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### **Education**

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01/10/2020-31/01/2024: **University of Milan**, Ph.D. in Political Philosophy, NASP program (Network for the Advancement of Social and Political Studies), Department of Social and Political Sciences (supervised by Ian Carter and Nicola Riva). Ph.D. awarded on 31/07/2024, Distinction.

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

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

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

### **Research and Professional Experience**

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01/07/2026-30/06/2029: **West Virginia University**, Postdoctoral Researcher in the John Chambers College of Business & Economic, with teaching duties at the Kendrick Center for an Ethical Economy (one course per semester).

01/02/2024-30/06/2026: **University of Pavia**, Postdoctoral Researcher at the Department of Political and Social Sciences.

30/11/2017-31/05/2018: **Western Caspian University**, Assistant Dean at the School of Political and Social Sciences.

### **Fellowships / Awards**

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06/01/2023-31/03/2023: Visiting Researcher, **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, **University of Milan**.

01/10/2016-31/03/2018: The Curt Engelhorn Scholarship, **Heidelberg University**.

01/08/2015-31/05/2016: Civil Society Leadership Awards, **Central European University**.

### **Teaching Experience**

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26/11/2025-10/12/2025: **University of Pavia**, seminar series in political philosophy for the undergraduate course of *Contemporary Democratic Theory*.

01/10/2025-10/12/2025: **University of Pavia**, seminar series for the graduate course of *Ethics and International Relations*.

02/10/2023-15/12/2023: **University of Pavia**, seminar series for the graduate course of *Ethics and International Relations*.

15/02/2018-30/06/2018: **Western Caspian University**, School of Political and Social Science, teaching *Political Sociology; Political Behavior; Elitism; Professional Ethics* to undergrads and grads.

### **Publications**

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#### **Articles and Book Chapters:**

1. "George Wallace: Rhetoric of Powerlessness." *Southern Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal of the South*, forthcoming.
2. "[A Measure of Voluntariness in Migration](#)," *Journal of Social Philosophy*: 1-11, 2026.
3. "[Misurare la volontarietà nei processi migratori](#)." In *L'immigrazione non è un'emergenza*, edited by E. Biale, I. Carter, and V. Ottonelli. 52-69. Milan: Feltrinelli, 2026.
4. "[Resolving a Debate Over Social Freedom](#)," *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*: 1-18, 2026.

5. [“The Ability-Independent Value of Freedom.”](#) *European Journal of Political Theory*: 1-22, 2025.
6. [“Exodus by Choice: Voluntariness in Ethnic Migration Sagas.”](#) *Caucasus Survey*: 270-289, 2025.
7. [“Republican Freedom, Domination, and Ignorability,”](#) with Anar Jafarov. *Journal of Political Power* 15, no. 2 (2022): 221-234.
8. [“Thoreau and the Idea of John Brown: The Radicalization of Transcendental Politics.”](#) *The Pluralist* 16, no. 3 (2021): 112–25.
9. [“Academic Freedom and University: The Case of Azerbaijan.”](#) In *La Liberté Académique: Enjeux et Menaces*, edited by V. Frangville, A. Merlin, J. Sfeir, and P. Vandamme, 133–43. Brussels: Editions de l’Université de Bruxelles, 2021.
10. [“Halted Democracy: Government Hijacking of the New Opposition in Azerbaijan,”](#) with Altay Goyushov. In *Politik und Gesellschaft im Kaukasus: Eine unruhige Region zwischen Tradition und Transformation*, edited by Olaf Leiß, 27–51. Wiesbaden: Springer Fachmedien, 2019.

#### Survey Articles:

11. “Positive and Negative Liberty,” with Ian Carter. In *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, ed. Edward N. Zalta. Stanford University, 2026 edition.

#### Book Reviews:

12. [Review](#) of *Reconceiving Freedom from the Shadows of Slavery: Liberty in a Non-Ideal World*, by John Christman. Cambridge University Press, 2025. *Argumenta* 11, no. 1 (2025), 193-198.

#### Translations:

13. Brennan, Ceyson. [Siyasi Fəlsəfəyə Giriş](#) [Jason Brennan – *Political Philosophy: An Introduction*]. Bakı, Azərbaycan: Baku Research Institute, 2025.
14. Toro, Henri Deyvid. [“Vətəndaş İtaətsizliyi”](#) [Henry David Thoreau – “Civil Disobedience”] in *Seçmə Əsərlər: Ralf Emerson, Bob Blek, Henri Toro*. Bakı, Azərbaycan: Başla Kitab, 2018.
15. Zinn, Hovard. [Amerika Birləşmiş Ştatları xalqlar tarixi](#) [Howard Zinn – *A Young People’s History of the United States*]. Bakı, Azərbaycan: Başla Kitab, 2013.

#### Peer Review Activity

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For Journals: *American Journal of Political Science*; *Argumenta*; *Caucasus Survey*; *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*; *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities*; *Journal of Political Power*; *The Review of Politics*.

#### Participation in Conferences / Workshops

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- 10/07/2026: “The Value of Freedom” with Pietro Intropi at the PPE Society London: Second International Meeting, Liberty and Liberalism Panel, King’s College London.
- 30/03/2026: “The Normative Significance of Non-Moralized Freedom” at the Political Studies Association, Modern Liberty Specialist Group, University of Oxford.
- 28/08/2025: “When Others Prevent What We Cannot Do” at the 16th Conference of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy (SIFA), University of Turin.
- 01/07/2025: “Freedom, Ability, and Aggregation” at the Third Pavia Workshop on Freedom, University of Pavia.
- 23/05/2025-24/05/2025: “A Measure of Voluntariness in Migration” at the 6<sup>th</sup> POLEMO Symposium, Department of Political Science, Central European University, Austria.
- 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.
- 07/06/2024: “Voluntariness in Migration” at the *When Is Migration Voluntary?* workshop, Department of History, University of Genova, Italy.

- 26/03/2024: “Resolving a Debate Over Social Freedom” at the Political Studies Association, Modern Liberty Specialist Group, University of Glasgow.
- 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.
- 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.
- 06/09/2023: “Answerability for Actions?” at the [21th Pavia Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy](#), University of Pavia.
- 01/06/2023: “Moral Answerability for Unintentional Actions?” at the 4th POLEMO Symposium, Department of Political Science, Central European University, Austria.
- 03/02/2023: “Freedom, Prevention, and Moral Answerability” at the [Political Philosophy Workshop](#), Cambridge Centre for Political Thought, University of Cambridge.
- 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.
- 12/09/2022: “What is the Point of Freedom?” at the [20th Pavia Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy](#), University of Pavia.
- 08/09/2022: “Freedom Without Ability” at the [Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy 2022](#), University of Salzburg.
- 20/06/2022: “What is Special About Freedom?” at the Pavia Workshop on Freedom, University of Pavia.
- 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.
- 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

- 15/01/2026 – ongoing: Freedom Seminars, monthly online seminars co-organized with Pietro Intropi.
- 18/09/2025-19/09/2025: [23rd Pavia Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy](#), co-organizer, University of Pavia.
- 01/07/2025: [3rd Pavia Workshop on Freedom](#), co-organized with Matteo Boccacci and Ian Carter, University of Pavia.
- 12/02/2025: Immigration and the Liberal State, co-organizer, University of Pavia.
- 24/09/2024-25/09/2024: [22nd Pavia Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy](#), co-organizer, University of Pavia.
- 04/06/2024-05/06/2024: [2nd Pavia Workshop on Freedom](#), co-organized with Matteo Boccacci and Ian Carter, University of Pavia.
- 11/09/2023-12/09/2023: MANCEPT [Debates Within Negative Freedom](#), co-convenor with Michael Garnett, University of Manchester.
- 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.

## Public Work

### Popular articles:

1. “[Mosque and State](#)” *Psyche*, 19 February, 2026.
2. “[Dövlətlərin ərazi hüquqlarının əsaslandırılması \(1-ci hissə\)](#)” [Justifying State Territorial Rights (Part 1)], *Baku Research Institute*, 24 October, 2025.
3. “[Siyasətçilərin təqdimatı](#)” [The Introduction of Politicians], *Personal blog*, 23 August, 2025.

4. "[Diktaturalarda parlament və partiyanın funksiyası](#)," *Baku Research Institute*, 11 May, 2025.
5. "[Xəyal qurmağın dəyəri](#)" [The Value of Dreaming], *Personal blog*, 24 April, 2025.
6. "[Tofiq Yaqublu: Demokratlığın Təcəssümü](#)," *Baku Research Institute*, 22 April, 2025.
7. "[On Mediocrity](#)," *Baku Research Institute*, 23 December, 2024.
8. "[Könüllülük şərtləri](#)" [The Conditions of Voluntariness], *Baku Research Institute*, 14 November, 2024.
9. "[Pis şey etmək azadlığı](#)" [The Freedom to Do Bad Things], *Baku Research Institute*, 18 October, 2023.
10. "[Political Excommunication](#)," *Baku Research Institute*, 7 August, 2023.
11. "[Üç əxlaq: Sayın Ərdoğan](#)" [Three Moralities: Mister Erdogan], *Personal blog*, 30 May, 2023.
12. "[Does Anyone Respect the Administrative Division of Azerbaijan?](#)" *Baku Research Institute*, 7 June, 2022.
13. "[How Should We Understand the Claim That the 'Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict Has Ended'?](#)" *Baku Research Institute*, 6 April, 2022.
14. "[University Studies and Market Orientation](#)," with Farid Mehralizade. *Baku Research Institute*, 28 February, 2022.
15. "[About the Claim The People Are Not Ready](#)." *Baku Research Institute*, 22 December, 2021
16. "[On A Weighted Electoral System](#)." *Baku Research Institute*, 1 November 2021.
17. "[Başa düşmədiyim şeylər barədə](#)" [On Things I Don't Understand], *Personal blog*, 27 March, 2022
18. "[Müharibəni niyə istəməirdim?](#)" [Why Did I Oppose the Karabakh War?], *Personal blog*, 08 January, 2022.
19. "[Müzakirə mühiti barədə](#)" [On the Discussion Environment], *Personal blog*, 29 Nov., 2021.
20. "[Mən niyə müsəlman deyiləm](#)" [Why Am I Not a Muslim], *Personal blog*, 29 November, 2021
21. "[Pul və şöhrət: resursların sui-istifadəsi](#)" [Money and Fame: The Abuse of Resources], *Personal blog*, 24 November, 2021.
22. "[A Complaint About Potential Ziyali](#)." *Baku Research Institute*, 10 June, 2021.
23. "[Domestic Violence and Political Struggle](#)." *Baku Research Institute*, 25 February, 2021.
24. "[Azadlıq haqqında](#)" [On Freedom]. *Rasional*, 09 February, 2021.
25. "[Morality and the Azerbaijani Attitude Toward Armenians](#)." *Baku Research Institute*, 25 November, 2020.
26. "[Mədəniyyət Nazirliyi niyə ləğv edilməlidir?](#)" [Why Should the Ministry of Culture Be Abolished?]. *Rasional*, 04 September, 2020.
27. "[Liberal kimə deyilir?](#)" [Who Is a Liberal?]. *Rasional*, 02 September, 2020.
28. "[Dövlət və heyvan haqları](#)" [State and Animal Rights]. *Rasional*, 28 August, 2020.
29. "[Müharibə istəməyənlər nə istəyir?](#)" [Anti-War People: What Do They Want?]. *Rasional*, 25 July, 2020.
30. "[Siyasi bilik üçün ədəbiyyat](#)" [Literature for Political Knowledge]. *Rasional*, 19 July, 2020.
31. "[Bizi ekspertlər idarə etməlidir?](#)" [Should We Be Ruled by Experts?]. *Rasional*, 09 July, 2020.
32. "[Niyə təhqir ifadə azadlığıdır](#)" [The Defense of the Freedom to Insult]. *Rasional*, 09 July, 2020.
33. "[İcbari lisenziyalar ləğv edilməlidir](#)" [Abolishing Compulsory Licensing]. *Rasional*, 08 July, 2020.
34. "[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.
35. "[Səs vermək niyə vacibdir?](#)" [Why Is It Important to Vote?] with Shahin Jafarli. *Baku Research Institute*, 23 December, 2019.
36. "[Neqativ və Pozitiv Azadlıq Anlayışları](#)" [Negative and Positive Conceptions of Freedom]. *Baku Research Institute*, 3 December, 2019.
37. "[A Response to Murad Ismayilov's 'Authoritarian Patriarchy, Racism, and the Crisis of Knowledge: Towards a De-Radicalization of the Global Religious Space'](#)," *Baku Research Institute*, 9 February, 2019.
38. "[Akademik Azadlıq və Universitet](#)." *Baku Research Institute*, 4 January, 2019.
39. "[Importance of Utopias](#)." *Baku Research Institute*, 30 August, 2018.

40. "[Democracy or Epistocracy? A Choice Between Two Values.](#)" *Baku Research Institute*, 23 June, 2018.
41. "[Importance of Voter Competence in Democracy.](#)" *Baku Research Institute*, 27 May, 2018.

**Other activities:**

- 01/03/2023 – 31/12/2025: 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.
- 18/05/2023-17/08/2023: Four videos in Azerbaijani on SUP YouTube channel on [freedom](#), [antinatalism](#), [morality](#), and [public debates](#).
- 12/10/2022: A talk in Azerbaijani titled "[Who Needs Higher Education?](#)" in *Akinchi*.
- 16/09/2020: A talk 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: A talk 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.