



# OSCE Perspectives 2030 Online Academy

## List of participants

The OSCE Perspectives 2030 Online Academy aims to provide greater visibility to the contributions that young women and men are making to OSCE's efforts in advancing peace and security, as well as to increase the visibility of OSCE's work among young people.

By engaging with experts from the OSCE and partner institutions, conducting group research and participating in webinars and workshops, academy participants will deepen their understanding of the OSCE and acquire practical skills in public speaking, conducting research, and drafting policy recommendations.

The academy is an initiative of the Office of the OSCE Secretary General, in partnership with the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, the OSCE Academy in Bishkek and the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Regional Office for Cooperation and Peace in Europe.

The programme is part of the OSCE "Perspectives 2030" initiative, launched in 2019 to promote inclusion of youth voices into OSCE security debates.





## Jelena Jevtić

25, Serbia

*"In the future,  
there will be no  
female leaders.  
There will just be  
leaders."*

Jelena Jevtić is a Program Coordinator for NewGen Peacebuilders (NGP), a global youth peace education, training and mentoring program. She holds a BA in Political Science from Bluefield State College in the United States, and is currently pursuing an International Master in Security, Intelligence and Strategic Studies (IMSISS) at University of Glasgow in the United Kingdom. She co-led an on-ground research in Serbia on peace education and has introduced the NGP program to eight countries in Southeast Europe in 2021. Jelena is a recipient of the Peace Research Institute of Oslo (PRIO) scholarship and a recipient of the 2020 Scholarship for Peace and Security from OSCE and UNODA.

## Jemile Bashimova

25, Turkmenistan

Jemile Bashimova is originally from Turkmenistan, she is currently finishing her MA program at Central European University in Vienna/Budapest. She enjoys taking part at the regional youth events which foster networking and exchange of ideas.



*"You are never wrong  
for doing the right  
thing."*

## Maximilian Rau

30, Germany



*"If opportunity  
doesn't knock,  
build a door."*

During his master's in Eastern European Studies, Maximilian Rau gained extensive knowledge on (post-Soviet) Central Asia. His interest led him to the multilateral world of the OSCE and an internship within the Transnational Threats Department. Recently, he founded the grassroots Think Tank Ponto on European and Foreign Policy in Vienna, Austria.



## Raul Rios

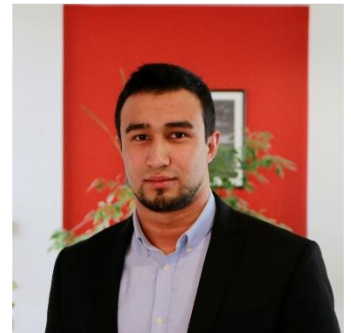
30, USA

*"Homo sum, humani  
nihil a me alienum  
puto; I am human,  
nothing human can be  
alien to me."*

Raul holds a Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Public International Law, specializing in Conflict and Security Law from Utrecht University and a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Government and World Affairs from the University of Tampa. Raul's previous professional experiences have included the United States Mission to the United Nations, the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and working as a consultant for several NGOs. More recently Raul completed his European Commission Blue Book Traineeship with DG INTPA (DEVCO) and is currently a Project Researcher on Counter-Terrorism, Violent Extremism and Radicalisation issues at the Institute for European Studies at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel.

## Sherzod Shamiev

27, Tajikistan



*"Our lives begin to end  
the day we become  
silent about things  
that matter."*

Sherzod is a researcher from Tajikistan. He is a graduate of OSCE Academy with MA in Politics and Security and American University in Bulgaria with BA in International Relations. Currently he works as a Project Coordinator at Saferworld, leading an assessment and informational campaigns on community security in Tajikistan. In the past he has carried out assessments and worked with such organizations as Geneva Centre for Security Policy, Centre for Sociological Research Zerkalo, Hudson Institute, ODIHR, and Centre for Study of Democracy. His main focus is development sector and research and analysis of security of the Central Asia and wider Eurasian Region.

# New Technologies

## Aaron Joshua Pinto

29, Canada



Aaron Joshua Pinto is driven by the pursuit of potential and the intersection of public policy, global affairs, and innovation to solve community challenges. After a stint in Central Asia, Aaron is now working as a Trade Commissioner in Canada's International Trade and Investment bureau in New York supporting growing tech startups and SMEs, spanning fields from digital health to fintech to artificial intelligence. Years of engagement in socioeconomic issues have taken Aaron on deployments from post-Apartheid townships in Cape Town to Ukraine and Malawi's polling stations all the way to Colombia's hilltop villages. Aaron's avid interest in global affairs steered him to Central and South America and Canada's Arctic where he partook in trade and development missions. He also led the Canadian G7 youth delegation's negotiations on the future of work. Aaron was Canada's Youth Ambassador to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, is a Queen's Young Leader, and one of Canada's 2018 Future Foreign Policymakers.

*"There are plenty of ways to enter a pool. The stairs ain't one."*



## Alexandra Borgeaud dit Avocat

28, Switzerland

*"Never stop learning."*

Alexandra holds a BA in International Relations from the University of Geneva, a LL.M. from the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, and a Master's Degree in Global Security (Strategy & Defence) from the University of Glasgow. Prior to joining the GCSP, she acquired professional experience at the UN, the Swiss Federal Department for Foreign Affairs, and the ICC. Her research interests include the impact of new and emerging technologies on international security, innovative approaches to technology governance, the future of warfare and arms control processes, as well as factors endangering norms and multilateralism. She will be starting a PhD on this topic at the University of Maryland's School of Public Policy in the fall of 2021.

## Ekaterina Kinash

23, Russia



Ekaterina Kinash was born in Volgograd but now she lives in the cultural capital of Russia – St. Petersburg. She is studying at the School of International Relations, department of European Studies (SPbU). Her research interests include "soft power", digital diplomacy, cybersecurity, European countries' policy within NATO and OSCE, opportunities of new technologies in global political processes.

*"You'll never know unless you try."*

# New Technologies

## Elena Lulcheva

25, Bulgaria

Elena Lulcheva's love for learning and understanding the world to its fullest can be seen in her choice for university degrees and her work. She is currently finishing her Master Program in Organizational and Social Psychology and she feels the need to insert the psychological aspect in all of the activities that she partakes in. Her interests vary from intersectional feminism, through civic activity to gamification and adaptation of emerging technology, which is why Elena is an active member in organizations focused on these topics (Academy "Ekaterina Karavelova", ETIC and EuropeDirect Plovdiv).



*"Everything is interconnected, you just have to push the limit of your knowledge and see the bigger picture."*



## Louis-Simon Boileau

27, France

After a Ph.D in IR from Sciences Po Doctoral School, Louis-Simon Boileau started working at the French National Assembly as MP's chief of staff. He spent a year in the USA, working in the US Think Tank CSIS. He also founded the MENA Observatory of the Foundation Jean Jaurès in Paris and teaches IR classes at Sciences Po. Speaks English, Italian and some notions of Arabic. Geek of football and politics.

*"Knowledge is Power."*

## Philipp Dietrich

23, Germany

Philipp Dietrich, born in Brussels, completed a bachelor's degree at Sciences Po Paris in 2019 and between 2018 and 2019 he studied at the Higher school of Economics in Moscow, Russia. He is currently an MPhil candidate in Russian and East European Studies at the University of Oxford. Philipp is particularly interested in researching Russian foreign policy and the Russian internet.



*"Feelings and emotions are important, but as soon as they gain the upper hand, any constructive exchange becomes impossible."*

# Environment and Energy



## Diyorjon Keldiyorov

26, Uzbekistan

*"Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated."*

Diyorjon Keldiyorov is currently working at the Ministry of Finance in Uzbekistan. He has his master's degree from the OSCE Academy in Bishkek. Besides, he works at the University of Westminster in Tashkent, teaching statistics courses for undergraduate students.

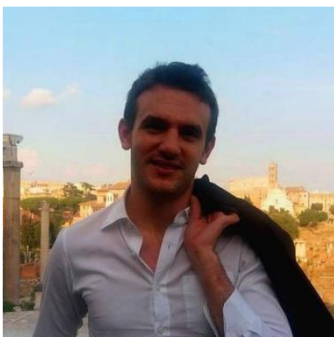
## Irena Marunović

30, Montenegro

Irena Marunović holds the BSc and Spec.Sci degree in International Relations from the Faculty of Political Science, the University of Montenegro. From an early age, she was involved in the activities of multiple NGOs, implementing projects for young people and vulnerable groups, advocating for youth empowerment and participation. She has experience in working for the media, state authorities, international (UNICEF) and regional organizations (Regional Youth Cooperation office – RYCO), as well as the retail industry in the field of marketing affairs.



*"Everything happens for a reason!"*



## Mario Ghioldi

29, Italy

*"In the midst of every crisis, lies great opportunity."*

In the past Mario Ghioldi carried out an internship for the Permanent Mission of Italy to the UN during the Italian presidency of the UNSC, he worked for the Salvadoran Permanent Mission to FAO and for the Italian Embassy in Nicaragua. As PhD candidate at the International Business School in Budapest, he is studying the impact of development aid in Eastern Europe and Central Asia economies. As well, Mario is also working as financial advisor for Intesa San Paolo, promoting green bonds and investments. Thanks to his previous jobs and studies he lived in several countries (UK, US, Spain, Nicaragua, Peru, Poland), this has showed him how cooperation among young professionals and students having different backgrounds and cultures is the key for a safer future.

# Environment and Energy



## Nato Beridze

25, Georgia

*"You can't stop the waves, but you can learn to surf."*

Nato Beridze is an attorney specialized in Civil and Administrative Law of Georgia. Nato holds an LL.M. and LL.B. Degrees with honors from Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. She has about 4 years of working experience in public sector. Nato is especially interested in Environmental law. She is currently working at Environmental Information and Education Centre of Georgia where she is drafting projects of legal acts in order to help Georgian public authorities to implement sustainable public procurement regulations and principles in the procurement legislation.

## Mihaela – Claudia Pop

24, Romania



Mihaela – Claudia Pop is a proud Romanian first-generation doctoral student, researching the interplay between finance and income inequality. The motivation behind her research is the change of the financial sector to better serve the economy, society, and the environment. Passionate about nature, she is a part-time research assistant, currently working on how digital innovations and sustainable finance can improve water security in Africa.

*"Fight for the things that you care about but do it in a way that will lead others to join you."*



# Rule of Law

## Amila Husić

23, Bosnia & Herzegovina



Amila Husić is currently an LL.M. candidate at the University of Zenica. During her LL.B. studies at the University of Tuzla, she competed in various moots and competitions, including the VIS moot. She has interned at the Central Election Commission of B&H and volunteered/worked in several NGOs in B&H. Since 2019 she has been a member of the Youth Advisory Group of the OSCE Mission to B&H. Her main areas of interest are international public law, women's rights and issues as well as elections.

*"Well-behaved women rarely make history."*



## Arben Ristemi

28, North Macedonia

Arben Ristemi is a master of Criminal Law. He is currently working as a Young Collaborator at the Law Sector in the Municipality of Kichevo, North Macedonia. He was coordinator of the Local Youth Council in his Municipality for 2 mandates (4 years). Also, he was a Board Member of the 1st mandate from the creation of the National Youth Council in his country (North Macedonia). Last year he passed state judicial exam.

*"Unity in Action"*

## Armi Korhonen

30, Finland



Armi Korhonen works as a Justice Sector Advisor at Hiil, where she convenes groups of diverse and passionate individuals to innovate new co-designed justice strategies. Armi herself is passionate about SDG16 and access to justice for all. She holds Master's degrees in Social and Public Policy (University of Jyväskylä), and International Crimes and Criminology (VU Amsterdam).

*"Why, sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast."*

# Rule of Law

## Dmitriy Baksheev

20, Belarus



Growing up, Dmitriy Baksheev always believed that the basis for social development is the rule of law. We can see now that some countries abandon this principle in sake of "social stability" and autocratic ambitions of their leaders. In order to help his country and others, he have chosen International Law as his major.

*"Things don't work unless you do."*



## Gabriela Saturova

30, Slovakia

Gabriela Saturova is a policy specialist and government affairs coordinator with background in IR/European Studies, currently driving Rule of Law Initiative at AmCham Slovakia. Previously responsible for rule of law, public diplomacy, and media freedom agenda at the Embassy of the Netherlands in Slovakia.

*"Real change, enduring change, happens one step at a time."*

# Human Rights



## Öztürk Büşra

25, Turkey

*"Good things take time."*

Öztürk Büşra has studied Bachelors and Masters Political Science and currently studying Diploma Studies (Mag. iur.) Law at the University of Vienna. She worked as Teaching Assistant at the Department of Government until recently. She loves to turn ideas into actions and organize tasks while overcoming obstacles.

## Gemma Sempere

25, Spain



*"Success remains in consistency"*

Gemma Sempere is a Bachelor's graduate in Law and International Relations.

She was an exchange student at Kansai Gaidai University in Japan and Iberoamericana University in Mexico City. Currently, she is an LLM Advanced Master Student on International Public Law with a specialization on Security and Defense and Human Rights at ULB University in Brussels. Currently working at DCAF- Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance. Previously Gemma worked as a legal assistant at the Spanish Embassy in Malta and also worked as an advocacy intern in Brussels at a Youth NGO. Interested in political and social issues especially in youth affairs. Youth delegate in various International Youth events and conferences in Iran, Russia and Egypt. She considers herself a pretty active person, outgoing, enthusiastic, curious, happy and energetic.

# Human Rights



*"Nothing is impossible with the right mindset."*

## Mekan Narliyev

31, Turkmenistan

Mekan Narliyev is a recent graduate of MSc in Global Politics with a keen interest in Human Rights and Central Asian affairs. He was born in the USSR, grew up in Turkmenistan and studied in the educational institutions of six different countries. He is currently in France, looking for opportunities to put his experience and skills into good use, with an organization that helps those who need it the most.

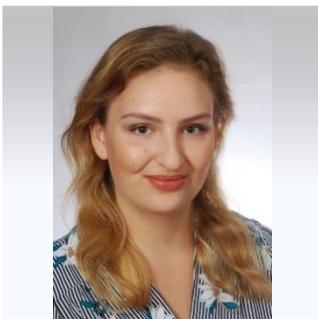
## Peter Rigg

20, UK



*"Youth work changes lives!"*

Peter Rigg is an experienced Scottish human rights defender interested in how the meaningful participation and inclusion of young people in international decision-making processes can complement shared fundamental principles such as human rights, democracy, and the rule of law. With a background in national youth representation with the Scottish Youth Parliament, he currently contributes a youth perspective towards international policy discussions as a member of the Y7 2021's Youth Forum; he was also selected by then Council of Europe Secretary General Thorbjørn Jagland to represent the Scottish Youth Parliament as a reserve representative to the Council of Europe's 2020-2021 Advisory Council on Youth.



*"Be the change you want to see in the world."*

## Rita Ster

26, Poland

Already during her studies Rita Ster was interested in human rights, most notably the rights of refugee women and children gaining her experience in various public institutions. She was also a member of Student Legal Clinic of Jagiellonian University in Cracow and Independent Student's Association. Now she works in a NGO as a lawyer providing free legal help for people seeking international protection. Privately: fulfilling aunt of two, foodie and a plant enthusiast.

# Education

## Altynai Klimova

24, Kyrgyzstan



Altynai Klimova works at Adam University as manager of Career Center. Previously she worked in American Councils for International Education, Kyrgyzstan in several positions. She is FLEX alumna 2014 and has international exchange experience.

*"You have one life.  
Just one."*



## Maria-Afroditi Deilogkou

29, Greece

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."*

Social Psychologist who loves working in groups to produce and manage innovative actions for a better future. Curious analyst wanting to explore how education can make a difference regarding Peace and Security. Maria-Afroditi Deilogkou loves engaging in conversations and explore new situations and perspectives.

## Samuel Elzinga

21, USA



Samuel Elzinga is a current senior at Utah Valley University studying political science, security studies, and Russian studies. He is passionate about student engaged learning, understanding holistic approaches to countering violent extremism, and sustainable mountain development.

*"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, it's not going to get better, it's not."*

# Education

## Sara Gace

26, Albania



Sara is an Economic Engineering graduate and a youth empowerment enthusiast. She has been engaged in several youth-centered activities and programs focused on promoting leadership skills for girls, youth-led activism and capacity building. Driven by an ardent desire to give a voice to many underrepresented young people, she joined the Youth Advisory Group of OSCE Presence in Albania in September 2018. She speaks English, Italian and some Spanish. In her free time, she enjoys reading, Yoga and jogging.

*"Audentes Fortuna  
Iuvat"*



## Tlegen Kuandykov

23, Kazakhstan

*"To be free of passion  
and yet full of love."*

Lawyer by profession, scientist by nature. Tlegen Kuandykov did his bachelor's degree in International Law in Kazakhstan, meanwhile working in youth, human rights, and privacy protection projects. Currently, he works on my research project on civic and political culture in post-USSR countries at the University of Pavia, Italy.

## Yuliia Shevchenko

22, Ukraine



Yuliia Shevchenko studies Political Science at Shanghai Jiao Tong University and works as a personal assistant to Maestro Hobart Earle. She used to facilitate educational youth projects at Impact Hub Odessa and Window on America Center and took part in various programs led by American Councils in Ukraine.

*"Great things never  
come from comfort  
zones."*

# Youth voices for a safer future

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