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PROFILE

Highly skilled threat intelligence analyst possessing 4 years of international experience in various operational aspects of research and data analysis. Expertise in qualitative research, open source intelligence, social media monitoring, and risk assessment.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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| Mar 2021 | KYC Analyst, Tide Platform Limited | Sofia |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A leading analyst in the first line of defense against financial crime• Cross-platform research upon onboarding (company registers, blacklists, adverse media, social media)• CDD and EDD data analysis• Client communication | |
| Apr 2019 — Mar 2020 | Geopolitical Lead Analyst Middle East, TOEST Foundation | Sofia |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Authored extensive geopolitical and security analyses on the Middle East for a leading online media edition• Sourced and digested operational information to deliver to the highest journalistic standards by translating, interpreting and assessing sources• Editing process active participation• Pursued membership and attendance of roundtables in leading think-tanks, including Chatham House and the IISS, to ensure staying on top with security developments in the MENA region <p>www.toest.bg/author/mariya-babikyan</p> | |
| Feb 2020 — Oct 2020 | Due Diligence Analyst, TenIntelligence Limited | London |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completed multiple EDD projects in various jurisdictions in line with the AIM regulations on the London Stock Exchange to protect business assets & reputation• Introduced the geopolitical strategic intelligence unit within the company and launched a compiling country and industry- specific database• Tailored industry insight gathering through human intelligence methods• Decreased project expenses by sourcing new online and offline data acquisition methods• Assisted in peer work review and offered expertise to team members to ensure high quality delivery of projects | |
| Jul 2018 — Dec 2018 | Enhanced Threat Intelligence Intern, Intelligence Fusion | London |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Operated threat intelligence and situational awareness provision for Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia• Sourced, assessed and analysed media feed in local languages to author timely threat briefings• Referred network of regional experts to contribute to the incident reporting efforts of the platform• Authored 80+ concise reports daily | |
| Nov 2017 — Aug 2018 | Research Intern, International Institute for Counter-Terrorism | Herzliyya |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Led the production of a national threat analysis focused on a selected country in the Balkans• Assessed institutional preparedness and the national legislation framework for countering organised crime by in-depth research• Analysed the socio-economic climate to violent extremism tracing the development of right-wing groups and persons at risk of Islamic extremism• Qualitative data analysis on external actors engaged in the funding and training of individuals for extremist purposes | |

Jun 2017 — Jul 2017	<p>Research Intern with the Office of the Director General, UNESCO</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Paris</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted briefings on security threats to world cultural heritage sites in the region of the Middle East at the time of the Islamic State’s active presence in Syria and Iraq • Assisted with the organisation of a high-level conference in UNESCO Head Quarters, focused on Fostering Women’s Empowerment and Leadership by sending invitations, guest reception and event preparation coordination • Provided administrative assistance in sourcing sensitive documentation for the office of the Director General
Jun 2016 — Jul 2016	<p>Intern with the Office of the Vice Chancellor of the LIBE Committee, The European Parliament</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Brussels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planned and produced qualitative analyses on the European Directives for Migration and Combatting terrorism for the Vice Chancellor of the LIBE Committee at the time of the active migration waves to Europe • Actively pursued attendance of various committee sessions to brief the Vice Chancellor prior to voting sessions, press releases and public statements • Conveyed key points of interest in MP statements during plenary sessions to coordinate team efforts in maintaining Vice Chancellor’s agenda
Jul 2015 — Aug 2015	<p>Research Intern with the Political Bureau, Representation of the European Commission</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sofia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Devised a database of leading online and traditional media outlets in Bulgaria to support an annual report on media pluralism discovering beneficial ownership information, sponsorship and lobby groups • Evaluated the media climate to assemble an overall picture of fake news spread • Assisted in the organisation of a 100+ press conference by contact sourcing, invitation sending and reviewing event coordination

EDUCATION

Oct 2017 — Aug 2018	<p>MA Counter-Terrorism and Homeland Security, IDC Herzliya, Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy & Strategy</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Herzliyya</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall Result: A, 94/100 • Core modules: Psychological Aspects of Terrorism, Terror and Profiling, Radical Islamic Ideologies, Terrorism Fundraising
Sep 2014 — Jul 2017	<p>BA in Politics & International Relations, The University of Nottingham</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Nottingham, Paris</p> <p>Overall Result: Upper Second-Class Honours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thesis: “The war for minds - from Aristotle to the Islamic State” (First-Class) • Core Modules: Ethnic Conflicts, The War in Iraq <p>Erasmus:</p> <p>The Paris Institute of Political Studies, Sciences Po</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core Modules: Geopolitics of the Middle East, Ethics of War

LANGUAGES	<p>Bulgarian Native speaker</p> <p>French A2</p> <p>English Highly proficient</p> <p>Arabic A1</p>
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