

BILYANA LILLY

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EDUCATION

Pardee RAND Graduate School **Santa Monica, CA**
Ph.D. Candidate in Policy Analysis 2016 – present

University of Oxford, St. Antony's College **Oxford, UK**
M.Sc., Russian and East European Studies 2010-2012
Oxford Jenkins scholarship recipient, summa cum laude (distinction)

Graduate Institute (IHEID) **Geneva, Switzerland**
M.A., International Affairs 2007-2009
IHEID full scholarship recipient

Jacobs University **Bremen, Germany**
B.A., International Politics and History 2004-2007

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Policy Researcher **Santa Monica, CA**
RAND Corporation 2016 - present

- Co-authoring reports and book chapters on Russian foreign policy and military mobilization, global nuclear capabilities, cybersecurity and the former Soviet space
- Conducted field research at Russia's military forum "Army 2017," in Moscow and Minsk

Research Associate **Washington, D.C.**
Brookings Institution 2015

- Conducted research and published on NATO's strategy toward Russia's revisionist policy in the post-Soviet space, U.S. foreign and security policy toward emerging powers in an era of geopolitical uncertainty, and the influence of populist movements in Europe

External Expert **Oxford, UK**
Oxford Analytica 2013-2014

- Wrote strategic analysis, offered qualitative predictions and guidance on contemporary political and economic issues for foreign investors and governments with a focus on Eastern and Central Europe on topics including hydraulic fracturing, Polish and Turkish relations with NATO

Database Engineer **Geneva, Switzerland**
Small Arms Survey (SAS) 2008-2010

- Conducted research and edited papers on state weapons production and intergovernmental arms trade, government relations with armed groups and non-state actors, and weapons inventories
- Served as European coordinator of Sudan Human Security Baseline Assessment – the largest multi-year project at SAS. Conducted project outreach and prepared donor reports

Diplomatic Trainee **Geneva, Switzerland**
Permanent Diplomatic Mission of Bulgaria to the United Nations 2008

- Represented Bulgaria at intergovernmental consultation meetings with EU member states, at the UN Conference on Disarmament and its 50th Session (July 2008), and at diplomatic conferences

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- *Russian Foreign Policy toward Missile Defense: Actors, Motivations, and Influence*, 2014, Lexington Books, Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group: United States
- “Zapad 2017: What it reveals about the Prickly Russia-Belarus Relationship,” *The National Interest*, September 2017, with Gen. (ret.) Bruce McClintock
- “Global Development Baton Passes from MDGs to SDGs,” *The Washington Diplomat*, September, 2015, p.8
- “Sovereignty’s Revenge: The Power of Populism in the European Union,” *Order from Chaos, Brookings Institution*, April 30, 2015, co-author Jeremy Shapiro
- “How Putin Uses Missile Defense in Europe to Distract Russian Voters,” *NATO Review*, 2015
- “Don’t Engage Russia on the INF Treaty Yet,” *War on the Rocks*, August 14, 2014
- “Punish Russia & Revolutionize NATO’s Navy,” *Real Clear Defense*, 2014, co-author Sale Lilly
- “Disproving a Conventional Wisdom: Why Nuclear Terrorism Originating from Russia is a Myth,” *Security Index*, April 2010
- Contributor to Chapter 10. Force Multiplier: Pro-government Armed Groups, in *Small Arms Survey 2010: Gangs, Groups, and Guns*. Small Arms Survey: Geneva, Switzerland

INTERVIEWS AND COMMENTARIES

- “U.S. Unlikely to Deploy Missiles to Europe,” *Sputnik International*, June 13, 2015
- “Russia’s S-300 Sale to Iran Intends to Increase Moscow’s Clout, Earn Money,” *Sputnik International*, April 17, 2015
- New Books in Russia and Eurasia, Interview with Bilyana Lilly, January, 2015
- “Maintaining INF Treaty is Russian, US Interest,” *Sputnik International*, January 27, 2015

SKILLS

Computer skills

SPSS, CPro (Census and Survey Processing System), STATA, social media analysis, content analysis
MS Office Suite, Google Analytics, Project Management Professional (PMP) training

Languages

Russian, Bulgarian, French, Macedonian, Serbian, Spanish