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OBJECTIVE

I am a hard-working and outgoing Social Scientist and Middle East specialist with more than five years of professional experience as a researcher and analyst on social and political issues, security and military developments in Middle East and South Caucuses. My research focus areas are war and conflicts, displacement and migration, diaspora and integration, democracy and authoritarianism, Islam and Islamic movements.



EDUCATION

Doctoral Degree | Sociology and Work Science, Gothenburg University

2023 AUGUST – 2027 DECEMBER

Pursuing doctoral degree in sociology with the focus on migration and integration. Doctoral thesis project aims to investigate how food practices inform identities, belonging and feeling of home among Diaspora Armenians in Sweden.

Master's Degree | Graduate School of Social Sciences, Lund University

2020 AUGUST – 2022 JUNE

Completed master's program in Middle Eastern Studies with honors. Successfully defended my thesis entitled: *'Roam, Sweet Home': Exploring perception of homeland, home, and belonging of Syrian-Armenian migrants in Armenia.*

Master's Degree | Faculty of Oriental Studies, Yerevan State University

2016 SEPTEMBER – 2018 JUNE

Completed master's program in Middle Eastern Studies with honors. Successfully defended my thesis entitled: *Davutoglu's Theory in Turkish Foreign Policy: Attempts of Implementation and main peculiarities (2003-2016).*

Bachelor's Degree | Faculty of Oriental Studies, Yerevan State University

2012 SEPTEMBER – 2016 JUNE

Completed bachelor's program in Middle Eastern Studies with honors. Successfully defended my thesis entitled: *Ideological Basis of Turkey's Foreign Policy During the Governance of Justice and Development Party (2002-2012).*



EXPERIENCE

Junior Security and Risk Analyst | Safeture Company

2021 SEPTEMBER – 2022 APRIL

Explored global political, democratic, security and military developments and collected data and prepared security and risk reports.

SI Leader | Graduate School of Social Sciences, Lund University

2021 AUGUST – 2022 MARCH

Facilitated discussions with students by encouraging teamwork and collaborative learning and supported students with reading strategies and academic writing.

Researcher and Analyst | ORBELI Analytical Research Center

2019 MARCH – 2020 NOVEMBER

Responsible for developing analytical articles on social, economic and political issues, security and military developments in the Middle East and South Caucasus regions.

Broadcaster and Journalist | Public Radio of Armenia

2019 DECEMBER – 2020 AUGUST

Responsible for developing radio broadcasting program on social, economic and political issues, security and military developments in the Middle East and South Caucasus regions.

Research Fellow | Center of Civilization and Cultural Studies Yerevan State University

2017 SEPTEMBER – 2018 SEPTEMBER

Participated in several research projects regarding political, democratic and security dynamics in South Caucasus and Middle East and published several of my conducted research in peer-reviewed Analytical Bulletin of the research center.

Researcher and Senior Analyst | Center of Public Relations and Information: Office of Prime Minister, Republic of Armenia

2015 OCTOBER – 2020 NOVEMBER

Analyzing, researching and reporting on social, political and economic policy trends and developments in Middle East and South Caucasus.

Journalist and Analyst | Razm.Info Analytical News Website

2015 AUGUST – 2018 JUNE

Covering news and writing articles on social, economic and political issues, security and military developments in the Middle East and South Caucasus regions.



LANGUAGES

- Armenian – native
- English – fluent
- Turkish – fluent
- Russian – good
- Azerbaijani – good
- Swedish – good
- Arabic – beginner

COMPUTER SKILLS

- Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Power Point, Publisher)
- Samplitude pro x6
- Adobe Premiere Pro
- WordPress
- Zotero



HARD SKILLS

- Qualitative Research Methods

SOFT SKILLS

- Analytics

- Social Science Theories
- Major theories and history of migration and diaspora.
- In-depth understanding of Islamism, Post-Islamism, Political Islam, Radicalism, Authoritarianism.
- Leadership
- Communication
- Problem-solving
- Teamwork
- Creativity
- Quick learner

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

2024 AUGUST



International Scholarship
(Undergraduate/Graduate)
The Armenian General Benevolent Union (AGBU)

2021 AUGUST

International Scholarship
(Undergraduate/Graduate)
The Armenian General Benevolent Union (AGBU)

2020 APRIL

Master's program at Lund University
Swedish Institute Scholarships for Global Professionals

2018 MAY

Grant for research in Balat District in Istanbul, Turkey
Hrant Dink Foundation in Istanbul, Turkey

2012 – 2018

Six-years scholarship for bachelor's and master's degrees at Yerevan State University
Ministry of Education of RA



ACTIVITIES

Student representative and team lead

2016 SEPTEMBER – 2018 MAY
Department of Turkish Studies, Yerevan State University

Volunteer as a translator, article writer

2014 OCTOBER – 2015 JANUARY
“Allturkey” website, Yerevan, Armenia

Volunteer in international-cultural projects

2012-2020
“Akos” Cultural NGO, Yerevan, Armenia

Volunteer in organizing and participating student events, discussions, conferences, intellectual games

2012-2018
Student Union and Student Scientific Society, Yerevan State University



PUBLICATIONS

Sukiasyan, S., Darbinyan E. (Upcoming). Roam sweet home? A minor fieldwork study on the identity constructions among diaspora Armenians in Sweden, *Analytical Bulletin*, YSU, Center for Civilization and Cultural Studies, Yerevan.

Sukiasyan, S. (2022). 'Roam, Sweet Home': Exploring perception of homeland, home, and belonging of Syrian-Armenian migrants in Armenia, Lund University Library. <https://lup.lub.lu.se/student-papers/search/publication/9086368>

Sukiasyan, S. (2018). Azerbaijan Armed Forces Assistance Foundation. Military-political journal, Azerbaijan, N1, “*Zorakn*” *Scientific Educational Foundation*, Yerevan, pp. 29-37.

Sukiasyan, S., Hovhannisyan, T., Vardanyan, Zh.. (2018). Nardaran. The Rebel City of Azerbaijani Shias Then and Now. Military-political journal, Azerbaijan, N1, “*Zorakn*” *Scientific Educational Foundation*, Yerevan, pp. 141-166.

Sukiasyan, S. (2017). The Question of the Sanjak of Alexandretta in Turkish-Syrian Relations in 1936 -1939. *Journal of Scientific Articles of YSU SSS*, 1.1(18), Yerevan, YSU publishing house, pp. 57-67.

Sukiasyan, S., (2017). The Use of Ahmet Davotoglu’s Theory of “Strategic Depth” in Foreign Policy of Turkey. *Middle East (XI-XII): History, Politics, Culture: Journal of Articles*, Institute of Oriental Studies NAS RA, Yerevan, pp. 171-176.

Sukiasyan, S. (2017). Schools, Mosques and Restaurants: Understanding Turkey’s “Soft Power” In Ajara. *Analytical Bulletin 10: Armenian-Georgian Cooperation through Academia and Student’s Inclusion: YSU, Center for Civilization and Cultural Studies*, Yerevan, pp. 211-234.

Sukiasyan, S., Kocharyan, H. (2017). Regional Security Dynamics: Azerbaijan. *Analytical Bulletin 11: Regional and National Security Dynamics: Armenian-Turkish Relations*. YSU, Center for Civilization and Cultural Studies, Yerevan, pp. 73-93.

Sukiasyan, S. (2017). Attitude towards the “The Euphrates Shield” operation of Turkey’s armed forces on the examples of Turkish language Twitter posts (#FiratKalkanı). *International competition of student research and analytical works on the Middle East issues named after Primakov*, edited by V.A. Avatkov, Moscow, pp. 102-107.

Sukiasyan, S. (2016). Peculiarities of Turkey’s Foreign Policy Towards Georgia in 2002-2016. *Analytical Bulletin 9, The System of Three Seas, Journal of articles/YSU; Center for Civilization and Cultural Studies*, Yerevan, pp. 138-163.