

KATYA ALEX MIGACHEVA, PhD.

Education

- 2006 – 2013 **Ph.D.** Social Psychology/Psychology of Peace and Violence. University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
- 2003 – 2005 **B.A.** Psychology. Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, Indiana (IUPUI).
- 1997 – 2001 **Diploma** (inc). Pedagogy and English Philology. Samara State Pedagogic University, Samara, Russia.

Work and Research Experience

- 2014 – present **Social/Behavioral Scientist.** RAND Corporation.
- Research areas:** Conflict and post-conflict reconstruction. Societies in transition. Religion, peace, and conflict. Violent extremism. Hate speech and hate crime. Propaganda, political warfare, misinformation. International relations. Human rights. School transformation. Minorities in majority dominated fields. International education. **Responsibilities:** Lead multi-disciplinary teams through all stages of research process. Write grants and contribute to organizational business development. Manage large-scale nationwide and international projects. Analyze data. Communicate findings to policy makers, funders, scholars through presentations and publications.
- 2012 – 2014 **Senior Fellow.** Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, House of Foreign Affairs Committee, U.S. Congress.
- Served as a primary liaison between international civil society organizations and the U.S. Congress. Conducted policy analysis and advised Members of Congress on human rights in foreign policy, international conflict, and reconciliation. Liaised with the U.S. and foreign governments, security officials. Produced research reports, speeches, press releases, etc.
- 2006 – 2012 **Doctoral Researcher: Social Psychology/Psychology of Peace and Violence.** University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
- Research areas:** Peace and violence in societies in transition. Intergroup contact.
- Research-practitioner collaborations:** Border Crossers intervention (cross-race contact); Training Active Bystanders program (school violence prevention training); Heads Up! Hartford (developing appreciation of diversity).
- 2005 – 2006 **ABA therapist** for children with autism. Indianapolis, Indiana.
- 2004 – 2006 **Research assistant in the Prejudice Lab.** Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis.
- 1997 – 2001 **Youth programs coordinator** (prior to that, youth counselor). Jewish Agency, Samara, Russia.

Ongoing projects

- Developing a multi-level framework for assessing (global) risks for far-right extremist violence.
- Designing bilingual education in Israel: Critical Considerations.
- Program evaluation of a U.S. university STEM program in Tbilisi, Georgia.
- Program evaluation of an employment-focused re-entry program for justice-involved individuals.
- Program evaluation of an intervention to transform low-performing schools in North Carolina.

Manuscripts

Migacheva, K. (*under review*). The Consequences of Disillusionment: Mapping the Road Ahead in Tunisia.

Connable, B., Young, S., et al., **Migacheva, K.** & Sladden, J. (2020). Russia's Hostile Measures: Combating Russian Gray Zone Aggression Against NATO in the Contact, Blunt, and Surge Layers of Competition. Santa Monica, CA: RAND Corporation.

Blank, J., Efron, S., **Migacheva, K.** (2019). The Project May Serve the Nation-But What About Us, Who Live Here?? Villagers' views of an internationally-funded infrastructure project in Myanmar: The Dawei Special Economic Zone.

- Herman, R., Johnston, W., **Migacheva, K.**, Tosh, K. (2019). Delivery of Educational Support Services to Low Performing Schools in North Carolina. North Carolina State Board of Education.
- Migacheva, K.** & Frederick, B. (2018). Religion, Conflict, and Stability in the Former Soviet Union. Santa Monica, CA: RAND Corporation.
- Robinson, L., Helmus, T., et al., & **Migacheva, K.** (2018). Modern Political Warfare: Current Practices and Possible Responses. Santa Monica, CA: RAND Corporation.
- Kofman, M., **Migacheva, K.**, et al. (2017). Lessons from Russia's Operations in Crimea and Eastern Ukraine. Santa Monica, CA: RAND Corporation.
- Herman, R., Gates, S.M., ..., **Migacheva, K.** (2017). School Leadership Interventions Under the Every Student Succeeds Act: Evidence Review: Updated and Expanded. Santa Monica, CA: RAND Corporation.
- Migacheva, K.** (2015). Searching for puzzle pieces: How (social) psychology can help inform human rights policy. *Peace and Conflict: Journal Of Peace Psychology*, 21(1), 142-149.
- Tropp, L. R., O'Brien, T., **Migacheva, K.** (2014). How peer norms of inclusion and exclusion predict interest in cross-ethnic friendships. Invited contribution to the special issue on *The Social Exclusion of Children*, D. Abrams and M. Killen (Eds.), *Journal of Social Issues*, 70 (1), pp. 151-166.
- Migacheva, K.**, & Tropp, L. R. (2013). Learning orientation as a predictor of positive intergroup contact. *Group Processes and Intergroup Relations*, 16, 426-444.
- Migacheva, K.**, Tropp, L. R., & Crocker, J. (2011). Focusing beyond the self: Goal orientations in intergroup relations. In L. R. Tropp & R. Mallet (Eds.), *Beyond prejudice reduction: Pathways to positive intergroup relations*. Washington, DC.
- Vollhardt, J. K., **Migacheva, K.**, & Tropp, L. R. (2009). Social cohesion and tolerance for differences. In J. de Rivera, (Ed.), *Handbook on building cultures of peace*. New York: Springer.

Select Presentations

- Migacheva, K.** (2019). *Can Democracy Survive Disillusionment? The Case of Tunisian Youth*. Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, San Diego, CA.
- Migacheva, K.** (2018). *Understanding the relationship between online hate speech and offline hate crime*. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management. Washington, DC.
- Migacheva, K.** (2018). *Multi-level factors underlying group violence*. Small group meeting on global youth mobilization. British Council. Los Angeles, CA.
- Migacheva, K.** (2017). *Religion, Peace, and Conflict in the Former Soviet Union*. **Conference Chair/Organizer**. RAND Corporation.
- Migacheva, K.** (June 22-23, 2015). *A Road Less Traveled: Forging Links between Psychological Science and Social Policy*. **Conference Chair/Organizer**. Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues. Washington, DC.
- Migacheva, K.** (June 28, 2014). *Psychology of Human Rights: A Needed Voice in Public Policy*. Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues. Portland, OR.
- Migacheva, K.**, & Tropp, L. R. (2013). *The Effects of Changes in Group Status on Intergroup Relations*. International Society of Political Psychology. Herzliya, Israel.
- Migacheva, K.** & Tropp, L. R. (July 9th, 2011). *Goal Orientations as Predictors of Comfort and Interest in Intergroup Contact*. International Society of Political Psychology. Istanbul, Turkey.

Select Fellowships and Grants

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| 03/2018 | RAND Center for Middle East Public Policy. Grant to examine the effects of political disillusionment on community violence on the case of Tunisia. |
| 06/2015 – 09/2017 | Henry Luce Foundation. Grant to examine the role of religion in conflict and stability in the post-Soviet Region. |
| 2015-2016 | RAND Corporation. Grant to examine how socio-political processes within Russia may affect its aggression beyond its borders. |

- 2012-2014 **James Marshall Postdoctoral Fellowship.** Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues. The awarded funds support the fellow’s work at the intersection of science and policy.
- 2010-2011 **Dissertation Fellowship:** Individual Advanced Research Opportunities Grant from the International Research Exchange Board (IREX). United States Department of State.

Advisory Board Memberships

- **Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues.** Board Member, Policy Committee Chair. **Role:** develop and facilitate efforts to translate social scientific knowledge to inform policy.
- **LAMedina:** Board Member, Advisor. **Role:** support LAMedina’s collaboration with the UN in organizing an international exchange dialogue series between the Mayors of large cities with diverse populations.

Additional Trainings and Seminars

- Training: Conflict Mediation in Multicultural Settings. Amherst, MA. □ Field Experimentation Workshop. Yale University.
- Peace and Violence Research: International Graduate College Summer School. Hamburg, Germany. □ Investigating Genocide: Seminar series in Poland, Czech Republic, and Israel.

Other Skills

- Mixed-methods designs, program evaluation, SEM, survey administration, project management.
- Native proficiency **Russian;** fluent, high-level **English;** conversational **Spanish;** basic **Hebrew;** basic **German.**