

# BILYANA LILLY

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<b>Pardee RAND Graduate School</b> Ph.D. Candidate in Policy Analysis	<b>Santa Monica, CA</b> 2016 – present
<b>University of Oxford, St. Antony's College</b> M.Sc., Russian and East European Studies (summa cum laude)	<b>Oxford, UK</b> 2010-2012
<b>Graduate Institute (IHEID)</b> M.A., International Affairs	<b>Geneva, Switzerland</b> 2007-2009

## SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**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

**Program Assistant** **Washington, D.C.**  
Eurasia Foundation 2015

- Designed project monitoring and evaluation frameworks, led project evaluation sessions, managed project review meetings and communicated with project implementers within a mandate of disbursing \$5 million grant for bilateral development projects
- Compiled triweekly analytical reports regarding developments in Russian laws on non-profit organizations and foreign donors. Reviewed more than 3,000 Russian-language sources

**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, U.S. missile defense, Polish and Turkish relations with NATO, and effects of EU sanctions against Russia on East European economies

**Project Executive** **Oxford, UK**  
University of Oxford 2013

- Managed a project on progress assessment in four Oxford colleges, covering 2,700 students
- Evaluated performance frameworks and liaised with project stakeholders

**Database Engineer and Research Assistant** **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 inventory management in Eurasia, Latin America, and Africa
- Led the introduction of CSPro – software that improved data collection on major SAS projects. Designed a manual for database engineers and trained senior researchers
- 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 50<sup>th</sup> Session (July 2008), and at diplomatic conferences
- Advised the Bulgarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on international security

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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- *Russian Foreign Policy toward Missile Defense: Actors, Motivations, and Influence*, 2014, Lexington Books, Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group: United States
- “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

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- “US 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

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### Computer skills

Statistical Packages: SPSS, CSPro (Census and Survey Processing System)

MS Office Suite: Excel, Word, PowerPoint

Other: Google Analytics, Project Management Professional (PMP) training, social media analysis, content analysis

### Languages

Russian, Bulgarian, French, Macedonian, Serbian, Spanish