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LINGUISTIC SKILLS

Russian: mother tongue
English: fluent (C2)
French: intermediate (A2/B1)
Spanish: intermediate (B2)
German: basic (A1/A2)
Ukrainian: intermediate (B2)

PROFILE

Dr. Ekaterina Mikhailova is a Human Geographer working at the crossroads of Urban Studies, Border Studies and Eurasian Studies. She joined the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies as a guest lecturer for the fall semester 2021/2022 to teach a course “*City Diplomacy: the Rise of Cities as Global Actors*” within the Interdisciplinary Master Programmes.

She has been working in Geneva since 2020 as an awardee of the Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship for postdocs at the Department of Geography and Environment, University of Geneva. Before UNIGE, Dr. Mikhailova worked as a research fellow at the University of Eastern Finland (Finland), Lomonosov Moscow State University (Russia) and the University of Tromsø - Arctic University of Norway (Norway). Dr. Mikhailova co-edited two edited volumes: *Twin Cities: Urban Communities, Borders and Relationships over Time* (Routledge, 2019) and *Twin Cities across Five Continents: Interactions and Tensions on Urban Borders* (Routledge, forthcoming in 2021) and is an author of over forty English and Russian publications on city’s internationalisation, cross-border communities, transfrontier cooperation, governance, migration and border tourism. Most of Dr. Mikhailova’s research has relied on in-depth semi-structured interviews with various stakeholders – mayors, representatives of regional and national governments, NGOs and corporate sector.

EDUCATION

- 2018 PhD in Human Geography, October 26, 2018. Institute of Geography, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia. Doctoral dissertation “Cooperation in transboundary systems on the example of twin cities along Russia’s borders”.
- 2012 additional qualification ‘Teacher’ (in Social Sciences), Lomonosov Moscow State University, Faculty of Additional Pedagogical Education, Moscow, Russia
- 2012 qualification ‘Specialist in Management’ (Russian equivalent of MA), Lomonosov Moscow State University, School of Public Administration, Diploma with Honors, Moscow, Russia
- 2007 Humanitarian Lyceum, Pskov, Russia. Diploma with Honors. Specialisation in Linguistics.

OTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING, QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS

- Apr-May 2021** Stanford University: ‘Code in Place’ – intro-to-coding course
- March 2021** Aix-Marseille University: advanced training on academic blogging at the hypotheses.org platform by OpenEdition team
- Dec 2017 - Jan 2018** Department of Geography and Tourism, Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences, University of Iceland, Reykjavik, Iceland: research internship
- Nov 2015** Centre of International Border Research, Queen’s University Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK: research internship
- Oct 2014 - Nov 2014** Nijmegen Centre for Border Research at Radboud University, Nijmegen, Netherlands: research internship
- Feb 2014** University of Tromsø – The Arctic University of Norway, Kirkenes, Norway: course ‘Touring Borders’

- Aug 2013 - July 2014** - Institute of Territorial Competitiveness, University of Deusto, San Sebastián, Spain: research internship (Erasmus Mundus programme for Russian nationals)
- Sep 2010 - Dec 2010** - School of Law, Trinity College Dublin, Dublin, Republic of Ireland: studying internship on International Trade Law and Public International Law

PRINCIPAL POSITIONS

- 2021 - now Guest Lecturer of a course ‘City Diplomacy: the Rise of Cities as Global Actors’ (6 ECTS) within the Interdisciplinary Master Programmes, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Geneva, Switzerland)
- 2020- now Postdoctoral Researcher – awardee of the Swiss Government Excellence Postdoctoral Scholarship, Department of Geography and Environment, University of Geneva (Geneva, Switzerland) for the project ‘Cross-Border Urbanism: Comparison of Urban Forms and their Connectivity at the State Margins’
- 2018- 2020 Postdoctoral Researcher in the project ‘The Transformation of Soviet Republic Borders to International Borders’ (funded by the Academy of Finland), PI Prof. Dr. Jeremy Smith, Karelian Institute, University of Eastern Finland (Joensuu, Finland)
- 2016- 2020 Research Fellow, Department of Geography of the World Economy, Faculty of Geography, Lomonosov Moscow State University. Involved in three projects: a) ‘World Economy Spatial Structure Transformation in the New Geopolitical Challenges’ (funded by the University, 2016-2019), PI Prof. Dr. Vladimir Kolosov, b) ‘Urbocentric model of the spatial organization of the world economy’ (funded by the Russian Foundation for Basic Research, 2016-2018), PI Prof. Dr. Nikolay Sluka; c) ‘Urbanization in Russia and China’ (funded by the Russian Presidential Council for Support of Young Scientists), PI Dr. Ilya Chubarov.
- 2015- 2016 Research Fellow, Centre of Geopolitical Studies, Institute of Geography, Russian Academy of Sciences (Moscow, Russia)
- 2013- 2014 Research Assistant, FP7 EUBORDERREGIONS project, Barents Institute, University of Tromsø – The Arctic University of Norway (Kirkenes, Norway)

TEACHING SKILLS

Since 2016, when I started teaching, I have taught at Lomonosov Moscow State University (Russia), University of Eastern Finland (Finland), University of Geneva and the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Switzerland). Besides, I have given invited lectures at the University of Delhi (India), Autonomous University of Barcelona and Pompeu Fabra University (Spain). The topics of my lectures and seminars have been: border studies, border cities, Sino-Russian borderland, the Russian Arctic, city diplomacy, theories and challenges of global development, geography of the world economy, academic writing and contemporary geographic research.

- Sep 2021 – Feb 2022 course ‘*City Diplomacy*’ (in English, 6 ECTS), Interdisciplinary Master Programmes, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Geneva, Switzerland)
- Sep 2020 – Apr 2021 Lectures ‘*The Russian Arctic*’ and ‘*Cross-Border Twin Cities along Russia's Borders*’ within Master Program on Russia and Central Europe, Global Studies Institute; lecture ‘*International Borders and Transboundary Dynamics Seen at Different Scales and in Different Spheres*’ within Master Program on Political and Cultural Geography, Department of Geography and Environment, University of Geneva (Geneva, Switzerland)
- Feb 2020 taught MA course ‘*Good Neighbours*’: *Russia's Cross-Border Twin Towns in practice and comparative perspective* (in English), Department of Geography and History, University of Eastern Finland (Joensuu, Finland)

Nov 2016 – taught MA courses ‘*Theories and Challenges of Global Development*’ (in Russian),
 Feb 2020 ‘*Introduction to Geography of the World Economy*’ (in English), ‘*Academic Writing
 and Contemporary Geographic Research*’ (in English), Department of Geography of
 (six terms) the World Economy, Faculty of Geography, Lomonosov Moscow State University
 (Moscow, Russia)

ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS

June 2021 organised a triple-panel session ‘Cross-Border Urbanism under Strain: Unpacking the Transformational Potential’ at the EUGEO congress, Prague, Czech Republic

January-May 2021 initiated and coordinated the research consortium ‘City Diplomacy in Times of COVID-19: Pandemic Response and the Future of Urban Sustainability’ for the funding application to the Swiss Network of International Studies (SNIS) (with Dr. A. Wennmann)

Autumn 2020 commented the Cost Network Proposal ‘Place Naming in the Age of Metropolization, Globalization and Digitalization’

Summer 2020 prepared the funding application ‘Place Names and (Re)naming at Borderlands: Toponymy at the Crossroads of New Regionalism and Nationalism’ for the UNIGE “Leading House” *Research Preparation Grant* scheme for collaboration between Switzerland and Russia

Feb 2019 - now lead the book project ‘*Twin Cities across Five Continents: Interactions and Tensions on Urban Borders*’ (Routledge forthcoming) as the lead co-editor (with Dr. J. Garrard)

Oct 2019 organised the final conference of the project ‘The Transformation of Soviet Republic Borders to International Borders’ in Gomel, Belarus with a three-day academic programme and one-day cultural programme for 30 participants from Azerbaijan, Belarus, Finland, Moldova, Russia, the UK and the USA

Nov 2018- Jan 2019 coordinated communication among seven academic and six non-academic partner organisations for the European Training Network Horizon2020 application ‘POST-INDEPENDENCE’, PI Prof. Dr. Jeremy Smith, Karelian Institute, University of Eastern Finland (Joensuu, Finland)

August 2018 organised a workshop “Post-Soviet Borderland – territory of development: view from Kazakhstan”, Eastern-Kazakhstan regional universal library named after Abay, Semey, Kazakhstan

Aug 2015- June 2019 led the book project ‘Twin Cities: Urban Communities, Borders and Relationships over Time’ (Routledge 2019) as one of two editors (with Dr J. Garrard). Led communication with 30 chapter-givers and the publisher, directed the book’s marketing campaign

2013-2018 a) arranged six international workshops (in Norway, Finland, Kazakhstan and Russia); b) organised one big fieldtrip (for a group of 14 people), five small fieldtrips (for two-six people) and about twenty solo fieldtrips to different borders (Russia’s borders with Norway, Finland, Estonia, Belarus, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, China, as well as Norway-Sweden and France-Spain borders)

SELECTED AWARDS

Feb 2020 Fellowship by the Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia (CREECA), University of Wisconsin-Madison for attending the 2020 Wisconsin Russia Project Young Scholars Workshop at the University of Wisconsin-Madison

2021, 2020, Russian Scholar Travel Award for attending the Annual Convention of the American Association of Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES)

2019, 2018

March 2019 Nordic Center in India Travel Grant

Aug 2013 – TRIPLE I (Integration, Interaction and Institutions) Erasmus Mundus Mobility Award
 July 2014

2007 Winner of the All-Russian Olympiad in Russian language and Linguistics for high-school graduates

MEMBERSHIP AND COOPERATION IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Joint Commission on Toponymy of International Cartographic Association (ICA) and International Geographic Union (IGU), Russian Association of Human Geographers (ARGO), American Association of Geographers (AAG), Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), British Association for Slavonic and Eastern European Studies (BASEES)

FIELDWORK COMPLETED

Feb-March 2019	Indian Punjab and the Wagah-Attari section of the India-Pakistan border
Aug 2018	Altai krai and Altai Republic (Russia) and East-Kazakhstan Region (Kazakhstan)
Sep 2017	Primorsky krai (Russia) and Heilongjiang province (China)
July-Aug 2017	Khabarovskiy krai (Russia) and Heilongjiang province (China)
Apr 2017, May 2013	Amur Oblast' (Russia) and Heilongjiang province (China)
Jan-Feb 2017	Bryansk Oblast' (Russia) and Gomiel Oblast' (Belarus)
Sep 2016, Feb 2014, June 2013, Feb-March 2013	Finnmark (Norway) and Murmansk Oblast' (Russia)
July 2016, March 2014	Basque Country (Spain) and Aquitaine (France)
March 2013	Nordland (Norway) - Norrbotten (Sweden)
June 2013, Nov 2013	South Karelia (Finland) and Leningrad Oblast' (Russia)

REVIEWER

In 2012-2021, I have been a referee for articles submitted to the following peer-reviewed journals: *The Barents Journal*; *Geopolitics*; *The Journal of Borderlands Studies*; *Regional Science, Policy and Practice*; *Studies of Transition States and Societies*, *Tourism Management*.

AUTHOR IDENTIFIERS

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List of Publications

IN ENGLISH

Edited Collections:

- Forthcoming in 2021 *Twin Cities across Five Continents: Interactions and Tensions on Urban Borders*. (Coedited with J. Garrard) Routledge, New York and London. Global Urban Series.
- 2019 [*Twin Cities: Urban Communities, Borders and Relationships over Time*](#). (Coedited with J. Garrard) Routledge, New York and London. Global Urban Series. DOI: 10.4324/9781315104638

Peer-Reviewed Articles and Chapters:

- Forthcoming in 2021 Introduction: Towards a Global Overview of Twin City Studies. in: Mikhailova E., Garrard J. (eds) *Twin Cities across Five Continents: Interactions and Tensions on Urban Borders*. Routledge, New York and London. Global Urban Series.

- Forthcoming in 2021 Chandigarh Tri-city: Between Conflict and Co-operation (with G. Singh and S. Kahlon), in: Mikhailova E., Garrard J. (eds) *Twin Cities across Five Continents: Interactions and Tensions on Urban Borders*. Routledge, New York and London. Global Urban Series.
- Forthcoming in 2021 Twin Cities in China Miéville's Fiction. (with C.O. Johansen, R. Moi and J. Garrard), in: Mikhailova E., Garrard J. (eds) *Twin Cities across Five Continents: Interactions and Tensions on Urban Borders*. Routledge, New York and London. Global Urban Series.
- Forthcoming in 2021 Urban Shrinkage in the Double Periphery: Insights from the Sino-Russian Borderland (with C.-T. Wu) in: C.-T. Wu, M. Gunko, T. Strykiewicz, K. Zhou (eds.) *Shrinking Cities in China, Russia and East-Central Europe. Post-Socialist Diversity*. Routledge.
- 2021 Unequal and Asymmetric Internationalisation of Large Russian Cities: Insights from the Internationalisation Ranking. *EchoGéo* 56. Special Issue on Contemporary spatial dynamics of Russia. <https://doi.org/10.4000/echogeo.21919>
- 2021 Cross-border tourism on the Russo-Chinese border in 2014-2019: Customisation of the Service Sector of Border Towns for Chinese Tourists. *Regional Research of Russia*, Vol 11 (3), 349–360. Pleiades Publishing. DOI:10.1134/S2079970521030096
- 2019 [Broadcast](#) (an essay for the Volumetric Sovereignty forum. Part 1: Cartography vs. Volumes). *Society and Space*.
- 2019 Impacts of town-twinning on the communities of Imatra and Svetogorsk through different fields of cross-border cooperation, (with S. Németh) in: J. Garrard, E. Mikhailova (eds). *Twin cities: urban communities, borders and relationships over time*. New York and London, Routledge, Global Urban Series, 272-287. DOI: 10.4324/9781315104638-21
- 2019 Blagoveshchensk and Heihe: (Un)contested twin cities on the Sino-Russian border? (with C.-T. Wu and I. Chubarov) in: J. Garrard, E. Mikhailova (eds). *Twin cities: urban communities, borders and relationships over time*. New York and London, Routledge, Global Urban Series, 288-300. DOI: 10.4324/9781315104638-22
- 2018 Are refugees welcome to the Arctic? Perceptions of Arctic migrants at the Russian-Norwegian borderland, in G. Besier, K. Stoklosa (eds.) *How to Deal with Refugees?* LIT Verlag, Berlin, 183-200.
- 2017 Collaborative problem solving in cross-border context: learning from paired local communities along the Russian border. *Journal of Borderlands Studies* 33(3), 445-464, DOI: 10.1080/08865655.2016.1195702
- 2017 Ersatz Twin City Formation? The Case of Blagoveshchensk and Heihe, *Journal of Borderlands Studies* 32 (4), 513-533. DOI: 10.1080/08865655.2016.1222878 (with C.-T. Wu)
- 2015 [Border tourism on the Russian-Chinese border](#), *Journal of Siberian Federal University. Humanities and Social Sciences* 3 (8), 437-451.
- 2014 [Theorizing on Cross-Border Governance: from Emergence of the Concept to its Current Understanding](#), *Public Administration. Electronic Newsletter* 46, 51-66.
- 2013 Appearance and Appliance of the Twin-Cities Concept on the Russian-Chinese Border, *The International Archives of the Photogrammetry, Remote Sensing and Spatial Information Sciences*, Vol. XL-4/W3. DOI: 10.5194/isprsarchives-XL-4-W3-105-2013

- 2010 Mobile services utilization in education: Organization of learning process, in: *Proceedings of the IADIS International Conference Mobile Learning*, 414-416.

Non-Refereed Book Chapters and Articles:

- 2019 Indian twin cities, (with J. Garrard) in: J. Garrard, E. Mikhailova (eds). *Twin cities: urban communities, borders and relationships over time*. New York and London, Routledge, Global Urban Series, 104-118. DOI: 10.4324/9781315104638-8
- 2019 Introduction and overview, (with J. Garrard) in: J. Garrard, E. Mikhailova (eds). *Twin cities: urban communities, borders and relationships over time*. New York and London, Routledge, Global Urban Series, 1-20. DOI: 10.4324/9781315104638-1
- 2017 Arctic migrant route across the Russian-Norwegian border: geopolitical interpretations and local perceptions by borderlanders, in: *Geopolitical processes in the contemporary Eurasian space*. Conference proceedings. Banja Luka, 289-302.
- 2017 [City twinning on the Russian-Norwegian border: from neighbours to twin cities and back](#), Border Bites 7 (Academic bulletin printed by Kyushu University Border Studies, Japan).
- 2014 [Nikel and Kirkenes: Twin City Pair over the Polar Circle](#), in: *Proceedings of the European Regional Studies Association conference*. Vienna University of Economics and Business.
- 2013 [Russia 2013: cross-border cooperation](#), in: K. Tüür, V. Morozov (eds). *Russian Federation 2013: short-term prognosis*, Tartu, Tartu University Press, 73-76.

Book Reviews:

- 2019 ‘Economics of Planning Policies in China: Infrastructure, Location and Cities’, *Journal of Urban Affairs* 41 (8), 1235-1236. DOI: 10.1080/07352166.2019.1588577.
- 2016 ‘[The EU-Russia Borderland: New contexts for regional cooperation](#)’, *Journal of Cross Border Studies in Ireland* 11, 110-113.

Publications Intended for Professional Communities:

- 2015 CBC between municipalities: Imatra-Svetogorsk town-twinning agreement, in: S. Németh, M. Fritsch, H. Eskelinen. [EUBORDERREGIONS FP7 Research Project. Cross-Border Cooperation and Interaction between Southeast Finland and its Neighbouring Russian Regions of Leningrad Oblast’ and St. Petersburg: Case Study Report](#). Jyväskylä, Grano Oy, 92-96.
- 2015 *EUBORDERREGIONS FP7 Research Project. Case Study No. 1 - Norway-Russia: Case Study Report*. (with B.S. Fors and A.A. Espiritu)

Publications Intended for the General Public:

A series of interviews with internationally prominent architects published at [ARCHI.RU](#), the leading Russian architectural publication:

[Without resistance nothing is possible](#). Interview with the heneghan peng architects, March 16, 2016.

[Architecture of social housing can communicate respect and caring](#). Interview with David Baker, the Head of David Baker Architects, August 23, 2016.

[Monument-centric approach is outdated](#), Interview with Kai Weise, the President of Nepal committee of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), April 7, 2017.

[The sense of achievement after completion of a disaster relief project and a common project is the same](#), Interview with Sigeru Ban, the Pritzker Architecture Prize 2014 recipient, the Head of Sigeru Ban Architects, April 17, 2017.

IN RUSSIAN:

Theses:

- 2018 Cooperation in transboundary systems on the example of twin cities along Russia's borders [[Sotrudnichestvo v transgranichnyh sistemah na primere gorodov-bliznecov Rossii i stran-sosedej](#)]. *Doctoral dissertation*. Institute of Geography, Russian Academy of Sciences.
- 2012 School students' readiness to make a decision on individual educational path [Gotovnost' shkol'nikov k vyboru individual'noj obrazovatel'noj traektorii]. *Final qualification paper for the additional degree 'Teacher' (equivalent of Master Thesis)*.
- 2012 Legal frameworks for regulating international cooperation of the subjects of the Russian Federation with the Commonwealth of Independent States and the European Union member-states [Pravovye osnovy regulirovaniya mezhdunarodnogo sotrudnichestva sub'ektov Rossijskoj Federacii s regionami gosudarstv-chlenov Sodruzhestva Nezavisimyh Gosudarstv i Evropejskogo Sojuza]. *Final qualification paper for the Specialist degree (equivalent of Master Thesis)*.

Peer-Reviewed Articles:

- 2021 Cross-border tourism on the Russian-Chinese border in 2014-2019 [[Prigranichnyj turizm na rossijsko-kitajskoj granice v 2014–2019 godakh](#)]. *Izvestia RAN. Geographic Series*, 2021, vol. 85, no. 3, pp. 341-354.
- 2018 On the multiscale structure of borderlands in terms of systems theory [[O polimasshtabnoj strukture transgranich'ja s pozicii sistemnogo podhoda](#)]. *Regional'nye issledovanija* 3 (61), 25-34.
- 2017 Overcoming the Peripherality at the Sino-Russian Borderland [[Spetsifika preodolenija periferijnosti v rossijsko-kitajskom transgranich'e](#)], (with I. Chubarov), *Rossija i ATR* 4, 88-105.
- 2016 Endogenous challenges for cross-border cooperation between 'twin-cities' [[Endogennye problemy prigranichnogo sotrudnichestva 'gorodov-bliznecov'](#)], *Regional'nye issledovanija* 3 (53), 109-117.
- 2015 Evaluation of cross-border cooperation development as a tool for managing development of border territory [Otsenka razvitija prigranichnogo sotrudnichestva kak instrument upravlenija razvitiem prigranichnoj territorii], *Menedzhment v Rossii i za rubezhom* 3, 57-63.
- 2015 Formation of terminological complex in the sphere of studying transborder territorial units [[Formirovanie terminologicheskogo apparata v sfere izuchenija transgranichnyh territorial'nyh obrazovanij](#)], *Vestnik Astrahanskogo gosudarstvennogo tehničeskogo universiteta*, Serija Ekonomika 2, 7-16.
- 2015 Drivers of Cross-Border Community Formation along Russian-Finnish and Russian-Chinese Borders [Dvizhushhie faktory formirovaniya transgranichnogo soobshhestva na rossijsko-kitajskoj i rossijsko-finljandskoj granicah], (with I. Iliyna), *Vestnik Tihookeanskogo gosudarstvennogo universiteta* 1 (36), 151-160.
- 2014 Methodologic approaches to creating profiles of border-divided cities [Metodicheskie podhody k sozdaniju profilej par gorodov, razdelennyh granicej], *Ekonomika i upravlenie* 9 (107), 55-58.

- 2014 The peculiarities of use of terms 'region' and 'cross-border cooperation' in legal basis of Russia, CIS and EU member states [Osobennosti ispol'zovanija ponjatij 'region' i 'prigranichnoe sotrudnichestvo' v normativno-pravovyh bazah Rossii, SNG i stran-chlenov Soveta Evropy], *Vestnik Rossijskogo novogo universiteta* 3, 97-103.

Non-Refereed Book Chapters and Articles:

- 2021 International functions of large Russian cities [Mezhdunarodnye funkcii krupnejshih gorodov Rossii] (with M. Zotova M. and V. Kolosov). In: *Geo-Urban Studies and Urban Planning: Theoretical and Applied Research*. Moscow, Moscow, Lomonosov Moscow State University, 187-201.
- 2018 Exogeneous and endogenous challenges for cross-border cooperation on the Russo-Chinese border on the example of Blagoveshchensk and Heihe [Ekzogennye i endogennye problemy prigranichnogo sotrudnichestva na rossijsko-kitajskoj granice na primere Blagoveshchenska i Heihe], in: *Metody i sredstva issledovanija prirody i obshchestva*. Conference Proceedings. Moscow, Institute of Far Eastern Affairs RAS, 137-144.
- 2018 Twin Cities along Russia's border: neighbourhood challenges at the micro-level [Gorodabliznecy v rossijskom pogranič'e: vyzovy sosedstva na mikrourovne], in: V. Kolosov (ed.) *Rossijskoe pogranič'e: vyzovy sosedstva*, Moscow, Matushkin Publishing House, 278-305.
- 2018 Exogeneous and endogenous challenges for cross-border cooperation on the Russo-Chinese border on the example of Blagoveshchensk and Heihe [Ekzogennye i endogennye problemy prigranichnogo sotrudnichestva na rossijsko-kitajskoj granice na primere Blagoveshchenska i Heihe], in: *Metody i sredstva issledovanija prirody i obshchestva*. Conference Proceedings. Moscow, Institute of Far Eastern Affairs RAS, 137-144.
- 2017 Social and economic shrinkage through the lense of demographic change in the context of transition economy: The case of Amur oblast cities [Social'no-jekonomicheskoe szhatie cherez prizmu demograficheskikh izmenenij v perehodnoj jekonomike na primere gorodov Amurskoj oblasti], in: E. Drobotushenko (ed). *Prigranichnyj region v istoricheskom razvitii: partnjorstvo i sotrudnichestvo*. Conference Proceedings. Chita, ZabGU Publishing House, 156-162.
- 2017 Borderlands of Russia, Belarus and Ukraine in the new geopolitical reality: political interactions [Pogranič'e Rossii, Belorussii i Ukrainy v novyh geopoliticheskikh uslovijah: vzaimodejstvie v politicheskoi sfere], (with D. Zajats and A. Fedoseev) in: M. Kladovshhikova, A. Medvedev, I. Shorkunov (eds). *Sovremennye podhody k izucheniju ekologicheskikh problem v fizicheskoi i social'no-jekonomicheskoi geografii*. Conference Proceedings, Moscow, 26-33.
- 2016 Russia's cross-border cooperation – tool of territorial development that requires better legal regulation [Prigranichnoe sotrudnichestvo v Rossii – instrument territorial'nogo razvitija, trebujushhij pravovoi reglamentacii], in: *Rossijsko-belorusskoe pogranič'e: problemy i perspektivy razvitija*. Conference Proceedings. Smolensk, Universum, 97-105.
- 2016 Municipal cross-border cooperation in Russia and abroad on the example of twin-cities [Prigranichnoe sotrudnichestvo municipal'nyh obrazovanij v Rossii i za rubezhom na primere 'gorodov-bliznecov'], in: V. Streleckij (ed.). *Social'no-jekonomicheskie, geopoliticheskie i sociokul'turnye problemy razvitija prigranichnyh rajonov Rossii*. Moscow, Eslan, 109-117.
- 2016 The management of cross-border cooperation and principles of cross-border communications' shaping [Upravlenie prigranichnym sotrudnichestvom i principy vystraivaniya transgranichnoj kommunikacii], in: V. Kolosov, A. Volodin (eds). *Rossijskoe pogranič'e: social'no-politicheskie i infrastrukturnye problem*, Moscow, 106-114.
- 2015 New Formats of Cooperation in Russian-Chinese Borderlands before Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of World War II [Novye formaty sotrudnichestva v rossijsko-kitajskom

- prigranich'e nakanune prazdnovanija 70-letija so dnja okonchanija Vtoroj mirovoj vojny (na primere Amurskoj oblasti i provincii Heilongjiang)], in: E. Drobotushenko (ed.). *Vtoraja mirovaja vojna: predystorija, sobytija, uroki*. Conference proceedings. Chita, ZabGU Publishing House, 144-147.
- 2014 Blagoveshensk and Heihe: twin-cities as a touristic brand of the territory [Blagoveshchensk i Heihe: 'goroda-bliznecy' kak turisticheskij territorial'nyj brend], in: D. Bujarov, D. Kuznecov (eds). *Rossija i Kitaj: istorija i perspektivy sotrudnichestva*. Conference proceedings 4, Blagoveshchensk, BGPU Publishing House, 506-512.
- 2013 The role of the transborder territorial unit of blagoveshensk and heihe in russin-chinese cross-border cooperation [Rol' transgranichnogo territorial'nogo obrazovanija Blagoveshchensk-Heihe v rossijsko-kitajskom prigranichnom sotrudnichestve], in: D. Bujarov (ed.). *Rossija i Kitaj: istorija i perspektivy sotrudnichestva*. Conference proceedings 3, Blagoveshchensk, BGPU Publishing House, 297-300.
- 2013 Role of border regions in spatial differentiation of the Russian economy [Vlijanie prigranichnogo polozhenija regionov na prostranstvennuju differenciaciju rossijskoj ekonomiki], in: E. Pliseckiy (ed.). *Aktual'nye problemy regional'noj ekonomiki i prepodavanie discipliny v VUZe*, Moscow, Finansovyj universitet Publishing House, 65-70.

SELECTED ENGLISH CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- June 28- July 1, 2021** EUGEO congress 2021. Presentations: 'Place Names and (Re) naming at Borderlands: Reflection on Cross-Border Urban Areas along Swiss and Russian Borders' (with F. Giraut), 'The State-of-the-Art in Twin-City Research: Editorial Notes to the Two Edited Volumes of "Twin Cities..."'
- June 17-18, 2021** Journées d'étude du GDRus, Université Grenoble Alpes. Presentation: 'Performing Slavic (Dis)Unity at the Russia-Belarus-Ukraine tri-border point over time'.
- 2019, November 23** 51st Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), San Francisco, USA. Presentation: 'Energy and Co-Governance in the Paatsjoki River Basin where Russia, Norway and Finland Meet'
- 2019, November 20** VERA Annual conference 'From Deconstructing to Constructing Walls: 30 years after Berlin', Joensuu, Finland. Presentation: 'Ukrainian-Belarusian border co-operation in securitised times'
- 2019, October 8** International Conference 'The Transformation of Soviet Republic Borders to International Borders', Gomel, Belarus. Presentation: 'Border-themed Security and Cooperation on Belarus borders with Russia and Ukraine'.
- 2019, September 13** Monthly Digital Russian Studies webinar, Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki. Presentation: 'The image of the 'Slavic Unity' festival in the media space'
- 2019, August 5** International Young Leaders Research and Training Program of Northeast Asian Economic Forum, UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP), Incheon, South Korea. Presentation: 'Urban shrinkage at the Sino-Russian borderland'
- 2019, June 27** International Conference 'Urban Identities: Past and Present', University of Warwick, Coventry, UK. Presentation: 'International Twin Cities and Identity'
- 2019, May 9-10** International seminar 'Local and Regional Governance on internal and external EU borders', Barcelona, Spain. Presentation: 'Twin Cities: theoretical remarks and current research avenues'

- 2019, April 12-14 Annual Conference of the British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES), Cambridge, UK. Presentation: *'Borders and cross-border cooperation in Russia, Belarus and Ukraine: evolution of concepts and practices'*
- 2019, February 27-28 International Conference 'Culture, Language and Identity Formation: Diaspora in a Globalizing World' (with special reference to East and Central Europe and Russia), University of Delhi, India. Presentation: *'Nostalgia as a uniting force at the Russia-Belarus-Ukraine borderland: the Case of Slavic Unity Cross-Border Festival'*
- 2019, February 13 International Workshop 'The Arctic in Asia & Asia in the Arctic', University of Tromsø – The Arctic University of Norway, Kirkenes, Norway. Presentation: *'Fears and Hopes in Cities on the Sino-Russian Border over Time'*
- 2018, December 6-9 50th Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), Boston, USA. Presentation: *'Performing Slavic (Dis)Unity at the Russia-Belarus-Ukraine Tri-Border Point Over Time'*. Discussant at the session *'Goeconomics in Eurasia: comments on recent developments in Russia, Central Asia and China'*
- 2018, October 4-5 International Conference 'BoMoCult/CultChange conference: Methods, Approaches, Ethics', University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu, Finland. Presentations: a) *'Media and Social Media Analysis for Investigating Cross-border Festivals: An Example of the Slavic Unity Festival in 2012-2018'*, b) *Book Launch of 'Twin Cities: Urban Communities, Borders and Relationships Over Time'*
- 2018, August 23 International Russian-Finnish Workshop 'Post-Soviet borderlands – territory of development', Altai State University, Barnaul, Russia. Presentation: *'Volumetric borders: broadcasting disputes among Ukraine, Russia and Belarus'*
- 2018, July 10-14 Association for Borderlands Studies 2nd World Conference, Vienna, Austria and Budapest, Hungary. Presentations: a) *'Where Russia, Belarus and Ukraine meet: rebordering at the tri-border region'*, b) *'To Bridge or not to bridge? (Absence of) Infrastructure on the Sino-Russian border'* (with C.-T. Wu), c) *Chapter presentation 'Are Refugees Welcome to the Arctic?'* within the Book Launch 'Europe as a continent of dreams'
- 2018, June 4-6 International Conference 'Practical Geography and XXI century challenges' - IGU Thematic Conference dedicated to the centennial of the Institute of Geography of Russian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Geography, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia. Presentations: a) *'Russian borderlands as tourist destination'*, b) *'Trade Hubs in shrinking regions: examples from the Sino-Russian borderland'* (with C.-T. Wu)
- 2018, April 19-21 International Scientific Workshop 'Urbanization and Regional Development in Russia and Europe', Institute of Geography, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia. Presentation: *'International Functions of Large Russian Cities'* (with V. Kolosov and M. Zotova)
- 2017, September 16-21 International Expert [Seminar](#) 'New Silk Road and the Future of Regional Cooperation' organized by the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Russia. Presentation: *'Twin Cities along Russia's borders'*
- 2017, August 5-6 International Conference 'Silk Road and Urban Development in China and Beyond', Xian, China. Presentation: *'Border Urban Systems under the Belt and Road Initiative: the Case of Sino-Russian border'* (with I. Chubarov)
- 2017, April 26-28 International Workshop 'Rebordering the Nordic World', Malmö University, Malmö, Sweden. Presentation: *'Arctic Migrant Route across the Russian-Norwegian border: Geopolitical Interpretations and Local Perceptions by Borderlanders'*
- 2016, May 17-20 15th International 'Border Regions in Transition' (BRIT) conference 'Cities, States and Borders: From the Local to the Global', Hamburg, Germany and Sønderborg, Denmark.

Presentations: a) *‘Collaborative Problem Solving in the Cross-Border Context: Learning from Paired Local Communities along the Russian Border’*, b) *‘Ersatz Twin City Formation? The Case of Blagoveshchensk and Heihe’* (with C.-T. Wu).

- 2015,
August
17-21** International Geographical Union Regional Conference, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Moscow, Russia. Presentation: *‘Enhancing local problem-solving: governance structures and networking in Russian ‘twin cities’*
- 2015,
June 24-26** International Conference ‘Twin Cities Past and Present’, Manchester Metropolitan University, Manchester, the UK. Presentations: a) *‘Appearance and Appliance of the Twin-Cities Concept on the Russian-Chinese Border’*, b) *‘Citizens’ perception of town-twinning and its local impacts in a cross-border context: Imatra and Svetogorsk’* (with S. Németh)
- 2014,
December
7-11** International Conference ‘Borders at the interface: bordering Europe, Africa and the Middle East’, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer Sheva, Israel. Presentation: *‘Adjacent settlements along Russian border: ‘twin-cities’ rhetoric in Eurasian context’*
- 2014,
June 9-13** Association for Borderlands Studies 1st World Conference ‘Post-Cold War Borders: Global Trends and Regional Responses’, University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu, Finland, and St. Petersburg, Russia. Presentation: *‘City-twinning within the governance approach’*
- 2014,
February
25-26** International Workshop ‘Touring Borders’, University of Tromsø – The Arctic University of Norway, Kirkenes, Norway. Presentation: *‘Border Tourism on the Russian-Chinese Border’*
- 2013,
December
5-6** International Geographical Union Workshop on Borderlands Modelling and Understanding for Global Sustainability, Beijing Normal University, Beijing, China. Presentation: *‘Appearance and Appliance of the twin-cities concept on the Russian-Chinese Border’*
- 2013,
April 27-
May 1** International Conference ‘Borders, Cooperation and Regional Conflict in Post-Soviet Contexts: Between Integration and Disintegration?’, Tbilisi, Georgia. Presentation: *‘Cooperation between border city-pairs in Post-Soviet and European contexts’*