

LEYLA KARIMLI

EDUCATION

2000–2002 **Kansas State University** **Manhattan, KS**

MA in Political Science with Certificate in International Service

Concentration: International Conflict; Nationalism; (regional) Former Soviet Union

1997–2000 **Baku State University** **Baku, Azerbaijan**

MA Cum Laude in International Relations

Concentration: International Organizations; Globalization; (regional) European Union.

1998–1999 **University of Nice-Sophia Antipolis** **Nice, France**

D.E.A. (postgraduate diploma) Cum Laude in Comparative Politics in Europe

Concentration: Political Globalization; (regional) European Union.

WORK EXPERIENCE

September 2007–present **Oxfam GB** **Nairobi, Kenya**

Regional Governance Advisor

- Develop system of support for Oxfam's country programmes on institutional accountability in Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania and Ethiopia;
- Develop implementation plan for the Institutional Accountability Strategy in Oxfam's programmes in Horn, East and Central Africa region;
- Commission and manage research projects on alternative social accountability approaches, development of local governance and alternative community media;

July 2005–March 2006 **Oxfam GB** **Kampala, Uganda**

Program Coordinator

- To evaluate Oxfam's programme on institutional accountability and governance; to help develop new programme areas;
- To manage programme, staff (3 persons) and budget in Oxfam's programme on institutional accountability and governance;
- To assist the programme team to improve their work outcome and develop suggestions on assessing the impact

October 2002–May 2007 **Oxfam GB** **Baku, Azerbaijan**

Program and Policy Officer

- Conduct impact assessment and develop strategic framework for Oxfam/Azerbaijan's policy on institutional accountability and local self-governance;
- Identify, promote, and support local civil society initiatives on development of local governance, budget tracking and monitoring of the State Programme on Poverty Reduction and Economic Development in Azerbaijan;
- Prepare Oxfam/Azerbaijan's country advocacy strategy on Millennium Development Goals;

May 2002–August 2002 **Kansas State University** **Manhattan, KS**
Research Assistant

- Contribute to preparing project proposal for creating interdisciplinary Graduate Leadership Program;
- Assist in conducting academic research and web-design for Political Science Department;

May 2001–August 2001 **Columbia University** **New York, NY**
Research Assistant for Pr. Jack L. Snyder

- Assist in conducting academic research on democratic governance and nationalism in developing countries;
- Contribute to report on democracy building in Azerbaijan;

December 1999–July 2000 **World Bank Reform Program** **Baku, Azerbaijan**
Translator/Interpreter (Azeri-Russian-English)

- Translate incoming and out-coming documents related to implementation of the pension reform project at the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection of Population;
- Assist international and national consultants within on conducting situation analysis on pension reform in Azerbaijan;
- Support the International Department at the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection of Population in learning about international practices of building permanent tripartite system of labor regulations;

July 1997–July 1998 **ISAR-Azerbaijan** **Baku, Azerbaijan**
Trainer in NGO Management

- Design and conduct Strategic Planning and Proposal Writing workshops for local and international NGOs;
- Participate in designing the evaluation system for ISAR-Azerbaijan Training Program;

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

February 2003–June 2007 **Khazar University** **Baku, Azerbaijan**
Lecturer/Conflict Studies

The course is designed for graduate and senior undergraduate students. By the end of this course, students shall be able to: (i) distinguish individual-level, group-level, state-level, interstate-level and international system-level theories of inter-state conflict; (ii) apply discussed theoretical frameworks to analysis of specific conflict cases; and (iii) provide explanatory research proposal relevant to the current course subject. This is one of only six online university courses available in Azerbaijan (<http://moodle.crrc-development.org>)

October–December 2002 **Western University** **Baku, Azerbaijan**
Lecturer/Research Methods for Political Science

The course designed for senior undergraduate students aims at providing students with basic knowledge on research methods. The emphasis is made upon direct application of specific research techniques in developing the BA paper. By the end of this course students shall be able to: (i) formulate research question; (ii) define and operationalize concepts; (iii) apply quantitative and/or qualitative techniques for data analysis.

December 1999–July 2000

Baku State University

Baku, Azerbaijan

Instructor

Within the TACIS-TEMPUS Reform Program at the Faculty of International Relations and International Law, participated in restructuring the system for evaluation of students at undergraduate level, and lectured the History of International Relations course for undergraduate level students.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Azerbaijan Marketing Society (May – November 2007). Researcher within the project titled “The Role of the Business Sector in Government Development Programs in Azerbaijan” implemented with the support from Counterpart International and USAID (<http://www.marketing.az/site/?lang=2>). Developed a policy paper on public private partnership in water management in Azerbaijan.

Norwegian Atlantic Committee (May-August 2007). Researcher within the “Black Sea – Caspian” project implemented with the support of the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (<http://www.dnak.org>). Contributed to paper titled “South Caucasus Security Platform: Strategy from the Perspective of the Civil Society”.

International Center for Social Research (August, 2003). Trainer at summer school on *Methodological Issues in Ethnopolitical Monitoring* held in Russia. Training subject: *case study method in research on ethnopolitical conflict*.

International Policy Fellowship (May 2006 – April 2007). An individual policy research on public participation in management of oil resources in Azerbaijan (www.policy.hu/karimli)

AWARDS

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| - International Policy Fellowship recipient; | 2006-2007 |
| - Civic Education Project Teaching Grant recipient; | 2003-2004 |
| - Edmund S. Muskie/FSA Graduate Fellowship recipient; | 2000-2002 |
| - TACIS-Tempus Grant recipient; | 1998-1999 |

LANGUAGES

- **Azeri, Russian, English** – fluent
- **French** – advanced
- **Turkish** – conversational
- **Arabic** – intermediate