

## ELEANOR KNOTT

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### EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

- 2011 – present      PhD Candidate in Political Science in the Department of Government, London School of Economics
- Supervised by Dr Denisa Kostovicova, Senior Lecturer in Global Politics at the Department of Government, and advised by Professor John Breuilly, Professor of Nationalism and Ethnicity at the Department of Government.
  - My research explores the kin-state policies provided by Romania and Russia towards their kin majority communities in Moldova and Crimea using political ethnography. I look at the meaning of identification with the kin-state in Moldova and Crimea, and the use of kin-state policies by those eligible.
  - Funded by ESRC studentship (2010-2014)
- 2010 – 2011      MRes in Political Science, Department of Government, London School of Economics (Distinction)
- 2009 – 2010      MA Identity, Culture and Power, School of Slavonic and Eastern European Studies, University College London
- Supervised by Professor Dennis Deletant, Professor of Romanian Studies.
  - My dissertation researched the acquisition of Romanian citizenship in Moldova.
- 2006 – 2009      MA (Cantab) in Geography, Jesus College, University of Cambridge (2.i)
- My dissertation researched personal naming practices in Moldova.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2013 – present      Post-graduate Teaching Assistant, School of Slavonic and Eastern European Studies, UCL
- Politics and Society in Central and Eastern Europe (2013-2014)
  - Communism in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe (2014-present)
- 2012 – present      Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Government, LSE
- Theories and Problems of Nationalism (2012-2014)
  - Power and Politics in the Modern World: Comparative Perspectives (2014-present)

### TEACHING QUALIFICATIONS

- 2014 (expected)      Post-graduate Certificate in Higher Education (Full level), Teaching and Learning Centre, London School of Economics (Fellow, Higher Education Academy)
- 2013                      Post-graduate Certificate in Higher Education (Associate level), Teaching and Learning Centre, London School of Economics (Associate Fellow, Higher Education Academy)
- 2005                      Qualification in Teaching English as a foreign language, CELTA

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2014–present      Seminar chair for The Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN) 2014 seminar series: *Everyday Ethnicity, Everyday Nationalism*
- 2013–2014              Conference co-chair for ASEN's 24th conference: *Nationalism and Belonging*, April 2014
- Co-organiser of ASEN's international conference held over three days with 6 keynote speakers for 200 delegates
  - Proposed conference theme and devised sub-themes and plenary sessions

- Wrote successful grant proposals for various funding bodies (Government Department, Annual Fund)
- Recruited and managed conference team

- 2012–2013 Co-chair, ASEN
- Managed and recruited executive team of 15 people
  - Coordinated ASEN's events and provided overall leadership of these events
  - Liaised between ASEN's journals
  - Oversaw ASEN's budget
  - Editorial board member of Nations and Nationalism
  - Editorial board member of Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism

- 2011–2012 External Relations co-ordinator, ASEN
- Liaised with publishers and non-profit institutions to secure sponsorship for ASEN
  - Sought external funding for ASEN events

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Jul-Aug 2013 Interview experience in Moldova
- May-Jun 2012, June 2010
- Conducted fieldwork interviews (in Romanian, Russian and English) for PhD research with local students, members of youth organisations, members of youth-wings of political parties and other local people
  - Conducted supplementary interviews (in Romanian and English) with Romanian and Moldovan politicians for PhD research
  - Conducted fieldwork interviews (in Romanian and English) for MA research and as preliminary research for PhD
- May-June 2013, Feb-Mar 2012, June 2010 Interview experience in Crimea, Ukraine
- Conducted fieldwork interviews (in Russian and English) for PhD research with local students, members of youth organisations, members of youth-wings of political parties and other local people
  - Conducted exploratory fieldwork interviews (in Russian) for preparation of PhD research
- June 2010, July 2008 Survey experience in Moldova
- Designed and conducted surveys (in Romanian) for BA and MA research
- 2012-2013 Interview transcription and translation
- Transcription of English interviews
  - Translation of interviews conducted in Romanian and Russian
- 2012-2013, 2010 Interview coding and analysis
- Used interview coding software (NVivo, Atlas.ti) to code and analyse in-depth interviews

## WORKING PAPERS

Generating data: studying identity politics from a bottom-up perspective in Ukraine and Moldova (under review, *East European Politics and Societies*)

What does it mean to be a kin majority? Analyzing Romanian identity in Moldova and Russian identity in Crimea from below? (under review, *Social Science Quarterly*)

Revisiting Crimean secession: why did Crimea secede in 2014? (R&R, *Sudosteuropa*)

## BOOK REVIEWS

Book review: Narvselius, Eleonora. 2012. Ukrainian Intelligentsia in Post-Soviet L'viv: Narratives, Identity, and Power. *Nations and Nationalism* 20:4 (2014, forthcoming).

## CONFERENCES

- 2014        Meanings and Practices: A Political Ethnographic Approach to Kin-State Relations  
*Association for American Political Science Annual Meeting & Exhibition, Washington DC*  
What does it mean to be a kin majority? Analysing Romanian identity in Moldova and Russian identity in Crimea from below  
*Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, New York*  
What does it mean to be a kin majority? Analysing forms of kin belonging in Moldova and Crimea  
*Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism, London*  
Romania as a kin-state in Moldova: the view from below  
*British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies, Cambridge, UK*  
Kin relations from below: Analysing the meaning of Romanian identity in Moldova and Russian identity in Crimea  
*Graduate Network Conference in Political Science, Sciences Po, Paris*  
[Generating data: studying identity politics through political ethnography in Eastern Europe](#)  
*Whither Eastern Europe? Changing Political Science Perspectives on the Region. University of Florida, Gainesville, USA*
- 2013        Policies and Identities: a Framework for Analysing the Impact of Romanian Citizenship Acquisition in Moldova  
*Black Sea Symposium, New Europe College, Bucharest, Romania*
- 2012        What does it mean to be a kin majority? Defining a new typology for post-Communist kin relations.  
*British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies, Cambridge, UK*

## LANGUAGES

- English (native)
- Russian (advanced-intermediate)
- Romanian (intermediate)
- French (advanced-intermediate)
- German (intermediate)

## OTHER SKILLS

- Advanced proficiency in MS Office Software (Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint for research & teaching) and Internet software (research & teaching)
- Proficiency in Qualitative software analysis packages (Atlas.ti, NVIVO)