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Personal Data

Date of birth: 7 January 1967; married to an EU national
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Permit status: permanent residence in Germany (no employment restrictions)

Employment and Volunteer Experience

- 07/07-present Research Fellow, **Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik** (German Institute for International and Security Affairs), Berlin. Research and policy advising on EU-Russian relations, Ukraine, and the eastern dimension of the European Neighbourhood Policy.
- 10/05-06/07 Lecturer, Department of Social Sciences, **University of Mannheim**, Germany
Engaged in research and teaching on democratisation, EU external relations, and political and societal developments in Central and Eastern Europe.
- 08/97-07/05 Research Associate, **Mannheim Centre for European Social Research**,
University of Mannheim, Germany
Responsible for projects on the impact of external actors, conflict management and civil society development in Central and Eastern Europe and the South Caucasus. Teaching of undergraduate seminars on transition and conflict.
- 09/95-06/96 Research Assistant at the Political Science Section of the Social Sciences
Department, **University of Mannheim**, Germany
- 09/94-04/95 Volunteer coordinator for **Amnesty International**, Quito, Ecuador
Organized and conducted a campaign on human rights violations in Indonesia.
- 06/93-07/93 Intern at **Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty**, Munich, Germany
Compiled daily reports on political events in Ukraine, researched and wrote brief analytical articles.
- 08/90-08/91 Administrative and Research Assistant at the **Harvard Institute for
International Development**, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA

Education

- 2004 *Doctorate in Social Sciences (magna cum laude)* received from the **University of Mannheim**. Dissertation title: "Why has Ukraine remained peaceful? Explaining low levels of ethnopolitical conflict."
- 1994 *Master of Arts* in International Relations, **The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University**, Medford, Massachusetts, USA.
- 1988-89 Fellowship at **Moscow State University**, USSR, as a fellow of the Institute for International Education, New York, USA. One month as a guest scholar of the USSR Writers' Union, Tbilisi, Georgia.

- 1988 *Bachelor of Arts* in Slavic Languages and Literatures (*magna cum laude*),
Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA.
- 1984 High school diploma, **Phillips Exeter Academy**, Exeter, New Hampshire,
USA. Graduated with high honors.

Language Skills

English (native); German and Russian (fluent); Ukrainian and Spanish (good); French
(intermediate).