

CURRICULUM VITAE

Personal information	
Family name(s)	POIEDYNOK
First name(s)	Olga
Nationality(ies)	Ukrainian
Sex	Male ☒ Female ☐
Relevant qualifications summary	A legal scholar and practising attorney-at-law, I specialise in migration law, refugee law, children's rights and gender issues. As President of the Public (Civil Society) Council of the State Migration Service of Ukraine, I know first-hand how migration policy, including anti-trafficking measures, is formulated and implemented. As a Council of Europe expert, I have co-authored a prosecutors' manual on working with victims of conflict-related sexual violence and the HELP course on the deportation of children during armed conflicts, trained legal professionals, and advised on return and reintegration of women and children displaced by war – groups particularly vulnerable to trafficking.
Current professional activity	
Start date	March 2026
Name and address of employer	Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Institute of International Relations, Department of International Law
Sector of activity	Higher education / Academia
Occupation or position held	Director (Academic Guarantor) of the Master's Programme in Public International Law
Main activities and responsibilities	Programme design, quality assurance and periodic review, stakeholder engagement, preparation of the programme for (re)accreditation
Current professional activity	
Start date	January 2019
Name and address of employer	Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Institute of International Relations, Department of International Law
Sector of activity	Higher education / Academia
Occupation or position held	Associate Professor at the Department of International Law
Main activities and responsibilities	Teaching and researching Migration Law, Human Rights Law, Refugee Law, Gender Issues in International Law, International Law in Domestic Legal Systems, Diplomatic and Consular Law
Current professional activity	
Start date	March 2014
Name and address of employer	Self-employed
Sector of activity	Legal services
Occupation or position held	Attorney-at-law
Main activities and responsibilities	Legal representation and advice on matters related to migration law, refugee law, nationality and other personal status issues, international family law including international child abduction, private international law
Relevant previous professional activity/activities	

Dates	September 2013 – January 2019
Name and address of employer	Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Institute of International Relations, Department of International Law
Sector of activity	Higher education / Academia
Occupation or position held	Lecturer
Main activities and responsibilities	Teaching and researching Migration Law, Human Rights Law, Gender Issues in International Law, International Law in Domestic Legal Systems, Refugee Law
Relevant previous professional activity/activities	
Dates	December 2015 – November 2018
Name and address of employer	Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Institute of International Relations
Sector of activity	Higher education / Academia
Occupation or position held	Post-doctoral fellow
Main activities and responsibilities	Researching issues of citizenship and nationality in international and domestic law
Relevant previous professional activity/activities	
Dates	August 2011 – March 2014
Name and address of employer	Ukriniurkolegiua / Ukrainian Bar Association for Foreign Affairs
Sector of activity	Legal services
Occupation or position held	Senior Counsellor
Main activities and responsibilities	Legal representation and advice on matters related to nationality and other personal status issues, refugee law, international child abduction, private international law (civil, family, probate, and labour law issues); tracing heirs
Relevant previous professional activity/activities	
Dates	January 2011 – August 2013
Name and address of employer	Diplomatic Academy of Ukraine of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine
Sector of activity	Higher education / Academia
Occupation or position held	Lecturer / senior lecturer
Main activities and responsibilities	Conducting lectures and seminars on public international law, comparative constitutional law, private international law
Relevant additional responsibilities	
Dates	June 2025 (ongoing)
Name and address of organisation/body	Project “Facilitating access to human rights and essential services for internally displaced persons and returnees at the community level”, Council of Europe
Sector of activity	International cooperation
Position held	National consultant
Main activities and responsibilities	Advising, as a Council of Europe expert, on the development of Ukraine's Migration Policy Strategy: developing and finalising the analytical notes and strategy texts on the

	voluntary return of Ukrainian citizens, in particular children and youth, and their reintegration into Ukrainian society, and on ensuring ties with the Ukrainian global community and citizens abroad; formulating policy options, indicators, tasks and measures with reference to international and Council of Europe standards; advising the relevant Ministry on measures for the 2026–2027 Action Plan responding to the possible end of temporary protection for Ukrainian citizens in the European Union; participating in coordination meetings with the relevant Ministry, the Council of Europe project team and the Coordination Centre for Cooperation with the European Migration Network; designing and delivering training on the rights of returnees for civil society organisations and local self-government
Relevant additional responsibilities	
Dates	January 2024 – October 2025
Name and address of organisation/body	European Programme for Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals (HELP), Council of Europe
Sector of activity	Education / international cooperation
Position held	International expert
Main activities and responsibilities	Co-authoring the HELP Course on the Deportation of Children during Armed Conflicts Legal adaptation and tutoring of the course in Ukraine
Relevant additional responsibilities	
Dates	October 2023 – June 2024
Name and address of organisation/body	Project “Combating Violence Against Women in Ukraine – Phase II (COVAW-II)”, Council of Europe
Sector of activity	International cooperation
Position held	National expert
Main activities and responsibilities	Adaptation of the manual “Working with victims of sexual violence during armed conflict” for prosecutors
Relevant additional responsibilities	
Dates	August 2023 – April 2024
Name and address of organisation/body	Project “Fostering Human Rights in the Criminal Justice System of Ukraine”, Council of Europe
Sector of activity	International cooperation
Position held	National expert
Main activities and responsibilities	Training judges, prosecutors, attorneys-at-law on the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights and its application in Ukraine
Relevant additional responsibilities	
Dates	Since April 2021
Name and address of organisation/body	Public Council of the State Migration Service of Ukraine
Sector of activity	Civil society
Position held	President of the Public (Civil Society) Council
Main activities and responsibilities	Chairing and coordinating activities of the Public Council, civil society monitoring of activities of the State Migration Service, preparing and reviewing draft laws and draft by-laws on migration, citizenship and nationality, status of migrants and refugees,

	providing advice on Ukraine's obligations under international law This position does not involve any decision-making powers as regards defining and/or implementing state policies
Relevant additional responsibilities	
Dates	September 2015 – April 2021
Name and address of organisation/body	Public Council of the State Migration Service of Ukraine
Sector of activity	Civil society
Position held	Member of the Public (Civil Society) Council
Main activities and responsibilities	Civil society monitoring of the activities of the State Migration Service, preparing and reviewing draft laws and draft by-laws on migration, citizenship and nationality, status of migrants and refugees, providing advice on Ukraine's obligations under international law This position does not involve any decision-making powers as regards defining and/or implementing state policies
Relevant additional responsibilities	
Dates	Since March 2020
Name and address of organisation/body	NGO "La Strada – Ukraine"
Sector of activity	Civil society
Position held	Member of the Academic Advisory Board
Main activities and responsibilities	Providing advice on gender-related issues, Ukraine's obligations under international law relating to the situation of women and children
Relevant additional responsibilities	
Dates	Since August 2019
Name and address of organisation/body	Ukrainian National Bar Association
Sector of activity	Civil society
Position held	Vice-Chair of the Gender Policy Committee, Vice-Chair of the International Law Committee
Main activities and responsibilities	Coordinating activities of the Committees, preparing publications, organizing events
Relevant additional responsibilities	
Dates	Since October 2016
Name and address of organisation/body	NGO "Contemporary Law Studio", Kyiv, Ukraine
Sector of activity	Civil society
Position held	Chair of the Board
Main activities and responsibilities	Managing the NGO's activities, developing and implementing projects, drafting legislation, carrying out research and training
Relevant additional responsibilities	
Dates	Since August 2016
Name and address of organisation/body	NGO "Centre for Family Law Studies"
Sector of activity	Civil society
Position held	Member of the Board
Main activities and responsibilities	Generating ideas and implementing projects related to family law issues, including rights of children, parental rights, gender equality, same-sex partnerships
Education / training	
Dates	October 2007 – January 2010
Title of qualification awarded	Ph.D. in International Law
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Doctoral thesis: "Rights of Refugees in the Context of Fragmentation of International Law"
Name and type of organisation	V. Koretsky Institute of State and Law of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine

	(International and Comparative Law Department) / Institute of Legislation, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine
Education / training	
Dates	September 2005 – February 2007
Title of qualification awarded	Master's degree in international law (with distinction)
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Public international law, human rights law, private international law, European law
Name and type of organisation	Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Institute of International Relations
Education / training	
Dates	September 2001 – June 2005
Title of qualification awarded	Bachelor's degree in international law (with distinction) / English Interpreter (with distinction)
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Domestic law of Ukraine, comparative law, public international law, private international law, European law, advanced language training, translation/interpretation
Name and type of organisation	Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Institute of International Relations
Publications	
1. Citizenship by Marriage in Ukraine, in: E. Durojaye, A. Adebajo, D. Agaba (eds.), Constitutionalizing Gender Equality: Perspectives from the Global South and Beyond. Palgrave Macmillan, forthcoming.	
2. A Guide to Teaching the Educational Course "Conflict-Related Sexual Violence". A Teaching Manual (in Ukrainian). UN Women / Ukrainian Women Lawyers Association "JurFem". Kharkiv: Pravo, 2026. 180 p. (co-authored with A. Basysta, A. Slobodanyk, O. Kharytonova, K. Shunevych; general editor O. Kharytonova).	
3. Working with victims of sexual violence during armed conflict: A manual for Ukrainian prosecutors (in Ukrainian). Kyiv: Council of Europe, Project "Combating Violence Against Women in Ukraine – Phase II (COVAW-II)", 2024. 108 p. (co-authored with H. Popov). Available at: https://rm.coe.int/ukr-2024-covaw-ii-manual-for-prosecutors-ukr-web/1680b1dbe3 .	
4. Online Course "Deportation of Children during Armed Conflicts". Strasbourg: Council of Europe, HELP Programme, 2024 (co-authored with P. Grzebyk and V. Bílková). Available at: https://help.elearning.ext.coe.int/course/view.php?id=7498 .	
5. Ukraine's Approach to Russian 'Passportization' Requires Balancing National Security and Individual Rights. Just Security, 4 October 2024. Available at: https://www.justsecurity.org/103355/ukraine-russian-passportization-security-rights .	
6. International Child Abduction Cases: Methodological Recommendations (in Ukrainian). Kharkiv: Faktor-Media, 2021. 144 p. (co-authored with H. Garo and others).	
7. Training Course "Gender Equality and Women's Rights": A Teacher's Practical and Methodological Manual (in Ukrainian). Kyiv: JurFem, 2020. 168 p. (co-authored with Kh. Kit, Ya. Voloshyn, O. Kharytonova, L. Denysenko).	
8. Best Interests of the Child in Civil Proceedings: Methodological Recommendations for Lawyers (in Ukrainian). Kharkiv: Faktor, 2020. 96 p. (co-authored with H. Garo and others).	
9. Public International Law: Textbook in 2 Volumes, V. Mytsyk (gen. ed.) (in Ukrainian). Kharkiv: Pravo, 2018–2019 (co-authored; author of subsections 3.2–3.7 of Vol. 2 and 6.4 of Vol. 1).	
10. The Constitutional Principle of Prohibition of Deprivation of Citizenship in Light of Ukraine's Obligations under International Law (in Ukrainian). Visnyk of the Southern Regional Centre of the National Academy of Legal Sciences of Ukraine, No. 16, 2018, pp. 197–202.	
Computer skills	
Software packages	Microsoft Office / Microsoft 365, OpenOffice
Other IT skills and competences	Experienced user of office and videoconferencing software

Language skills					
Mother tongue	Ukrainian				
	Understanding		Speaking		Writing
Language	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	Writing skills
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
French	C1	C1	C1	B2	B2
Russian	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2