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## Academic appointments

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Since Sept  
2022

**Kyiv School of Economics**  
*Assistant Professor*

Teaching Master-level course on research design, conceptualizing and participating in research projects of KSE with the main focus on decentralization reform and local development

Aug 2022 – Feb  
2023

**ReLoaD Core of Excellence in Research on Local Governance and Decentralization**  
*Researcher*

Conducting literature review and supporting research design for the collaborative research project of the Institute for European Politics (Berlin), Kyiv School of Economics, GESIS (Germany) and Razumkov Centre (Ukraine), funded by the German Federal Ministry for Education and Research. The project investigates the effects of decentralization on community resilience and democratic attitudes of citizens in Ukraine.

May-Dec 2021

**Freie Universität Berlin**

*Post-Doctoral Fellow funded by the Swedish International Centre for Local Democracy (ICLD) and the University of Gothenburg*

Co-applicant and a researcher in the international research project “Opening the black box of political will: Local public authorities and anti-corruption efforts in Ukraine”. The project investigated why, in a context where corruption is widespread, do some local public authorities engage in meaningful anti-corruption efforts while others do not. Partner: Kyiv School of Economics

Sept 2017 -Apr  
2021

**Freie Universität Berlin**

*Doctoral fellow at the Berlin Graduate School for Global and Transregional Studies*

Designing and conducting original study on determinants of variation in opportunities for local citizen participation in Ukraine, using comparative case study of five Ukrainian cities.

## Policy consulting

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Since June  
2021

**Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe**

*International expert for Public Integrity, Open Government and Anti-Corruption*

- Researching governance practices of Ukrainian local authorities for the Open Government Baseline Assessment (2021) and the assessment of the coping strategies, challenges and needs during the war
- Developing and delivering training module on Anti-Corruption for Armenian local authorities
- Editing and developing chapters for the training module and trainer's manual on Public Ethics, Integrity and Open Local Government for the Association of Kosovo Municipalities

2018, 2019

**International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP-UNESCO)**

*Research Consultant*

- Case study of the impact of an open data platform for school budgeting in Donetsk region, Ukraine.
- Review of open government in education at the municipal level internationally.

2016 **The Ukrainian Think Tank Liaison Office in Brussels**  
*Research Consultant*

Research report on capacity and cooperation strategies of the Ukrainian and EU Think Tanks

## Education

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2017 – 2021 **Berlin Graduate School for Global and Transregional Studies, Freie Universität Berlin**  
*PhD in Political Science (magna cum laude)*

Dissertation: Picking sweet and sour cherries: Patronal politics and institutional mechanisms for local citizen participation in Ukraine” (defended on 28 April 2021);  
Examination Committee: Prof. Dr. Tanja Börzel (FU Berlin), Prof. Dr. Sabine Kropp (FU Berlin), Prof. Dr. Antoaneta Dimitrova (Leiden University), Prof. Dr. Alexander Libman (FU Berlin), Dr. Julian Langbein (FU Berlin/ZOiS)

**Training:**

- ECPR Summer School in Research Methods (2018): Survey Design
- Hertie School (2021): Teaching in Higher Education

2014 – 2016 **University of Gothenburg, Sweden**  
*MSc. in International Administration and Global Governance (IAGG) (without grading)*

Major: Quality of Government and Central and Eastern Europe.  
Master’s thesis on state-civil society relations in the conditions of military crisis in Ukraine (pass with distinction).

2003 – 2009 **Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine**  
*Bachelor’s and Master’s in International Relations with honours*

## Training and Teaching

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Since 2018 **Anti-Corruption Research and Education Center (ACREC), Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (Ukraine) Lecturer**  
Course "Design, theories and methods of corruption research" and a Summer School on Research Design for academic and policy-focused researcher of corruption (2018)

2018-2022 **Kyiv School of Economics, Ukraine**  
*Lecturer and Trainer*

- Course “Foundations of convincing analysis” at the Master in Public Policy and Governance
- Research design & communication training for lecturers of public finance at Ukrainian universities

May 2021 **University of East Anglia (UEA) and USAID in Ukraine programme “New Justice”**  
*Training Instructor and Research Coordinator*

- Training in integrity, ethics and anti-corruption for law students: training co-developer and instructor
- Local coordinator of an associated behavioural experimental research by UEA

2019, 2020 **Institut für Europäische Politik, Germany**

Trainer for the research design module within capacity-building programme for Ukrainian think tanks

## Publications

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### Books and chapters

**Keudel, O.**, Grimes, M. and Huss, O. (forthcoming) *Political Will for Anti-Corruption Reform: Communicative pathways to collective action in Ukraine*. Routledge Handbook of Anti-Corruption Research and Practice. Eds: R. Bratu and J. Pozsgai-Alvarez. Routledge

**Keudel, O.** (2022) *How patronal networks shape opportunities for local citizen participation in a hybrid regime. A comparative analysis of five cities in Ukraine*. Stuttgart: ibidem-Verlag (Soviet and Post-Soviet Politics and Society Series) <https://cup.columbia.edu/book/how-patronal-networks-shape-opportunities-for-local-citizen-participation-in-a-hybrid-regime/9783838216713>

**Keudel, O.** (2020). State and civil society in the conditions of war: the case of defence volunteer movement in Ukraine. In Zabirko, O. Mischke, J. (Eds.) *Upheaval and Resignation: Ukrainian and Russian Protest Movements in the Kremlin's long Shadow*. ibidem Verlag/ibidem Press

### Academic peer-reviewed articles

Mazepus, H., Dimitrova, A., Frear, M., Chulitskaya, T., **Keudel, O.**, Onopriychuk, N. and N. Rabava (2021). Civil society and external actors: how linkages with the EU and Russia interact with socio-political orders in Belarus and Ukraine, *East European Politics*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/21599165.2021.1873780>

**Keudel, O.** and O. Carbou (2020). Think tanks in a Limited Access Order: the case of Ukraine. *East European Politics and Societies and Cultures*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0888325420937810>

### Policy- and practice- related publications

Huss, O. and **O. Keudel** (2021) *Nations in Transit Report: Ukraine. Democratic Local Governance, Civil Society and Media*. Freedom House. <https://freedomhouse.org/country/ukraine/nations-transit/2021>

Huss, O., and **Keudel, O.** (2021). *Open budget: Learning from the Open School Platform in Donetsk oblast, Ukraine*. Bononia University Press and IIEP-UNESCO. <https://doi.org/10.30682/oblospd01>

Huss, O. and **O. Keudel** (2020). *Open government in education: Clarifying concepts and mapping out initiatives*. Paris: IIEP-UNESCO. <http://www.iiep.unesco.org/en/publication/open-government-education-clarifying-concepts-and-mapping-initiatives>

### Political commentary

**Keudel, O.** (2022) World, it's time to act in self-defence against Russian aggression. Radiation knows no borders. Zentrum Liberale Moderne. <https://libmod.de/en/keudel-radiation-knows-no-borders/>

**Keudel, O.** & Pryhornytska, N. (2022) The EU-Candidate Status for Ukraine is ripe and highly recommended (in German). Ukraine-Analyse. <https://www.laender-analysen.de/ukraine-analysen/271/warum-der-eu-kandidatenstatus-fuer-die-ukraine-sicherheitspolitisch-geboten-und-laengst-ueberfaellig-ist/>

**Keudel, O.**, Harms R., and Pryhornytska, N. (2022) Germany was reminded of its responsibility: about a unique action in front of Bundestag (in Ukrainian). Ukrainska Pravda. <https://www.euointegration.com.ua/articles/2022/04/8/7137463/>

**Keudel, O.** (2021) The growing influence of the regions becomes a challenge for Zelenskyi (in German). Ukraine-Analyse. <https://www.laender-analysen.de/ukraine-analysen/252/der-gewachsene-einfluss-der-regionen-wird-zur-herausforderung-fuer-selenskyi/>

## Events

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### Organizing

#### academic and policy exchange

„Quo Vadis, Europe? Achievements and Challenges on the Way of Ukraine to the EU“ (in German), in cooperation with the Young European Federalists Berlin-Brandenburg, Alliance of Ukrainian Organizations and the Media Center of the Ukrainian Community in Vienna, June 2022

„Democracy and security in Ukraine: Unpacking local resilience and prospects for reconstruction“, a closing event of the research project with ICLD, May 2022

Workshop “Anti-corruption and integrity in education“ for the government and civil society representatives of Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, July 2019

Seminar „Where do hopes lie? Participatory democracy and the burgeoning civil society in Ukraine“, in collaboration with the University of East Anglia School of Economics (Dr. Oana Borcan), May 2022

Seminar „Where do responsibilities lie? Strategic Corruption and the entanglement of Russian and Western Elites“, in collaboration with the University of East Anglia School of Economics (Dr. Oana Borcan), April 2022

Conference „Friends or Foes of Transformation? Economic elites in Ukraine from Historical and Comparative Perspective“, Kulturwissenschaftliches Institut Essen (KWI), July 2017

#### Speaker/Guest lecturer

“Germany’s G7 Presidency and the War in Ukraine” Citizen Dialogue Online (23.05.2022), organized by Europa Union Deutschland.

“What does a German ‘Zeitenwende’ mean for Ukraine and other East European countries?” (8.05.2022), Berlin, organized by the Alliance of Ukrainian Organizations.

“The Black Box of Ukraine: How Collaborative Democracy Contributes to Societal Resilience in Times of War” (16.03.2022) Ukrainathon - 24 Hours of Expert Lectures Related to the Invasion, PONARS Eurasia

„Local governance, corruption, and business in Ukraine“, Kyiv School of Economics (8.04.2021)

“Patronal politics and citizen participation in Ukraine”, Advanced Academic Seminar at the Center for Baltic and East European Studies, Universität Södertörn (11.2019)

## Awards and Scholarships

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May 2021	Best Doctoral Paper Award, <b>Association for the Study of Nationalities</b> World Convention
2017 – 2021	Individual PhD studies scholarship from <b>German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD):</b> Graduate School Scholarship Programme
2014 – 2016	<b>University of Gothenburg</b> Study Scholarship (tuition waiver), Adlerbertska Foundation grant for Academic Excellence

## LANGUAGES

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English (Fluent), German (Advanced), Ukrainian, Russian (Native), Swedish (Intermediate)