topic "Syrian Situation"  
[http://610kvnu.com/assets/podcaster/324/2013\\_09\\_12\\_324\\_14351\\_2867.mp3](http://610kvnu.com/assets/podcaster/324/2013_09_12_324_14351_2867.mp3)

Nalbandov, R. (2011, January 20). Beyond His Bonds. Nobody declared Assange Sole Information Provider of the World. *San Angelo Standard Times*.:  
<http://www.gosanangelo.com/news/2011/jan/19/beyondhis-bounds/>

## Grants

09/2012-09/2013 Strategic Studies Institute, US Army War College  
External Research Associate. Research grant for monograph "Democratization and Instability in Ukraine, Georgia and Belarus".

09/2008 – 09/2009 Economic and Social Research Council, United Kingdom  
Postdoctoral research fellow; School of International Relations, University of St. Andrews, St. Andrews, UK

09/2006 – 12/2006 University of Toronto  
Research Fellowship at the Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto

## Honors

03/2015 US Department of The Army  
Certificate of appreciation for exceptional leadership and service at the 2015 General George C. Marshall Corps of Cadets Leadership Seminar

09/2007-08/2008 Academic Fellowship Program, Open Society Institute, Budapest, Hungary  
Teaching fellowship at the Smolny Institute of Liberal Arts

09/2004 – 07/2008 Open Society Foundation  
PhD full scholarship at the Central European University

09/2001-08/2002 Civic Education Project, Open Society Institute, Budapest, Hungary  
SCOUT Teaching Fellowship; Graduate School of International Relations; Tbilisi State University

09/1999 – 05/2000 US Department of State  
"Freedom Support Act" Edmund Muskie Fellow at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University

02/1996 – 11/1996 USA National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) Scholarship  
Full scholarship for MA in Public Administration at the Georgian-American Institute of Public Administration, Tbilisi, Georgia

## LANGUAGES

English (fluent), Russian (native), Georgian (native), Armenian (fluent), German (basic)