

# IVAN NIKOLOVSKI

## EDUCATION

- From Sep. 2021** Central European University, Doctoral School of Political Science, Public Policy and International Relations – Vienna, Austria  
- Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science, International Relations track  
  
Dissertation title (tentative): Too Many Ways of Being European: EU's Anti-Totalitarian Memory Politics and National Identity Discourse in North Macedonia
- Sep 2015 – Jun. 2017** Central European University, Department of Political Science – Budapest, Hungary  
- MA in Political Science (two years), specialization in Comparative Politics, with distinction  
  
Thesis title: [What brings them together? : social movements in divided societies: the case of the Republic of Macedonia](#)
- Sep 2012 – Jul.2015** University of “St. Cyril and Methodius” – Skopje, Faculty of Law “Iustinianus Primus”, Department of Political Science  
- BA in Political Science

## TEACHING AND WORKING EXPERIENCE<sup>1</sup>

- Jan. 2024** **Teaching assistant**  
[Central European University](#)  
  
**Course:** [Post-Pandemic Populism](#)  
  
**Professor(s):** [Ruth Wodak](#)  
  
**Tasks:** Teaching and advising graduate and international students; grading class attendance and participation, presentations and critiques of readings
- Sep. 2023 – Jan. 2024** **Mentor**  
[Central European University](#)  
  
**Course:** [Western Balkans: Imperial Legacies, Nation-Building, State Disintegration](#), Invisible University for Ukraine (IUFU) program  
  
**Professor(s):** [Vladimir Petrović](#), [Marija Mandić](#), and [Aleksandar Pavlović](#)  
  
**Tasks:** Mentoring graduate and undergraduate students; grading class attendance
- Sep. 2023 – Jan. 2024** **Mentor**  
[Central European University](#)  
  
**Course:** [Ukraine's EU Integration: Compliance and Resilience in Times of War & Geopolitical Rivalries](#), Invisible University for Ukraine (IUFU) program  
  
**Professor(s):** [Inna Melnykovska](#) and Nazar Stetsyk  
  
**Tasks:** Mentoring graduate and undergraduate students; grading class attendance

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<sup>1</sup>A selected list of entries. Full overview available upon request.

- May 2023 – Jul. 2023**      **Research assistant at the Department of International Relations**  
[Central European University](#)
- Tasks:** Assisting the production of an edited volume on the memory politics of the War in Ukraine, creating a database of relevant literature, organizing a workshop, writing a chapter
- Feb. 2023 – Jun. 2023**      **Course coordinator and mentor**  
[Central European University](#)
- Course:** [Re-interpreting European Security in the aftermath of Russia's war in Ukraine](#), Invisible University for Ukraine (IUFU) program
- Professor(s):** [Thomas Fetzer](#), [Xymena Kurowska](#), Maksym Yakovlyev, [Kateryna Zarembo](#)
- Tasks:** Mentoring graduate and undergraduate students; grading class attendance, providing technical support, coordinating the communication between the course lecturers, mentorship, students, and the IUFU program
- Jan. 2023 – Mar. 2023**      **Teaching assistant**  
[Central European University](#)
- Course:** [Dark legacies: Politics of the Past and International Relations](#)
- Professor(s):** [Thomas Fetzer](#) and [Alexander Etkind](#)
- Tasks:** Teaching and advising graduate and international students; grading class attendance and participation, presentations and critiques of readings
- From Sep. 2021**      **Ph.D. researcher**  
[Doctoral School of Political Science, Public Policy, and International Relations](#)  
Central European University
- Sep. 2017 – Aug. 2021**      **Researcher and project manager**  
[Institute for Democracy "Societas Civilis" – Skopje](#)  
Center for European Integrations
- Tasks:** 1) Project development and management; 2) Policy and data analysis; 3) Quantitative and qualitative research; and 4) Event management
- Areas:** 1) EU enlargement; 2) foreign policy and international relations; 3) regional cooperation in the Western Balkans
- Projects:** 1) [Bridging the gap between formal processes and informal practices that shape judicial culture in the Western Balkan](#) (October 2020 – October 2022), supported by the Netherlands' Fund for Regional Partnership – MATRA; 2) [Cooperation Instrument for the Western Balkans Think Tanks - THINK BALKANS](#) (October 2020 - January 2022), supported by the International Visegrad Fund; 3) [Perform on Reform](#) (from September 2017), supported by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation; 4) Europeanization Beyond Process (September 2019 - December 2020), supported by the Open Society Initiative for Europe; 5) [Addressing corrosive capital flows](#) (July 2019 - September 2020), supported by the Center For International Private Enterprise; 6) [Regional cooperation in the Western Balkans: The Berlin Process and Visegrad Group in comparison](#) (January 2019 – January 2020), supported by the International Visegrad Fund; and 7) [Southeast European Think Net Network](#) (January 2018 - December 2019), supported by the European Fund for the Balkans

## FELLOWSHIPS

From Sep. 2021

**Associate researcher**

[Institute for Democracy “Societas Civilis” – Skopje](#)  
Center for European Integrations

Nov. 2020 to Feb. 2021

**Research fellow**

[Global Focus Center](#)

**Research topic:** Short-term fellowship aimed at analyzing the effectiveness of the Western economic instruments in counterweighting Chinese influence in CEE and the Western Balkans.

**Tasks:** Desktop research, monitoring of latest trends, interviews with relevant stakeholders, and writing an article of around 5,000 words

## CONFERENCES, SUMMER SCHOOLS, AND WORKSHOPS<sup>2</sup>

Oct. 2023

Presentation of the doctoral project “Too Many Ways of Being European: EU’s Anti-Totalitarian Memory Politics and National Identity Discourse in North Macedonia” at the Second annual workshop ‘Worlding from South East Europe, remaking International Relations, organized by the South East Europe Working Group of the British International Studies Association (online)

Sep. 2023

Presentation of a draft book chapter “[Making the Nation’s Red Lines: The Role of Macedonian Intellectuals in Bulgaria-North Macedonia Dispute over History, Memory and Identity](#)”, co-authored with Naum Trajanovski (University of Warsaw), at the [Post-Socialist Memory Cultures in Transition Conference](#), Tallinn University – Tallin, Estonia

Apr. 2023

Presentation of the doctoral project “Too Many Ways of Being European: EU’s Anti-Totalitarian Memory Politics and National Identity Discourse in North Macedonia” at the Annual Doctoral Conference, organized by the Central European University – Vienna, Austria

Dec. 2022

Presentation of a draft article “[Bottom-up security seeking: The role of Macedonian non-state actors in Bulgaria-North Macedonia Memory Wars](#)”, co-authored with Naum Trajanovski (University of Warsaw), organized by the University of Warsaw’s Center of French Culture’s “Thursdays with Historical Sociology” series – Warsaw, Poland / Zoom

Dec. 2022

Presentation of the doctoral project “Too Many Ways of Being European: EU’s Anti-Totalitarian Memory Politics and National Identity Discourse in North Macedonia” at the Doctoral Colloquium Winter Semester 2022/23, organized by the Doctoral Program Europeanization Processes in Southeastern Europe of the Centre for South East European Studies, University of Graz – Graz, Austria

Sept. 2022

Presentation of the doctoral project “Too Many Ways of Being European: EU’s Anti-Totalitarian Memory and National Identity Discourse in North Macedonia” at the Doctoral Colloquium Winter Semester 2022/23 at the (Post-)Yugoslav History, Society and Culture: Workshop for Networking and Exchange, organized by University of Vienna – Vienna, Austria

## LANGUAGES

**Mother tongues:** Macedonian and Serbian

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<sup>2</sup>Entries prior to 2020 are available upon request.

Other Languages	Level according to Common European Framework of Reference for Languages
Albanian	B1 <sub>2</sub> (intermediate)
English	C2 (mastery or proficiency)
Italian	B2 (upper intermediate)
German	A1 <sub>1</sub> (beginner)

## **AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

<b>Sep. 2021 to Sep. 2024</b>	Full scholarship and tuition fee waiver at the Central European University – Vienna, Austria
<b>Aug. 2019 to Sep. 2019</b>	Scholarship for participation at the European Forum Alpbach sponsored by the ERSTE Foundation – Vienna, Austria
<b>Jun. 2017</b>	Outstanding Academic Achievement award for the overall academic performance by the Central European University – Budapest, Hungary
<b>Sep. 2016 to Jun. 2017</b>	Full Scholarship for academic excellence at the Central European University – Budapest, Hungary

## **PUBLICATIONS<sup>3</sup>**

### ***Book chapters***

- Nechev and Nikolovski, 2020. “North Macedonia: A fertile ground for external influences” in Florian Bieber and Nikolaos Tzifakis (eds) [The Western Balkans in the World: Linkages and Relations with Non-Western Countries](#) pp. 126 – 145. Ashgate, Routledge
- Nechev and Nikolovski, 2019. “Conditionality in the Visa Liberalisation Process with Kosovo: Increased Specificity, Meticulous Scrutiny” in Armatolas et al (eds) [Local and International Determinants of Kosovo's Statehood](#) pp. 299 – 320. Kosovo Foundation for Open Society

### ***Research and policy papers***

- Nikolovski, Minić and Cela, 2023. [Fostering Resilience in the Western Balkans: Opportunities and Challenges](#). Institute for Democracy “Societas Civilis” - Skopje
- Džananović et al., 2021. [The Actual Impact of Regional Organizations and Initiatives on Regional Cooperation/Integration and Good Neighborly Relations in the Western Balkans: Success and Limiting Factors](#) Institute for Democracy “Societas Civilis” – Skopje
- Nechev and Nikolovski, 2021. [Balancing Values and Pragmatism: Ambiguous North Macedonia-China Relations in 2020](#) in [China's Engagement in Central and Eastern European Countries](#). Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy.
- Ghincea, Volintiru and Nikolovski, 2021. [Who Summons the Dragon? China's demand-driven influence in Central-Eastern Europe and the Western Balkans](#). Eastern Focus, Global Focus Center
- Nechev and Nikolovski, 2021. [After Prespa: External influences in North Macedonia](#) in [The strategic role of external actors in the Western Balkans](#) pp. 48-73. Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies and the Political Academy of the Austrian People's Party
- Nechev and Nikolovski, 2020. [Hustled into a dead end: the delusional belief in Chinese corrosive capital for the construction of North Macedonia's highways](#). Institute for Democracy “Societas Civilis” – Skopje
- Nikolovski, 2020. [Civil society organisations and North Macedonia's European integration: Towards strategic participation and transparent accession negotiations](#) Institute for Democracy “Societas Civilis” – Skopje

<sup>3</sup>The list includes only selected publications. The full list of publications, including non-academic ones is available upon request.