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Personal Data

Date of birth: 7 January 1967; married to an EU national
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Recent Employment Experience

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| 07/07-present | Research Associate (and since 12/12 Deputy Head), Eastern Europe and Eurasia Research Division, German Institute for International and Security Affairs , Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin
Engaged in research and policy advising on EU-Russia relations, Russian and Ukrainian foreign policy, and EU policy in the eastern neighbourhood. |
| 10/05-06/07 | Lecturer, Department of Social Sciences, University of Mannheim , Germany
Involved in research and teaching on democratisation, EU external relations, and political and societal developments in Central and Eastern Europe. |
| 08/97-07/05 | Research Associate, Mannheim Centre for European Social Research , University of Mannheim, Germany
Responsible for projects on the impact of external actors, conflict management and civil society development in Central and Eastern Europe and the South Caucasus. Teaching of undergraduate seminars on transition and conflict. |

Education

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| 2004 | <i>Doctorate in Social Sciences (magna cum laude)</i> received from the University of Mannheim . Dissertation title: "Why has Ukraine remained peaceful? Explaining low levels of ethno-political conflict." |
| 1994 | <i>Master of Arts</i> in International Relations, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University , Medford, Massachusetts, USA. |
| 1988-89 | Fellowship at Moscow State University , USSR, as a fellow of the Institute for International Education, New York, USA. One month as a guest scholar of the USSR Writers' Union, Tbilisi, Georgia. |
| 1988 | <i>Bachelor of Arts</i> in Slavic Languages and Literatures (<i>magna cum laude</i>), Harvard University , Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA. |
| 1984 | High school diploma, Phillips Exeter Academy , Exeter, New Hampshire, USA. Graduated with high honors. |

Language Skills

English (native); German and Russian (fluent); Ukrainian and Spanish (good); French (intermediate).