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Education

01/10/2020-31/01/2024: **University of Milan**, Ph.D. in NASP Political Philosophy, Department of Social and Political Sciences (supervised by Ian Carter and Nicola Riva). Ph.D. awarded on 24/06/2024, with *cum laude*).

01/10/2016-31/03/2018: **Heidelberg University**, M.A. in American Studies, Faculty of Philosophy (GPA: 1.3A, graduated with distinction).

01/09/2015-25/06/2016: **Central European University**, M.A. in Political Science, Department of Political Science (GPA: 3.46A, graduated with distinction).

09/2011-06/2015: **Baku State University**, B.A. in American Studies, History Faculty (GPA: 86.39B).

Teaching Experience

02/10/2023-15/12/2023: **University of Pavia**, teaching preparatory seminars of Ethics and International Relations M.A. classes as a teacher's assistant of Ian Carter (16 hours).

30/11/2017-30/06/2018: **Western Caspian University**, School of Political Science, Assistant Dean, teaching: Political Sociology (60 hours) and Political Behavior (60 hours) to undergraduate students; Elitism (45 hours) and Professional Ethics (60 hours) to graduate students.

Research and Professional Experience

01/02/2024-present: **University of Pavia**, Postdoctoral Researcher at "Re-conceptualising Immigration: From Exceptionality to Normality" project.

20/05/2018-present: **Baku Research Institute**, Editor-in-chief.

15/07/2019-present: **Rasional liberal periodical**, Co-founder and Editor-in-chief.

Fellowships / Awards

06/01/2023-31/03/2023: Visiting Researcher, Cambridge Forum for Legal and Political Philosophy, **University of Cambridge**.

01/10/2022-31/12/2022: Visiting Ph.D. Student, **Birkbeck, University of London**.

01/10/2020-31/01/2024: Ph.D. Scholarship (covering a monthly stipend and the university fee), **University of Milan**.

01/09/2019-20/12/2019: A grant by **Freedom House** for organizing and teaching publicly open critical thinking classes (30 hours) in Baku, Azerbaijan.

01/10/2016-31/03/2018: The Curt Engelhorn Scholarship for an Outstanding Student (covering a monthly stipend and the university fee), **Heidelberg University**.

01/08/2015-31/05/2016: Civil Society Leadership Awards (covering a one-month summer school in Istanbul; and a monthly stipend and the university fee), **Central European University**.

Publications

Academic articles and book chapters:

1. Jafarov, Anar, and Ilkin Huseynli. "[Republican Freedom, Domination, and Ignorability](#)." *Journal of Political Power* 15, no. 2 (2022): 221-234.
2. Huseynli, Ilkin. "[Thoreau and the Idea of John Brown: The Radicalization of Transcendental Politics](#)." *The Pluralist* 16, no. 3 (2021): 112-25.
3. Huseynli, Ilkin. "[Academic Freedom and University: The Case of Azerbaijan](#)." In *La Liberté Académique : Enjeux et Menaces*, edited by Vanessa Frangville, Aude Merlin, Jihane Sfeir, and Pierre-Étienne Vandamme, 133-43. Brussels: Editions de l'Université de Bruxelles, 2021.

4. Goyushov, Altay, and Ilkin Huseynli. “[Halted Democracy: Government Hijacking of the New Opposition in Azerbaijan](#).” In *Politik und Gesellschaft im Kaukasus: Eine unruhige Region zwischen Tradition und Transformation*, edited by Olaf Leiße, 27–51. Wiesbaden: Springer Fachmedien, 2019.

Azerbaijani version: “[Demokratiyanın əngəllənməsi: Hökumətin yeni müxalifəti ələ alması](#)” published online by *Baku Research Institute*, 15 February, 2023.

Popular articles:

1. “[Könüllülük şərtləri](#)” [The Conditions of Voluntariness], *Baku Research Institute*, 14 November, 2024.
2. “[Pis şey etmək azadlığı](#)” [The Freedom to Do Bad Things], *Baku Research Institute*, 18 October, 2023.
3. “[Political Excommunication](#),” *Baku Research Institute*, 7 August, 2023.
Azerbaijani version: “[Siyasi təkfirçilik](#).”
4. “[Üç əxlaq: Sayın Ərdoğan](#)” [Three Moralities: Mister Erdogan], *Personal blog*, 30 May, 2023.
5. “[Does Anyone Respect the Administrative Division of Azerbaijan?](#)” *Baku Research Institute*, 7 June, 2022.
Azerbaijani version: “[Azərbaycanın inzibati ərazi bölgüsünə hörmət edən varmı?](#)”
6. “[How Should We Understand the Claim That the ‘Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict Has Ended’?](#)” *Baku Research Institute*, 6 April, 2022.
Azerbaijani version: “[“Dağlıq Qarabağ münaqişəsinə son qoyulub” iddiasını necə başa düşək?](#)”
7. “[University Studies and Market Orientation](#),” with Farid Mehralizade. *Baku Research Institute*, 28 February, 2022.
Azerbaijani version: “[Universitet təhsili və bazar tələbləri](#).”
8. “[About the Claim The People Are Not Ready](#).” *Baku Research Institute*, 22 December, 2021
Azerbaijani version: “[“Xalq hazır deyil” iddiası barədə](#).”
9. “[On A Weighted Electoral System](#).” *Baku Research Institute*, 1 November 2021.
Azerbaijani version: “[Seçki sistemi barədə](#).”
10. “[Başa düşmədiyim şeylər barədə](#)” [On Things I Don’t Understand], *Personal blog*, 27 March, 2022
11. “[Müharibəni niyə istəməirdim?](#)” [Why Did I Oppose the Karabakh War?], *Personal blog*, 08 January, 2022.
12. “[Müzakirə mühiti barədə](#)” [On the Discussion Environment], *Personal blog*, 29 November, 2021.
13. “[Mən niyə müsəlman deyiləm](#)” [Why Am I Not a Muslim], *Personal blog*, 29 November, 2021
14. “[Pul və şöhrət: resursların sui-istifadəsi](#)” [Money and Fame: The Abuse of Resources], *Personal blog*, 24 November, 2021.
15. “[A Complaint About Potential Ziyalı](#).” *Baku Research Institute*, 10 June, 2021.
Azerbaijani version: “[Potensial ziyalıdan şikayət](#).”
16. “[Domestic Violence and Political Struggle](#).” *Baku Research Institute*, 25 February, 2021.
Azerbaijani version: “[Məişət zorakılığı və siyasi mübarizə](#).”
17. “[Azadlıq haqqında](#)” [On Freedom]. *Rasional*, 09 February, 2021.
18. “[Morality and the Azerbaijani Attitude Toward Armenians](#).” *Baku Research Institute*, 25 November, 2020.
Azerbaijani version: “[Əxlaq və ermənilərə münasibət](#).”
19. “[Mədəniyyət Nazirliyi niyə ləğv edilməlidir?](#)” [Why Should the Ministry of Culture Be Abolished?]. *Rasional*, 04 September, 2020.
20. “[Liberal kimə deyilir?](#)” [Who Is a Liberal?]. *Rasional*, 02 September, 2020.
21. “[Dövlət və heyvan haqları](#)” [State and Animal Rights]. *Rasional*, 28 August, 2020.
22. “[Müharibə istəməyənlər nə istəyir?](#)” [Anti-War People: What Do They Want?]. *Rasional*, 25 July, 2020.
23. “[Siyasi bilik üçün ədəbiyyat](#)” [Literature for Political Knowledge]. *Rasional*, 19 July, 2020.
24. “[Bizi ekspertlər idarə etməlidir?](#)” [Should We Be Ruled by Experts?]. *Rasional*, 09 July, 2020.
25. “[Niyə təhqir ifadə azadlığıdır](#)” [The Defense of the Freedom to Insult]. *Rasional*, 09 July, 2020.

26. "[İcbari lisenziyalar ləğv edilməlidir](#)" [Abolishing Compulsory Licensing]. *Rasional*, 08 July, 2020.
27. "[Covid-19 kontekstində Azərbaycan cəmiyyətində vətəndaş-dövlət münasibətlərinə bir nəzər](#)" [A Look at Citizen-State Relations in Azerbaijani Society In the Context of Covid-19]. *Baku Research Institute*, 25 March, 2020.
28. "[Səs vermək niyə vacibdir?](#)" [Why Is It Important to Vote?] with Shahin Jafarli. *Baku Research Institute*, 23 December, 2019.
29. "[Neqativ və Pozitiv Azadlıq Anlayışları](#)" [Negative and Positive Conceptions of Freedom]. *Baku Research Institute*, 3 December, 2019.
30. "[A Response to Murad İsmayilov's 'Authoritarian Patriarchy, Racism, and the Crisis of Knowledge: Towards a De-Radicalization of the Global Religious Space'](#)," *Baku Research Institute*, 9 February, 2019.
Azerbaijani version: "[Murad İsmayılova cavab.](#)"
31. "[Akademik Azadlıq və Universitet.](#)" *Baku Research Institute*, 4 January, 2019.
32. "[Importance of Utopias.](#)" *Baku Research Institute*, 30 August, 2018.
Azerbaijani version: "[Utopiyaların əhəmiyyəti.](#)"
33. "[Democracy or Epistocracy? A Choice Between Two Values.](#)" *Baku Research Institute*, 23 June, 2018.
Azerbaijani version: "[Demokratiya, yoxsa epistokratiya: iki dəyər arasındakı seçim.](#)"
34. "[Importance of Voter Competence in Democracy.](#)" *Baku Research Institute*, 27 May, 2018.

Translations (books):

1. Brennan, Jason. *Siyasi Fəlsəfə: Giriş* [Political Philosophy: An Introduction]. Baku Research Institute, 2024.
2. Zinn, Howard. *Amerika Birləşmiş Ştatları xalqlar tarixi* [A Young People's History of the United States]. Baku, Azerbaijan: Başla Kitab, 2013.

Translations (some articles):

1. Carter, Ian. "[Bərabər azadlığı əsaslandırmaq: Yan Karterlə müsahibə](#)" [Grounding Equal Freedom: An Interview with Ian Carter]. *Baku Research Institute*, 2022.
2. Filou, Benoit. "[Azərbaycanda multikulturalizm](#)" [Multiculturalism in Azerbaijan]. *Baku Research Institute*, 2021.
3. Denis, Robert. "[Tağıyev-Behbudov məsələsi: XX əsrin əvvəllərində Qafqazın müsəlman elitləri arasındakı qarşıdurma](#)" [The Taghiyev-Behbudov Affair: Conflict Among Caucasian Muslim Elites in the Early XX Century]. *Baku Research Institute*, 2020.
4. Black, Bob. "[Primitiv və Modern Ədalət: Anarxist və Dövlətli Cəmiyyətlərdə Mübahisələrin Həlli](#)" [Justice, Primitive and Modern: Dispute Resolution in Anarchist and State Societies]. *Baku Research Institute*, 2019.
5. Hodaei, Alireza. "[Qlobal tarix dövründə milli hekayətlərə yeni baxış: Məhəmməd Əmin Rəsulzadə və İran əlaqəsi](#)" [Rethinking National Narratives in the Age of Global History; M. A. Rasulzadeh and the Iranian Connection]. *Baku Research Institute*, 2019.
6. Thoreau, Henry David. "[Vətəndaş İtaətsizliyi](#)" [Civil Disobedience]. In *Seçmə Yazılar: Özüinənam, Vətəndaş İtaətsizliyi və İşin Ləğvi*, 37–69. Baku, Azerbaijan: Başla Kitab, 2018.
7. Mushdiyeva, Tinay. "[Philosophy Versus Majority Opinion: Epistemic Opposition](#)" [Fəlsəfə çoxluğun fikrinə qarşı: epistemik müxalifət]. *Baku Research Institute*, 2018.
8. Strzemzalska, Aneta. "[Rəsmi və qeyri-rəsmi millətçilik. Azərbaycanda caz ifaları](#)" [Formal and Informal Nationalism: Jazz Performances in Azerbaijan]. *Baku Research Institute*, 2018.

Participation in Conferences / Workshops

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- 01/09/2024-06/09/2024: "Anarchy, State, and Utopia at 50," an in-person Summer School organized by Ralf M. Bader of the Department of Philosophy, University of Fribourg, Switzerland.
- 11/09/2023-12/09/2023: "Apportioning Causal Responsibility between Self, Others and Nature" with Ian Carter and Hillel Steiner at the MANCEPT [Debates Within Negative Freedom](#), University of Manchester, the UK.

- 08/09/2023: “Apportioning Causal Responsibility between Self, Others and Nature” with Ian Carter and Hillel Steiner at the [15th Conference of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy](#) (SIFA), University of Eastern Piedmont, Italy.
- 06/09/2023: “Answerability for Actions?” at the [21th Pavia Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy](#), University of Pavia, Italy.
- 01/06/2023: “Moral Answerability for Unintentional Actions?” at the 4th POLEMO Symposium, Department of Political Science, Central European University, Vienna, Austria.
- 03/02/2023: “Freedom, Prevention, and Moral Answerability” at the [Political Philosophy Workshop](#), Cambridge Centre for Political Thought, University of Cambridge, the UK.
- 14/09/2022: “Freedom Without Ability” at the [Philosophy and the Public](#) international congress organized by the Society for Analytic Philosophy (GAP), Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany.
- 12/09/2022: “What is the Point of Freedom?” at the [20th Pavia Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy](#), University of Pavia, Italy.
- 08/09/2022: “Freedom Without Ability” at the [Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy 2022](#), University of Salzburg, Germany.
- 20/06/2022: “What is Special About Freedom?” at the Pavia Workshop on Freedom, University of Pavia, Italy.
- 24/04/2022: Discussant of Ian Carter’s paper, “[Basic Equality and Contexts of Opacity Respect](#),” at the Brown Bag Seminars of Political Philosophy, University of Milan, Italy.
- 17/02/2022: “Freedom Without Ability” at the [III Geneva Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy](#), University of Geneva, Switzerland.
- 02/08/2021-06/08/2021: “How to Do Political Philosophy: Methods and Methodology,” ECPR Virtual Summer School in association with KU Leuven, organized by Jonathan Floyd.

Organization of Conferences / Workshops

- 24/09/2024-25/09/2025: [22nd Pavia Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy](#), co-organizer, University of Pavia, Italy.
- 04/06/2024-05/06/2024: [2nd Pavia Workshop on Freedom](#), co-organized with Matteo Boccacci and Ian Carter, University of Pavia, Italy.
- 11/09/2023-12/09/2023: MANCEPT [Debates Within Negative Freedom](#), co-convenor with Michael Garnett, University of Manchester, the UK.
- 2021/2022: Brown Bag Seminars in Political Philosophy, co-organizer, University of Milan, Italy, with particular responsibility for papers by [Ian Carter](#) and [Jonathan Floyd](#).
- 20/06/2022-21/06/2022: [1st Pavia Workshop on Freedom](#), co-organized with Matteo Boccacci and Ian Carter, University of Pavia, Italy.

Other Activities

- 01/03/2023 – ongoing: Co-editor of “Methods of Normative Political Theory Newsletter,” the quarterly newsletter of the ECPR Standing Group on Methods of Normative Political Theory.
- 28/05/2024: An interview in English on [Thoreau and John Brown](#) in *American Carnage* podcast.
- 27/08/2023: An interview in English on [antinatalism](#) in Lawrence Anton’s YouTube channel.
- 30/07/2023: An interview in Azerbaijani on [academic freedom](#) in Azerbaijan in *Toplum TV* (the original video on YouTube is deleted after the government closed *Toplum TV* and imprisoned its workers).
- 18/05/2023-17/08/2023: Four videos in Azerbaijani on SUP YouTube channel on [freedom](#), [antinatalism](#), [morality](#), and [public debates](#).
- 12/10/2022: An interview in Azerbaijani titled “[Who Needs Higher Education?](#)” in *Akinchi*.
- 16/09/2020: An interview in Azerbaijani titled “[Should the State Interfere with Art?](#)” in *Akinchi*.
- 20/06/2020-23/09/2020: Five videos in Azerbaijani on issues related to free speech, rights, toleration and paternalism on [Şəbəkə Mürgüləmir](#) YouTube channel.
- 09/04/2020: An interview in Azerbaijani on education system of Azerbaijan in [Voice of America](#).

07/04/2020-26/04/2020: Five lecture in Azerbaijani on negative, positive, and republican [conceptions of freedom](#) in *Baku Research Institute*'s YouTube channel.
19/09/2019: An interview in Azerbaijani titled "[Academic Freedom and University](#)" in *Akinchi*.
05/06/2019-28/01/2024: Nine videos in Azerbaijani on issues related to LGBT rights, freedom, liberalism, and nationalism on [Günün Parafrazı](#) YouTube channel.
24/11/2018: A talk in Azerbaijani on [liberalism](#) on Facebook.

References

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