

*Fellow Biographies - 2014-16*

Heba Al Nasser



<b>Dates</b>	September 2014 - September 2015
<b>Title</b>	Academy Fellow
<b>Nationality</b>	Jordanian
<b>Host programme</b>	Middle East and North Africa Programme
<b>Supported by</b>	Asfari Foundation
<b>Profession</b>	Head of Monitoring and Evaluation Unit
<b>Languages</b>	Arabic, English, French
<b>Qualifications</b>	MSc Social Policy and Development: NGOs BA English for Specific Purposes

*Experience*

Heba was born and raised in Jordan and over the years has gained considerable cross-cultural understanding and exposure having, as a Muslim, attended a local Catholic school, worked as an instructor of Arabic in the United States and most recently continues to act as a regional ambassador for the Chevening Scholarship programme.

In 2010 Heba joined the Queen Noor Al-Hussein Foundation as its Head of Monitoring and Evaluation. There she applied her experience of working across organisations such as Save the Children, the Global and Thematic Evaluation of the MDG Achievement Fund-UNDP, and the Norwegian Refugee Council.

Heba found that the capacity to constructively critique civil society practices in the Middle East proved limited. Thus in 2013 Heba chose to undertake MSc Social Policy and Development (NGOs) studies at the London School of Economics (LSE) to expand her knowledge and analyse Jordanian civil society. The Academy fellowship represents the next step in her professional exploration and development.

In the future Heba wishes to apply her studies and fellowship experience to a role in the NGO sector in Jordan or the wider Middle East. As an effective and influential voice in the field, Heba hopes to be one of the local actors capable of bringing about meaningful structural change to the civil society sector.

*Research Proposal*

Heba’s research proposal, **‘The Role of Formal Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)’** builds upon her experience of the communications sanctions that took place during the Arab Spring.

Frustrated at not being able to examine the causes at the time, Heba hopes to use the fellowship to understand the roots of the uprisings in Jordan, Morocco, and Tunisia in the context of the sanctions and in what will be an ambitious project conducted with support from Chatham House’s Middle East and North Africa Programme.

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**Haldun Solmazturk**



<b>Dates</b>	September 2014 - March 2015
<b>Title</b>	Academy Senior Fellow
<b>Nationality</b>	Turkish
<b>Host programme</b>	International Security Department
<b>Supported by</b>	Akbank
<b>Profession</b>	Defence and Political Analyst (Army General rtd.)
<b>Languages</b>	English, Turkish
<b>Qualifications</b>	PhD Political Science MA International Relations; MA Military Science

*Experience*

Haldun was an infantry officer with extensive experience of tours of duty as part of UN, NATO and OSCE missions. On retirement in 2005 he became CEO of the Kazakh-Turkish International University in Turkistan, Kazakhstan where he was involved in the academic management of the university. He has since gone on to lecture with the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Institute and the London Metropolitan University.

Since retiring, Haldun has followed his interest in archaeology and military history. He is actively engaged in centenary commemorations for the 1915 Gallipoli campaign, the preservation of the Hellenic site of Regnum in Istanbul and has been involved in the filming of associated television productions.

In 2014 Haldun gained his PhD in Political Science from Istanbul Bilgi University which builds on his MA Military Science studies at the Turkish Army College and subsequent MA International Relations studies at Boston University. A respected commentator on security and defence issues, Haldun has contributed to discussions hosted by Al Jazeera, BBC, The Guardian, and Der Spiegel amongst others.

The Academy fellowship will give Haldun the intellectual space and independence to explore his research interest and to bring his experience to the wider work of the International Security Department at Chatham House.

*Research Proposal*

Haldun's research proposal, provisionally entitled '**The Impact of Insecurity on Young People in Turkey**' will explore the impact of extensive and extreme weapon use on young people in Turkey and the transformation of youth political culture. He aims to explore the shifts in political understanding amongst different youth groups and will draw upon his observation of youth and the use of force and weapons.

The research project will explore social aspects of democratisation and looks at security from the perspective of knowing your environment and both understanding and observing the rules which create security. Planned outputs of his research include a research paper, short articles and personal development in extending his research network and improving his English language presentation skills.

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Yuanfang Li



<b>Dates</b>	January 2015 - December 2015
<b>Title</b>	Academy Fellow
<b>Nationality</b>	Chinese
<b>Host programme</b>	International Economics Department
<b>Supported by</b>	Dame DeAnne Julius
<b>Profession</b>	Research Fellow
<b>Languages</b>	Chinese, English
<b>Qualifications</b>	PhD Economics MA Finance

*Experience*

Dr Yuanfang Li is currently Assistant Research Fellow in the International Finance Department of the Institute of World Economics and Politics at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. Yuanfang is also engaged as an advisor for Ali-Research, the research arm of the Alibaba Group and as advisor to the International Department of the Ministry of Finance of China.

Prior to assuming these roles, Yuanfang was as a Research Fellow with the China Macroeconomic Research Center at the National School of Development, Peking University from 2010-2012.

Working closely with the International Economic department at Chatham House, the Academy fellowship will be an opportunity for Yuanfang to build on her experience and expertise in China’s macroeconomy, global imbalances and the RMB exchange rate and internationalization.

In 2015 Yuanfang will publish her forthcoming paper entitled “The Efficacy and Challenges of Monetary Policy During Prolonged Recovery of Major Advanced Economies” in World Economy Analysis and Forecast 2015. Previous publications include “Appropriate Level for Public Debt in the Advanced Economies: Disputes and Messages” in International Economic Review (Guoji Jingji Pinglun), 2014, No.5 and “Unconventional Monetary Policy and Its Exit: Effects and Spillovers” published in Financial Development Review (Jinrong Fazhan Pinglun), 2014, No.3.

Yuanfang is a regular contributor to renowned peer-reviewed journals and financial media including Financial Research (in Chinese), International Economic Review (in Chinese), Caijing Magazine and the Financial Times (in Chinese).

*Research Proposal*

Dr Li’s research will focus on **China’s renminbi internationalization strategy and the country’s role in the G20.**

More broadly, this will allow Yuanfang to explore her current and forthcoming research into cross-border capital flows and monetary policy tools in China, monetary policy in balance sheet adjustment, and assessment of the cyclical or structural progress of the current global rebalancing.

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**Sami Abdel-Shafi**



<b>Dates</b>	February 2015 -August 2015
<b>Title</b>	Academy Senior Fellow
<b>Nationality</b>	Palestinian, American
<b>Host programme</b>	Middle East and North Africa Programme
<b>Supported by</b>	Asfari Foundation
<b>Profession</b>	Consultant
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Qualifications</b>	BSc Commerce

*Experience*

Of Palestinian extraction, political events in Palestine meant that Sami was born in Kuwait and educated in the United State where his BSc Commerce studies at the Leavey School of Business Administration led him on to work in Silicon Valley. However in 2003 he took the initiative to return to Gaza and established a consultancy with the goal of supporting local development and the peace process.

Sami’s motivation in pursuing the Academy fellowship is rooted in his desire to progress his career to a position of influence from where he can make a tangible difference to the situation in Gaza. The fellowship will help him to develop his networks and establish contacts with experts in the field. From this basis Sami wants to develop his communication skills and be in a place to apply them across mediums such as discussion groups, forums, and publications.

Since 2008 Sami has been the Field Representative for the Carter Center and in this capacity has organized and participated in visits and talks hosted by both the Carter Center and The Elders Foundation. At the conclusion of his fellowship Sami intends to return to Gaza and from there apply the outcomes of his research and the personal development skills and knowledge gained during his time at the Academy.

*Research Proposal*

Sami’s research is based on the question of **‘Can European foreign policy on Palestine break out of its secondary role next to US foreign policy?’** In this Sami will explore whether European foreign policy on Palestine could detach itself from US foreign policy and if Palestinians could be more effective in influencing a shift in the foreign policy of the UK and the rest of Europe to better support wide-scale economic development in Palestine.

The fellowship would give Sami an opportunity to discuss the future practicalities of Europe’s foreign policy on Palestine. He believes it would also bring a positive and straight-forward approach to his own arguments surrounding the issues facing Palestine.

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Angelos Chryssogelos



<b>Dates</b>	February 2015 - August 2015
<b>Title</b>	Academy Senior Fellow
<b>Nationality</b>	Greek
<b>Host programme</b>	Europe Programme
<b>Supported by</b>	Richard Hayden
<b>Profession</b>	Lecturer in European Politics
<b>Languages</b>	English, Greek
<b>Qualifications</b>	PhD Political and Social Sciences MA International Relations and Diplomacy

*Experience*

Angelos Chryssogelos has been Lecturer in European Politics at the University of Limerick since 2013. Prior to this Angelos had studied at leading academic universities and centres in Europe, gaining his PhD in Political and Social Sciences at the European University Institute, Florence in 2012 and his MA International Relations and Diplomacy at Leiden University in 2008.

An accomplished academic, he has worked as a research assistant for the Institute for International Relations Clingendael, the Netherlands, and been Visiting Fellow at the Centre for European Studies, Brussels. From 2008-2013 he was engaged as a Doctoral Researcher at the European University Institute before contributing to the work of the University of Antwerp as a Guest Lecturer.

Forthcoming publications authored, or co-authored by Angelos include ‘Greek Foreign Policy and Europe after the Eurozone Crisis’ (forthcoming, Autumn 2014) and ‘Reaction and Adaptation in the Longue Durée: The Far-Right, International Politics and the State in Historical Perspective’ (forthcoming, 2015).

The Academy fellowship will represent a step in his career development, offering Angelos the opportunity to connect with senior policymakers, draw upon media training and effective communication workshops, and ultimately gain the intellectual and physical space to pursue cutting edge policy research.

*Research Proposal*

Angelos will be exploring “**European Foreign Policy Towards the Middle East in the Shadow of the Eurozone Crisis.**” This falls within the work on Political and Economic Divergence in the European Union being undertaken by the Europe Programme at Chatham House.

Angelos’ research intends to explore whether (and how) fault-lines in Europe’s economic governance created (or magnified) by the crisis spill over and reinforce existing fault-lines of European foreign policy. To do this, Angelos will look into the influence of the crisis on the foreign policies of Germany, the United Kingdom, and Greece.

The empirical focus will be on the ways European foreign policy has tackled the Arab Spring and upheaval in the Middle East, in a period that coincides roughly with the unfolding of the Eurozone crisis.

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**Nikolay Kozhanov**



<b>Dates</b>	February 2015 - November 2015
<b>Title</b>	Academy Fellow
<b>Nationality</b>	Russian
<b>Host programme</b>	Russia and Eurasia Programme
<b>Supported by</b>	Robert Bosch Stiftung
<b>Profession</b>	Senior Lecturer
<b>Languages</b>	Arabic, English, Farsi, Russian
<b>Qualifications</b>	PhD International Economics & Economic Security MA Middle East Studies

*Experience*

Nikolay Kozhanov is currently engaged as both the Visiting Lecturer for Political Economy of Iran at the European University of St Petersburg and Senior Lecturer in Political Economy and Economic Security at the St Petersburg State University. In addition he is a contributing expert to the Moscow-based Institute of the Middle East.

In 2010 Nikolay completed his PhD International Economics and Economic Security at the St Petersburg State University. This built upon his MA Middle East Studies at the University of Exeter, MA Oriental Studies and MA International Economics at the St Petersburg State University.

An advanced speaker of Farsi, Nikolay has conducted extensive fieldwork in Iran and used time spent in Cairo and Tehran to study modern Arabic and Persian. From 2006-2009 he worked as an attaché of the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Iran.

He has published widely, with recent peer-reviewed articles including *'Russia and the Arab Spring: Adjusting to a New Political Vista'* in Ortadogu Stutleri (2014) and *'Russian-Syrian Dialogue: Myths and Realities'* in The Journal of Middle East and Africa (2014).

As a respected commentator, Nikolay has contributed to conferences and roundtables hosted by the FCO, SOAS, and Durham University. The fellowship would allow him to focus on his research and communicate to Russian audiences the Western perceptions of Moscow's dialogue with the EU and US. Additionally, the fellowship would further Nikolay's plans to establish an NGO to analyse the challenges and opportunities facing Russia in the Eurasian system of international affairs.

*Research Proposal*

Nikolay's research proposal, entitled **'Russian Tensions with the West: A New Impulse for the Evolution of Moscow's Foreign Policy in the Middle East'** will examine the motives and drivers behind Russian foreign policy in the Middle East.

Importantly, Nikolay intends to explore how this can be used to judge what might be Moscow's future policy moves. To better understand the current evolution of Russian policy, Nikolay will consider Russian diplomacy on the Middle East in the broader system of Russian relations with the international community, such as the CIS, US and EU.

Nikolay will pay special attention to the analysis of the influence of the Ukrainian crisis and its aftermath on the Middle Eastern strategy of Moscow.

## Evangelos Liaras



<b>Dates</b>	February 2015 - August 2015
<b>Title</b>	Academy Senior Fellow
<b>Nationality</b>	Greek
<b>Host programme</b>	Centre on Global Health Security
<b>Supported by</b>	Stavros Niarchos Foundation
<b>Profession</b>	Associate Professor
<b>Languages</b>	English, Greek
<b>Qualifications</b>	PhD Political Science MSc Political Science

### *Experience*

Evangelos Liaras joins the Queen Elizabeth II Academy after having been engaged as Associate Professor at the Instituto de Empresas (IE) University and García Pelayo Research Fellow at the Centro de Estudios Políticos y Constitucionales (CEPC) in Madrid.

The Academy Stavros Niarchos Foundation Fellowship will allow Evangelos to perform a career change and pursue his desire to conduct research into the social circumstances of newly-infected patients and the presence of non-HIV related conditions such as major depression.

This experience will build upon his established career in the social sciences which has included BA History at Harvard University and subsequent MA and PhD Political Science studies at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Evangelos has been published in a variety of journals ranging from ‘*Middle East Policy*’ to the ‘*Journal of Military Ethics*.’ A chapter entitled “The Settler Dimension of the Sri Lankan Conflict” is currently forthcoming. In addition, Evangelos is reviewer for ‘*Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*,’ ‘*Nationalities Papers*’ and ‘*Turkish Studies*.’

Working with the Centre on Global Health Security will allow Evangelos to build his network and establish a reputation in the public health field. Following the fellowship, Evangelos intends to return to Greece and there to apply his research and skills gained during the Fellowship to the work of a Greek public agency or NGO working to further effective national public health policies.

### *Research Proposal*

Evangelos’ research proposal, ‘**Assessing the social determinants of HIV/AIDS infection during the Greek economic crisis**’ will contribute to the Centre on Global Health Security’s desire to examine the Impact of the Financial Crisis on the Greek Healthcare System.

Although data are being collected on the infection cases in Greece, there remain significant gaps. Evangelos intends to use his research project, which is centred on interviews with recently infected HIV patients, to assess the effectiveness of current strategies. This will allow Evangelos to prepare recommendations ahead of forthcoming policy reviews.

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**Kholoud Mansour**



<b>Dates</b>	February 2015 - August 2015
<b>Title</b>	Academy Senior Fellow
<b>Nationality</b>	Syrian
<b>Host programme</b>	International Security Department
<b>Supported by</b>	Asfari Foundation
<b>Profession</b>	Visiting Researcher
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Qualifications</b>	MA Middle Eastern Studies BA Economics

*Experience*

A native Damascene, Kholoud completed her BA Economics from Damascus University in 1995, and subsequently gained experience working for locally based oil companies, the Swedish Embassy and the International Organization for Migration. In 2012 Kholoud broadened her international exposure when she embarked on MA Middle Eastern Studies at Lund University.

The Academy fellowship will be an opportunity for Kholoud to benefit from the personal mentoring offered by the Chatham House research teams and one-to-one personal development coaching that forms part of the Academy programme.

Kholoud’s intention is to use the fellowship to transition from working with large organizations and to apply her research and professional skills to smaller community groups. In her opinion these have the potential to bring more sustainable and lasting impact to local areas. In particular, she hopes to develop confidence-building projects that can help bring together suburban communities in Damascus.

The fellowship will form the basis for Kholoud’s possible future PhD studies and potential monograph. Kholoud is keenly engaged in local initiatives and in 2014 participated in The Initiative of Syrian Women for Peace and Democracy.

*Research Proposal*

Kholoud’s research is entitled ‘**Foreign humanitarian aid and its impact on civil society in Syria.**’ Through this research she intends to address the question of why so little aid is reaching the Syrian people and what is hindering the work of NGOs. This research will examine how the delivery and performance of social movements could be enhanced and how social movements are condoned on the ground.

The research aims to examine different international organizations and initiatives alongside the patterns, consistency, and volatility of aid flows. The study will have a multidisciplinary approach that will utilise case studies and semi-structured interviews in its methodology. From her research Kholoud intends to provide recommendations that can be pragmatically implemented on the ground within the complex Syrian situation.



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Zaur Shiriyev



<b>Dates</b>	February 2015 -November 2015
<b>Title</b>	Academy Fellow
<b>Nationality</b>	Azerbaijani
<b>Host programme</b>	Russia and Eurasia Programme
<b>Supported by</b>	Robert Bosch Stiftung
<b>Profession</b>	Senior Research Fellow and Research Coordinator
<b>Languages</b>	Azeri, English, Russian, Turkish
<b>Qualifications</b>	PhD Economics MA Finance

*Experience*

Zaur Shiriyev has held the position of Senior Research Fellow at the ADA University since 2014. Prior to this he was Leading Research Fellow at the Center for Strategic Studies under the office of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan. This built upon his experience gained at the Turkish Asian Center for Strategic Studies and the Ankara-based International Strategic Research Organization.

Zaur is Editor-in-Chief of *Caucasus International* and a contributor to *Eurasia Daily Monitor* and *Today's Zaman*. He has co-edited *The Geopolitical Scene of the Caucasus: A Decade of Perspectives* and published extensively on Azerbaijani-Georgian relations and policy between Turkey-Armenia-Azerbaijan.

The Academy fellowship will allow Zaur to draw upon Chatham House's research material to develop his on-going work to publish a monograph provisionally entitled *'Identity, Ideology and Azerbaijan's Foreign Policy.'* Zaur will return to Azerbaijan to resume his teaching but also to apply his experience and skills to the development of several new research centres within the ADA University by 2016.

*Research Proposal*

Zaur's research proposal is entitled **'Azerbaijan's Eurasian Challenge: Elite Perceptions and the Future of Baku's Foreign Policy Trajectory.'** It will form part of the Russia and Eurasia Programme's interest in research into Russia and the shared neighbourhood with Europe, and fill a notable gap in the current research literature.

The research will examine how Azerbaijan's foreign policy has shifted from its previous balancing of the West and Russia. It will do so in the context of Russia's increasingly militaristic and expansionist policies, most recently in Ukraine and Crimea, and concern in Baku over the reliability of Turkey as an ally.

Interviews with political elites in Azerbaijan and Russia will inform Zaur's research into Baku's relations with Moscow, Ankara and bodies such as the EU and NATO. This will culminate in an analysis of elite perceptions into the Eurasian Economic Union, EU integration and how these may differ from the perceptions of Azerbaijani diaspora groups and decision-makers in the EU, NATO, and Turkey.

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**Yulia Andrusiv**



<b>Dates</b>	September 2015 - May 2016
<b>Title</b>	Academy Fellow
<b>Nationality</b>	Ukrainian
<b>Host programme</b>	Russia and Eurasia Programme
<b>Supported by</b>	Robert Bosch Stiftung
<b>Profession</b>	Consultant
<b>Languages</b>	English, French, Polish, Russian, Ukrainian
<b>Qualifications</b>	MA Leadership & Strategy LLM Master of Laws

*Experience*

Yulia Andrusiv was until 2012 Director for Legal and Corporate Affairs for Lafarge (Ukraine) after having joined the company as General Counsel and Company Secretary in 2009. During her time with Lafarge, Yulia built up a legal team and reformed corporate governance within the company.

As Head of Legal and Company Secretary for British American Tobacco from 2005-2008 Yulia worked to improve the ease of doing business in Ukraine. From 1999-2005 Yulia was engaged with Baker & McKenzie as an Associate in the United States and latterly Ukraine.

Throughout her career Yulia has focused on intellectual property rights, subsequently transitioning to senior management and working to redesign corporate sponsorship models to deliver tangible social impacts and negotiating politically sensitive agreements with both government and local communities.

Most recently Yulia completed a Sloan Masters in Leadership and Strategy at the London Business School. Prior to this she had a graduate degree in law from the Ivan Franko University, Ukraine and a Masters of Laws (LLM) at the John Marshall Law School, Chicago.

The fellowship will allow Yulia to combine her business and policy research career tracks, develop her networks in the policy and academic communities, and ultimately contribute to making better informed business decisions.

*Research Proposal*

Yulia’s research proposal, **‘The Role of Western Business in the Transformation of Societies in Ukraine and Russia’** will examine the history of Western business in Ukraine and Russia in the period from 1991 to the present. It will explore the extent to which Western business has acted as an agent of progress or, alternatively, helped preserve the status quo.

The objectives of the research will be to raise awareness of private sector leaders to the impact their businesses can have, positively and negatively, on the host countries in the region and to promote responsible corporate behaviour.

Additionally, Yulia intends the research to help the US and EU public policy makers and legislators to take better informed decisions regarding matters of corporate governance, such as anti-corruption and anti-bribery initiatives.