



Yoana Kisyova

Pre-doctoral researcher | International Relations & Environment

I am a PhD candidate whose main area of expertise is International Relations and Politics and I specialise in sustainability and renewables. My research aims to create a positive global impact, with a strong focus on transforming development policy for a more just and sustainable world.

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Education

- ◆ **PhD candidate in Environmental Science and Technology** 2024-present
Institute of Environmental Sciences and Technology (ICTA-UAB) & Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI) - Barcelona, Spain
- ◆ **Master's degree in International Relations** 2021-2022
Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI) - Barcelona, Spain
- ◆ **Bachelor's degree in Politics and East European studies** 2016-2020
University College London (UCL) - London, UK

Languages

Bulgarian	Native	-
English	Full proficiency	C2
Spanish	Full proficiency	C2
Russian	Professional proficiency	B2
French	Limited proficiency	A2

Technical Skills

- MS Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- Power BI
- SPSS
- Adobe Photoshop
- SonyVegas
- Salesforce / HelpDesk / FIS

Skills

- Research skills
- Report writing
- Data analysis and data visualisation
- Critical thinking
- Presentation skills
- Problem-solving
- Public speaking
- Attention to detail
- Deadline-oriented
- Time-management
- Effective communication
- Organisational skills
- Teamwork
- Leadership skills
- Adaptability
- Multitask
- Fast learner

Certificates

- **Bulgarian Academy of Science** — 1st Place Award certificate for winning a historical contest
- **UNESCO** — 1st Place Award diploma from Contest 'Cultural heritage of Bulgaria'
- **EU Parliament** — Certificate for full understanding of EU and its procedures
- **Moscow City University** — 1st Place Award for rising awareness on international peace

Voluntary Experience

- President of the UCL Bulgarian Society
- PR of the UCL Spanish and Latin American Society
- Secretary of Interact (Rotary International)
- Secretary of LEO (LIONS International)
- Member of the Red Cross

Experience

- **Pre-doctoral researcher** 07/2024-present
IBEI and ICTA-UAB - Barcelona, Spain
 - Doctoral Fellowship FI Joan Oró
 - Topic of research: The geopolitical implications of renewables. Geopolitical Reconfiguration in the EU and Western Mediterranean.
- **Researcher technician** 06/2023-07/2024
Institute of Environmental Sciences and Technology (ICTA) - Barcelona, Spain
 - Living Lab Organization: Leading engagement within the LIVEN project, including expert workshops and collaborative events.
 - Energy Transition Assessment: Researching Spanish society's narrative and perceptions regarding the ongoing energy transition. Analyzing qualitative data to identify key insights.
 - Survey Processing and Data Visualization
- **Research Assistant** 07/2022-11/2022
INGOV Research Project for IBEI University - Barcelona, Spain
 - Database management
 - Developing quantitative data and constructing the main independent variable of the research through Excel and Power BI
 - Creating an interactive data visualisation with Power BI
 - Collecting qualitative data for the creation of a new dataset
- **Research Assistant** 11/2021-01/2022
ENGAGE Research Project for IBEI University - Barcelona, Spain
 - Conducted a literature review to prepare the background information needed
 - Collecting qualitative data from official documents and coding it
 - Writing research reports summarising my findings and conclusions, based on the data collected.
- **Public Affairs and Cooperation assistant** 08/2019-09/2019
Bulgarian Diplomatic Institute (MFA) – Sofia, Bulgaria
 - Plan and execute public events, including press conferences and cultural activities.
 - Draft and edit public statements, press releases, and diplomatic notes.
 - Monitor media coverage and prepare internal reports.
 - Coordinate with other departments and external stakeholders.
 - Provide administrative support to the public affairs team.
- **Political Affairs assistant** 02/2018-04/2018
Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria – London, UK
 - Monitor and analyze political developments in the host country, preparing internal reports and summaries.
 - Assist in creating briefing materials for embassy staff, including event summaries and relevant information.
 - Maintain and update political affairs databases, including contact lists and policy documents.
 - Help plan and execute political events, such as conferences and seminars.
- **Research Assistant** 11/2017-12/2017
University College London – London, UK
 - Structuring and making surveys for qualitative analysis of research