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ACADEMIC POSITIONS	PhD Candidate Graduate Teaching Associate Graduate Affiliate. Melikian Center for Russian, Eurasian, and Eastern European Studies, Arizona State University.
RESEARCH INTERESTS	international migration; migrant political mobilization; migration governance; diaspora and transnational politics
EDUCATION	PhD in Political Science (comparative politics/international relations), expected in December 2026. Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, USA MA in Eurasian Studies , 2019. Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan BA in Education , 2017. L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University, Astana, Kazakhstan
DISSERTATION	“Exiled but Engaged? Possibilities of Activism among Russian Wartime Migrants” <i>Chairs:</i> Valerie Mueller and Margaret Hanson <i>Committee:</i> Henry Thomson and Craig Calhoun
PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	Hanson, M., & Baltabayeva, G. (2024). Exit as voice, for the economically mobile: Russian migration to Central Asia & the Caucasus. <i>Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies</i> , 1–22. https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/1369183X.2024.2406359
OTHER PUBLICATIONS	Baltabayeva, G. (2026). “From vulnerable to political: How Russian migrants navigate borders and belonging.” <i>Global Human Rights Hub Fellows Blog</i> [blog]. https://newcollege.asu.edu/global-human-rights-hub/fellows-program/ghr-fellows-blog/vulnerable-to-political Baltabayeva, G. (2026). “Global politics of deservingness and the European Union humanitarian entry during the war in Ukraine.” <i>Global Human Rights Hub Fellows Blog</i> [blog]. https://newcollege.asu.edu/global-human-rights-hub/fellows-program/ghr-fellows-blog/global-politics-of-deservingness

Baltabayeva, G. (2021). "Population Movements from Central Asia in Global Migration Processes." *Post-Soviet Dynamics in the Central Asian Region*. Eds: A. Nuriddenova & **G. Baltabayeva**, Kaskelen: Suleyman Demirel University, 2021—160p. [textbook chapter]

WORKING
PAPERS

Baltabayeva, G., Hanson, M., Kitoshvili, N. Conflict Proximity and Wartime Migration: Domestic Salience in Non-combatant States. [article under review]

Hanson, M., **Baltabayeva, G.** Signaling Belonging Abroad: Citizenship Narratives and Activism Among Russian Migrants. [article]

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Teaching assistant, Arizona State University, Fall 2025–Spring 2026
POS 315 Supreme Court (2),
POS 472 Constitutional Law II
POS 160 Global Politics

Teaching assistant, Arizona State University, Fall 2024–Spring 2025
POS 348 Do You Want to Build a Nation?
POS 484 Internship
POS 401 Political Statistics

Teaching assistant, Arizona State University, Fall 2023–Spring 2024
SGS 303 Global Trends,
POS 465 International Organization/Law
POS 401 Political Statistics

Guest Lecture at *SGS 340 Violence, Conflict and Human Rights*, Arizona State University, November 21, 2024

Teaching assistant, Arizona State University, Fall 2023–Spring 2024
MA in International Affairs and Leadership program

Teaching assistant, Fall 2022–Spring 2023
SGS 101 Thinking Globally
POS 150 American Government and Politics
POS 301 Empirical Political Inquiry
POS 350 Comparative Politics

Guest Lecture at *POS 364 National Security, Intelligence, and Terrorism*, Arizona State University, April 19, 2023

Teaching assistant, Arizona State University, Fall 2021–Spring 2022
POS 301/SPG 305 Empirical Political Inquiry,
POS 350 Comparative Politics (2)

Instructor, Suleyman Demirel University, Kazakhstan, Fall 2019–Spring 2021

Political Science,
Module of Social and Political Knowledge (Introduction to Political Science)
Module of Social and Political Knowledge (Introduction to Cultural Studies & Sociology)

GRANTS
&AWARDS

Association of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Summer
Dissertation Writing Award, \$6000 (2026)

School of Politics and Global Studies Doctoral Student Excellence Award,
\$500 (2026)

ASU Global Human Rights Hub Fellowship, \$500 (2025-2026)

Summer Centennial Center Research Grants, \$2500 (2025)

Summer Research Grant, School of Politics and Global Studies, \$1500 (2025)

Luis R. Fraga Travel Scholarship for the 82nd Annual MPSA Conference, \$500
(2025)

Research Grant, Melikian Center for Russian, Eurasian, and Eastern European
Studies, \$2000 (2024)

Summer Research Grant, School of Politics and Global Studies, \$1000 (2024)

Collaborative Seed Grant, Social Science Research Council, \$10,000 (2022)

Summer Research Grant, School of Politics and Global Studies, \$1500 (2022)

Melikian Center for Russian, Eurasian, and Eastern European Studies Research
Fund, \$2000 (2022)

CONFERENCE &
OTHER
PRESENTATIONS

Migrant Activism in Times of Autocratization. Migration Policy in
Autocratizing Contexts online work-in-progress seminar (University of
Leiden, International Migration Institute), February 2, 2026.

Limiting Ties: Russian Migrants' Social Integration in Georgia and
Kazakhstan. Association of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies
Annual Conference, November 2025, Washington, DC., *with Hanson M.*

Exiled but Engaged? Civic and Political Activism among Russian Migrants
Post Ukraine Invasion. Association of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian
Studies Annual Conference, November 2025, Washington, DC.

Exiled but Engaged: Civic and Political Activism Among Russian Migrants

Post-Ukraine Invasion. Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2025, Chicago, IL.

Adaptation without integration: Russian migrants in Georgia and Kazakhstan. Diaspora Dialogues, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, March 25, 2024, Virtual Conference, *with Hanson M. and Elisashvili S.*

Explaining first-wave Russian migration to Central Asia and the Caucasus. Association of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Conference, December 2023, Philadelphia, PA, *with Hanson M.*

Unprecedented Migration: Concerns of Russian Migrants in Kazakhstan. ASU Institute for Social Science Research Graduate Student Poster Contest, April 21, 2023.

Side Effects of War: Post-Invasion Russian Emigration to Central Asia and the Caucasus. Annual Southern Political Science Association Conference, January 2023, St. Pete, FL, *with Hanson M.*

SERVICE

Graduate coordinator. School of Politics and Global Studies, Arizona State University. 2025-2026

Discussant. Migration Policy in Autocratizing Contexts online work-in-progress seminar (University of Leiden, International Migration Institute), February 2, 2026.

Discussant. Kino Nights: Coming Together, Coming Apart Series (representations of migration, displacement, and exile in contemporary cinema from Eastern Europe and Central Asia). ASU Melikian Center & Sidney Poitier New American Film School. January 27, 2026.

Chair. Politics and Political Economy of Eurasia Workshop. Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2025, Chicago, IL.

Discussant. Annual KOPF Conference. School of Politics and Global Studies, Arizona State University. March 28, 2025

LANGUAGES

Kazakh – Native
Russian – Native
English – Fluent
German – Basic

TECHNICAL SKILLS

MaxQDA, Qualtrics, R, STATA, LaTeX.