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Education

2019–23 **University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK**
Ph.D., passed with no corrections, awarded March 2024
Thesis: "*Tamga*: a fiscal form in post-Mongol Moscow"
Supervisor: Prof. Simon Franklin
Examiners: Prof. Peter Frankopan (Oxford) and Prof. Nancy S. Kollmann (Stanford)

2021–22 **Institut national des langues et civilisations orientales, Paris, France**
Diploma in Persian, mention très bien, awarded June 2022

2018–19 **University of Oxford, Oxford, UK**
M.St. in Late Antique and Byzantine Studies, distinction, awarded July 2019

2013–17 **University of Oxford, Oxford, UK**
B.A. in History and Modern Languages (Russian), First Class, awarded September 2017

Current appointments

2026–present **Postdoctoral Researcher, Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Vienna, Austria**
Position as part of the "EurAsian Transformations" Cluster of Excellence (PI: Prof. Dr. Claudia Rapp), working on mobility and cross-cultural connections between Latin Christendom, Byzantium, and the East Slavic and Mongol worlds.

2023–present **Research Fellow (JRF), King's College, Cambridge, UK**
Position under the auspices of the College's Silk Roads Programme, to pursue independent research into the history of medieval Eurasia; alongside my College role, I am an affiliated member of the Faculty of History and the Slavonic Studies Section (MMLL Faculty). I am on intermission from my Cambridge role for 2026–28.

Publications

See separate list on ÖAW/IMAFO website

Other research roles

Internal and external affiliations complementing my core research on medieval Eurasian history.

2025–present Member, *Insatiable Greed*: digital humanities project on medieval economic anthropology, funded by Cambridge Humanities Research Grant, led by Dr. Nick Evans (Cambridge)
2024 Co-organiser, "Graphospheres" symposium, Trinity College, Cambridge, UK
2024 Co-organiser, "Past Globalization/s" colloquium, King's College, Cambridge, UK
2023–26 Co-convenor, Silk Roads Seminar, King's College, Cambridge, UK
2022–present Member, *Noblesse oblige?*: research network on global questions of baronial government, funded by the AHRC, led by Dr. Max Lau (Oxford) and Dr. Gregory Lippiatt (Exeter)

Teaching experience

Lecturing, small-group teaching, and directing studies across two faculties at the University of Cambridge (History; Modern and Medieval Languages and Linguistics), including material of my own design on medieval Europe.

History

2025–26 Seminar leader, HT2 and HT3: Historical Thinking II and III (second- and final-year courses)
Historical approaches (political, cultural, global); history and cognate disciplines (anthropology, biography, urbanism); voices in history (Bakhtin and polyphony)

2025–26 Lecturer and supervisor, O3: Medieval Europe (first-year course)
High medieval papacy; urbanisation and civic life; Crusades and Byzantium; Mongols and pagans; Black Death

2024–25 AT12: The Near East in the Age of Justinian and Muhammad (final-year course)
Procopius and Justinian; Byzantine–Sasanian War; Arab conquests; Heraclius and the Rashidun Caliphate; the Umayyads and Abbasids

2024–26 Supervisor, Master of Studies in History
Postgraduate dissertation on Russian imperialism

2024–26 Seminar leader, Outreach Programmes (Cambridge and Middlesbrough)
Decolonisation; Andrei Rublev and the politics of display; introduction to Russian

Modern and Medieval Languages and Linguistics (Slavonic Studies)

2020–26 Lecturer and supervisor, SLA3: Introduction to Russian Culture (first-year course)
Kyivan Rus; Muscovy; Petrine Russia; Pushkin, Gogol, and Dostoevsky; Vertov and Zoshchenko; post-Soviet era

2023–26 Seminar leader and supervisor, SLA1: Use of Russian (first-year course; co-examiner)
Russian language and grammar classes: ab initio *to B2 level*

2021–22 Lecturer, SL2: History and Culture of Early Rus (final-year course)
Late Kyivan period; Mongol invasions; post-Mongol Rus; emergence of Poland and Lithuania

Director of Studies

Responsibility for educational development, teaching provision, and pastoral support for undergraduates across multiple Cambridge colleges.

2025–26 History, King's College, Cambridge (part IB: second year)
2024–25 Slavonic Studies, Pembroke College, Cambridge (all years)
2022–23 Slavonic Studies, Christ's College, Cambridge (all years)

Professional and administrative service

Participation in collegiate governance at Cambridge, alongside leadership roles in professional associations.

2025–26 Elected member, Governance Working Group, King's College, Cambridge
2024–26 Elected member, College Council, King's College, Cambridge
2024–present Secretary–Treasurer, Slavonic and East European Medieval Studies Group
2023–24 Elected member, Nomination Committee, Early Slavic Studies Association

Selected presentations and invited talks (recent and forthcoming)

2026 "Truth against the steppe: defining 'intellectual history' in Mongol Rus," forthcoming at the Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Annual Convention, Chicago, IL, USA, 12–15 November 2026

"Reformulating centre and periphery in late medieval Rus: Moscow, Riazan′, and the steppe," Worlds of the Slavs: The Power of Emperors, Elites, and the *Veche*, Gniezno, Poland, 16–18 September 2026

"Correspondence and contention: the global implications of a fourteenth-century Riazan′ charter," British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES) Annual Conference, Birmingham, UK, 10–12 April 2026 (panel organiser)

2025 "Between truth and justice: towards an intellectual history of (post-)Mongol Rus," Medieval History Seminar, All Souls College, Oxford, UK, 17 November 2025

"'Rejoice, for you fill our hearts': on loving historical subjects," Critical Love Studies Workshop, Cambridge, UK, 19 June 2025

"'Exemption' or 'immunity'? Some conceptual thoughts on Muscovite governance," Early Slavic Studies Association (ESSA) Conference, Columbus, OH, USA, 7–8 March 2025

2024 "Moral economies after the Mongols: late medieval fiscality between Rus and Iran," Medieval History Seminar, Cambridge, UK, 28 November 2024

"Whose good? Intermediate elites and the evolution of Mongol suzerainty in Rus," International Medieval Congress (IMC), Leeds, UK, 1–4 July 2024

"Mobile authority, fourteenth-century flux: Mongol agents in a changing Rus," Decline and Transition in the History of the Fourteenth Century's Chinggisid Khanates, Bonn, Germany, 7–8 June 2024

"Immunity as custom, immunity as law: *tarkhan* and the evolution of land grants in post-Mongol Eurasia," Mongolia and Inner Asia Studies Unit Research Seminar, Cambridge, UK, 28 May 2024

"Beyond *darugha*s and *basqaq*s: looking again at Mongol governance in Rus," BASEES Annual Conference, Cambridge, UK, 5–7 April 2024 (panel organiser)

Research honours and prizes

2025 Bayly Prize for distinguished Ph.D. thesis on an Asian subject, Royal Asiatic Society
2021 Lapsley Prize for Medieval Studies, Trinity College, Cambridge
2019 AHRC OOC DTP Doctoral Award (full funding for Ph.D.)
Graduate Prize, Oxford Centre for Byzantine Research (OCBR)
2018 AHRC Oxford DTP Research Preparation Award (full funding for M.St.)
2017 Gibbs Prizes for best performance in joint schools with History and best performance in joint schools with Modern Languages, University of Oxford
Arnold Prize for best undergraduate History thesis, University of Oxford