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After completing my Master of Law degree, I went on to work at the Ministry of Internal Affairs Ukraine and later on at the City Attorney's Office. My main responsibility was a coordination of international cooperation with INTERPOL, EUROPOL and other foreign law enforcement or prosecuting agencies. Recently I decided to enter academia and pursue a PhD in international politics at Central China Normal University - my areas of research are European Politics and History of International Relations. I am currently a postgraduate research student in history at the University of Edinburgh. My research is about history and politics on the post-soviet space, U.S. - Cuba and medieval Europe. I am currently looking for a lecturer or a postdoctoral position in the interdisciplinary field: History, Politics, Diplomacy and Law.

## EDUCATION

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- MSc** **University of Edinburgh, UK**, History Nov 2018  
*Thesis: "U.S. Foreign Policy Towards Cuba after the Cold War: From the Administration of G.W. Bush to B. Obama."*  
Advisor: Professor Julius Ruiz  
Personal Tutor: Dr. David Kaufman  
*Courses:*  
Ideology and Politics in the Soviet and Post-Soviet Space  
The Closest of Enemies: Cuban-American Relations  
The Trial of the Templars  
Theories of Empire in the Early Modern Period  
Historical Research: Approaches to History  
Historical Research: Skills & Sources
- CPD** **University College London, UK**, Educational Leadership Jun 2018  
Continuing Professional Development Diploma
- PhD** **Central China Normal University, China**, International Politics Dec 2017  
*Dissertation: "Foreign Policy of the European Union and its Implications for the European Integration of Ukraine."*  
Supervisor: Professor Hu Zongshan  
*Courses:*  
Theories of International Relations  
Sino-American Relations  
China's Economy and Politics  
Diplomacy Among Major Powers  
Modern and Contemporary History of International Relations

**M.Ec Odessa National University, Ukraine**, International Economic Relations Feb 2012  
*Thesis: "Special Economic Zones of China: the Prospects and Challenges for Future Development."*

Advisor: Professor Vladimir Dergachev (National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine)

**BA Odessa National University, Ukraine**, Philology July 2009

*Thesis: "Linguistical Study of Phonetic Specifications Between Advertisement Texts in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland".*

Advisor: Associate Professor Nectar Grigoryan

Major: English Language and Literature

Minor: German Language

**LL.M Odessa National University, Ukraine**, Law July 2008

*Thesis: "The Activity of the INTERPOL in Ukraine: Theory and Practice from 1991 until 2008."*

Advisor: Professor Evgen Streltsov (National Academy of Legal Sciences of Ukraine)

Major: International Law

**LL.B Odessa National University, Ukraine**, Law July 2007

*Thesis: "International Criminal Court and the Genocide in Rwanda."*

Advisor: Associate Professor Evgeniy Truba

Major: Criminal Law

#### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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**Critical Article Review Honor Mention** 2017

University of Edinburgh, Center of Contemporary and Modern History

**Outstanding Academic Achievement Award** 2015

Central China Normal University

**Chinese Government Scholarship** 2014-2017

China Scholarship Council Grant

**Dean's Honors List** 2008

Excellent Thesis Award by Law-Economic Faculty

**ERASMUS Grant** 2007

Two months research grant by European Commission for studies at EUROPOL

#### **TEACHING, RESEARCH AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

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**Publons**

December 2017 to May 2018

**Academic Peer Reviewer**

- Pre-publication peer review of submitted articles for several journal in the field of Law, History and Politics.
- Post-publication reviews.
- Seminars and training for peer-review process.

**Jump A-Z Education**

Aug 2015 to Nov 2017

**Academic Supervisor and Head Researcher**, Subject Teacher in Social Sciences

- Research and curriculum development for newly introduced courses.
- Teaching students the following subjects: History, Law and Politics.
- Provide training for new recruited teachers.
- Developed quizzes, exams, and homework.
- Revised the syllabus to meet required standards.
- Coordinated grading and labs with higher peers.

**Central China Normal University**, Wuhan, China

Sep 2015 to Apr 2016

**Teaching practice**, Institute of Political Science

- Taught 4 lectures on History of International Relations course, an undergraduate course averaging 50 students per semester, covering the following topics: Medieval History, Westphalia Peace, Napoleonic Wars, and World Wars.
- Planned, co-chaired and participated in several “Global Order” seminars as well as co-organized Model UN seminar.

**HongDa High School Affiliated with Shanghai International Studies University**,

Haining, Jiaxing, China

June 2015 to Aug 2015

**Teacher**, Grade 8,9,10

- Taught American History, European History and English high school courses averaging 50 students per grade.
- Developed curriculum, tests and homework for the taught courses.

**VS MOD PRODUCTION**, Stockholm, Sweden

Sep 2011 to Apr 2016

**Researcher/Founder**, Game Development/Design, Historical Grand Strategies

- Led a team of 5-10 people during the game development process of mods for historical grand strategies like Europa Universalis 4, Crusader Kings 2 and etc.
- Project lead on the following historical game project: The Third Rome, Purple Phoenix Arise, Das Kaisertum, AEIOU and etc.
- Revised the code and scripting for events and basic game mechanics.
- Coordinated the research team during the study on historical figures, events, ancient states and original coat of arms on medieval history.

**INTERPOL**, Lyon, France

Nov 2013 to Feb 2014

**Legal Compliance Officer**, International Law Enforcement Agency

- Representative of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine.
- Part of the research team for adjusting criminal law of the Eastern European Countries to the European Law in terms of cooperation in information exchange.

- Participated in conferences and seminar organized by INTERPOL and EUROPOL.
- Coordinated and guided the work of Ukrainian representatives at INTERPOL cooperation and information exchange department during the period of 2013-2014.

**EUBAM, Moldova and Ukraine** Nov 2012 to Apr 2013  
**Research Assistant**, European Union Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine

- Part of a team of the European Union representatives to Ukraine and Moldova.
- Conducted research and legal assistance to the head of the EUBAM and its senior officers on the problems of customs, border control and trade standards and procedures.
- Advised to EUBAM field officers on various matters.

**Odessa City Attorney's Office, Odessa, Ukraine** Nov 2011 to Mar 2013  
**Assistant City Attorney**, Law Enforcement and Prosecution

- Part of the team of the General Prosecutor's Office in Odessa region.
- Provided legal assistance to General Prosecutor's Office, agencies of the Ministry of the Internal Affairs, security agencies, INTERPOL, EUROPOL, EUBAM and other governing bodies in identifying and preventing inter-state crimes.
- Acted as a state prosecutor in several inter-state offences and hearings about extraditions of convicted criminals to countries of interest.

**World Economic Forum, Davos, Switzerland** Jan 2012 to Feb 2012  
**International Law Assistant**, Ukrainian Delegation at the World Economic Forum

- Participated at the WEC themed "The Great Transformations: Shaping New Models".
- Assisted and advised the Head of the Ukrainian Delegation and its team in various legal matters.

**Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, Odessa\Kyiv, Ukraine** Mar 2009 to Nov 2011  
**Senior Operative Officer**, Law Enforcement and International Cooperation

- Organized the activity of the tax police units at all levels to bear liability for the fulfillment of all tasks and responsibilities.
- Lead a team to identify, suppress and prevent tax crimes and offenses that fall under the jurisdiction of tax police units, including crimes committed by tax authority and tax police units.
- Ensure the safe operation of the tax authorities and tax units from the unlawful interference of other police officials.
- Provide assistance to prosecutor's office, government agencies and other government bodies in identifying other offences.
- Coordinated international cooperation of the economic department of the city police.

**National University "Odessa Law Academy", Odessa, Ukraine** Oct 2008 to Jan 2009  
**Guest Lecturer**, International Law Department

- Guest lecturer on the History of International Law and War Crimes for undergraduate students.
- Designed the lecture series PPT to illustrate the course concepts.

- Planned and led the course assessment for over 40 students.

**Odessa National University**, Odessa, Ukraine

Jan 2007 to May 2008

**Assistant Lecturer**, History of State and Law Department

- Participated at the curriculum development for the following courses: “The Activity of INTERPOL in Ukraine and CIS Countries”, “History of the State and Law”, “The Beginning of New Era: The Peace of Westphalia”.
- Teaching assistant for the first year law course.
- Led two discussion sessions on UN and INTERPOL.
- Organized and co-chaired MODEL UN ODESSA 2009.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### *Profiles (including citations)*

Google Scholar - <https://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=en&user=PImU3WAAAAAJ>

ResearchGate - [https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Volodymyr\\_Shevchuk](https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Volodymyr_Shevchuk)

AcademiaEdu - <https://edinburgh.academia.edu/VolodymyrShevchuk>

Publons - <https://publons.com/author/1403986/volodymyr-alexander-shevchuk>

### *Books*

Shevchuk, V., “The Foreign Policy of the European Union: The US, Russia and China”, CreateSpace Independent Publishing, US, 2018.

ISBN-10: 1985583852

ISBN-13: 978-1985583856

### *Articles*

Shevchuk, V., “*Kosovo – the unique conflict of interests*” [Косово – унікальний конфлікт інтересов], *Odessa Journal of Law*, 16, pp. 88-93, Odessa University Press, 2008 (In Russian).

Korniyuchuk L., Shevchuk, V., “*Sustainable development and global mission of Ukraine*” [Устойчивое развитие и глобальная миссия Украины], *Economics of Ukraine Journal*, 5, pp. 4-14, 2009 (In Russian).

Horban A., Shevchuk, V., “*Formation and development of the education system in Ukraine in the 1920-1930s*” [Становлення та розвиток системи освіти в Україні у 1920-1930-х роках], *Gilea: Scientific Bulletin*, 58, 2012 (In Ukrainian).

Shevchuk, V., “*Features of initiating the civil process protocol by prosecutor*” [Особливості ініціювання прокурором цивільного процесу], Scientific notes of the Institute of Legislation of the Parliament of Ukraine, 5-8, 2011 (In Ukrainian).

### ***Unpublished Research***

Shevchuk, V., “*Ukraine-Russia Relations after Crimean Crisis – A Ukrainian Perspective*”. School of Politics and International Studies, Central China Normal University, Unpublished, 2015, doi:10.13140/rg.2.2.28687.89765.

Shevchuk, V., “*Why Russia’s Relations with the EU Deteriorating so Fast?*” School of History, Classics and Archeology, University of Edinburgh, Unpublished, 2017, doi:10.13140/rg.2.2.32043.34089.

Shevchuk, V., “*Clement V: A Puppet Pope or a Cunning Diplomat?*” School of History, Classics and Archeology, University of Edinburgh, Unpublished, 2018, doi:10.13140/rg.2.2.33963.95521.

Shevchuk, V., “*Cuban-American Relations in the 21st Century: The End of the “Blockade”?*” School of History, Classics and Archeology, University of Edinburgh, Unpublished, 2018, doi:10.13140/rg.2.2.35641.67680.

### ***Pre-Prints***

Shevchuk, V., “*Between Metropole and Colony: The British Ways of Imperial Integration*”. Unpublished pre-print, 2018, doi:10.13140/rg.2.2.27010.17602.

## **PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES**

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**Paper Presentation, Panelist**, “*Understanding Crimea Crisis,*” 1<sup>st</sup> International PhD Candidates Forum, Central China Normal University, 2014, doi:10.13140/rg.2.2.11071.82088.

**Paper Presentation, Panelist**, “*The Law and Corruption in Ukraine: EU and the Changes after 2014,*” Annual China Scholarship Council PhD Forum for International Students, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, 2015.

**Paper Presentation, Co-Chair**, “*The Future of the Russia-Ukraine Relations,*” 7<sup>th</sup> International PhD Candidates Forum, Central China Normal University, 2015.

**Guest Lecture**, “*The Baltic Ways of European Integration: a Chance for Ukraine*”, Symposium on the Process of the European Integration in the Eastern Europe, Tallinn University, Estonia, 2016

**Paper Presentation**, Lecture on “Religious Wars: Europe and China,” Forum on Religious History organized by the Center for Contemporary and Modern History, University of Edinburgh, December 2017.

## **PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

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**International Private Law, Summer School**

The Hague Academy of International Law, Netherlands, 2010

**International Commercial Law, Certificate**

Düsseldorf International Arbitration School, Germany, 2012.

**Chinese Language, Course**

Fudan University, China, 2014

**Research Methods in Political Science, Workshop**

Wuhan University, China, 2015

**TEFL, 150-hour Course**

University of Toronto, Canada, 2016

**Teaching Approaches in History, Seminar**

University of Edinburgh, UK, 2017

**Historical Methodologies, Workshop**

University of Edinburgh, UK, 2018

**Introduction to Teaching Law and Politics, Summer School**

The London School of Economics and Political Science, UK, 2018

**Peer-Review Certification Training**

Publons Academy, Switzerland, 2018

**The Threat of Nuclear Terrorism, Course**

Stanford University, USA, 2018

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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**Forum Co-Organizer**

7<sup>th</sup> International PhD Candidates Forum, Central China Normal University, 2015.

**Peer-Reviewed Articles for:**

- Preprints.org by MDPI, ISSN 2310-287X (2018)
- Odessa Journal Of Law (2008-2009) [In Russian]

## LANGUAGES

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**Ukrainian, Russian, English:** Native Proficiency  
**Chinese:** Limited Working Proficiency (HSK 4)  
**German, Polish, Bulgarian:** Elementary Proficiency

## PERSONAL DETAILS

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**Age:** 31  
**Date of Birth:** 01 July 1986  
**Marital status:** Single  
**Nationality:** Ukraine

## REFERENCES

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### **Prof. Hu Zongshan**

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