



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Apr 2019 – present **Research Fellow at the Centre for Financial Crime & Security Studies of the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI), London, UK**
- Feb 2018 – Mar 2019 **Research Analyst**
- Feb 2017 – Jan 2018 **Research Analyst (part-time)**

I analyse legal and policy responses to financial crime on the international and domestic (UK) level.

I have been leading a private sector-funded programme Financial Crime 2.0 that identifies financial crime risks arising from new technologies and/or cybercrime and responses to those risks. Highlights include:

- Publishing reports on financial crime risks related to cryptocurrency ([link](#)), online gambling ([link](#)), online games ([link](#)) and e-commerce ([link](#)), as well as money laundering typologies related to the laundering of the proceeds of cybercrime ([link](#)).
- Directing the programme's dissemination strategy, which resulted in coverage by media outlets that include The Economist ([link](#)), Financial Times ([link](#) and [link](#)) and CoinDesk ([link](#))
- Presenting the findings at conferences and events, including ACAMS Europe (2019), AMLP Conference (2020), annual meeting of the Institute of Money Laundering Prevention Officers (2020), Cambridge International Symposium on Economic Crime (2019) and SWIFT Banking Forum London (2018).
- Speaking on webinars and podcasts, including ACAMS's Financial Crime Matters ([link](#)), RUSI's Suspicious Transaction Report Podcast ([link](#), [link](#) and [link](#)) and BAE Intelligence Network's webinar on cyber fraud.
- Convening invitation-only workshops with representatives from UK and international banks, FinTechs, virtual asset service providers, gambling operators and law enforcement agencies (including Europol and the National Crime Agency).

I am also leading a two-year project on trade-based money laundering and illicit trade risks in free-trade zones. Highlights include:

- Testifying to the House of Commons International Trade Committee and responding to a consultation run by HM Treasury on the introduction of freeports in the UK.
- Publishing a briefing paper to inform the UK government's thinking on the introduction of free-trade zones in the UK ([link](#)).
- Convening and chairing expert workshops in Morocco and Panama that brought together representatives from respective governments, financial institutions and civil society organisations.
- Presenting at the Trade Compliance Conference organised by the London Institute of Banking and Finance and BAE Intelligence Systems' podcast on trade-based money laundering ([link](#)).

Other notable experience includes:

- Leading a project on the scale and types of money laundering, corruption and fraud in the UK, which resulted in three publications ([link](#), [link](#) and [link](#)) and a high-level workshop referred to in the UK Government's response to a parliamentary report on economic crime ([link](#)).
- Contributing to projects on financial flows related to corruption in Pakistan ([link](#)), AML/CTF standards in non-financial businesses ([link](#)); terrorist financing ([link](#)); financial footprint of cyber-enabled fraud (ongoing); and money-laundering typologies associated with IP crime (ongoing).
- Liaising with law enforcement agencies and policy-makers, including participation in the meetings of the Joint Money Laundering Intelligence Task Force (Corruption Expert Working Group).
- Organising and chairing a broad range of online and offline events, including a webinar on Unexplained Wealth Orders that attracted 250+ attendees.

Sep 2011 – Jun 2013 **Associate at Ulysses, Kiev, Ukraine (part-time)**

At the time, Ulysses was a first-tier law firm in Ukraine according to Legal 500. My responsibilities included:

- Advising clients on tax and customs law, corporate law and investment law.
- Drafting court submissions in administrative litigation.
- Being the firm's contact point and project manager for a dispute between a major multinational pharmaceuticals company and Ukraine's state customs administration.
- Presenting the firm at external meetings, such as those organised by the American Chamber of Commerce and European Business Association in Ukraine.

EDUCATION

Sep 2014 – Jan 2018 **PhD in Law, Queen Mary University of London, London, UK**

My PhD thesis explored legal issues related to the imposition of immigration sanctions (visa bans) against individuals suspected of corruption, including a detailed examination of the US and Canadian 'Magnitsky' legislation and EU sanctions case law. Highlights include:

- Passing my viva without corrections and having my PhD thesis published as a book by Brill ([link](#)).
- Co-editing four books on transnational crime ([link](#), [link](#), [link](#) and [link](#)).
- Acting as a PhD student representative and co-organising four international conferences.
- Publishing my research on economic crime in the International & Comparative Law Quarterly, Criminal Law Review and New Journal of European Criminal Law.
- Presenting to practitioner and academic audiences, including at Peters & Peters (a leading white-collar crime law firm) and Transparency International.

Oct 2013 – Jun 2014 **Master of Law (LL.M.), University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK**

- Full scholarship from the Cambridge Overseas Trust and Open Society Foundations.
- Pegasus Trust Scholarship from the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple.

Sep 2009 – Jun 2013 **Bachelor of International Law (distinction), Kiev National University, Kiev, Ukraine**

- Best Defence Memorandum, International Criminal Court Moot Competition, Russian version (2013).
- Best Oralist, Ukrainian rounds, Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (2011).
- Editor of the Kiev Student Journal of International Law.

CONSULTANCY ENGAGEMENTS

- A report for the Open Society Foundations on the recovery of the proceeds of corruption in Ukraine.
- An expert opinion for the police service of a European jurisdiction.

LANGUAGES

English, Russian and Ukrainian – fluent. **German** – excellent understanding, intermediate speaking and writing.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS).