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## EDUCATION:

**King’s College London**

*Doctor of Philosophy in War Studies* awarded in January 2021

**Harvard Kennedy School**

*Master in Public Administration, concentration in international security* awarded in June 2002

**Moscow State Linguistic University**

*Bachelor of Arts, research and translation of English and German*  awarded in June 1992

### EXPERIENCE:

**Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School**

*Consultant (unpaid, part-time, 2002-2008); then Research Fellow (2008-2012); then Assistant Director of the U.S.-Russia Initiative to Prevent Nuclear Terrorism (2012-present); and Founding Director of the Russia Matters Project (2015-present):*

**Control Risks**

*Associate Director*  2022

* Worked in Control Risks' Moscow office, where I oversaw this company's activities in post-Soviet Eurasia.

**World Bank Representation Office in the Russian Federation**

*Consultant (part-time)*: 2011

Proposed, researched and co-wrote a report on displaced persons in the North Caucasus.

**United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in the Russian Federation**

*Consultant (part-time):*  2006

* Proposed, researched and co-wrote a scenario-planning report on the North Caucasus, accurately predicting a dramatic deterioration of the security environment in Ingushetia the following year.

**The Moscow Times**

*Reporter/Editor:* 1998 - 2001, 2002 - 2008

* Researched and wrote editorials and in-depth articles on foreign and domestic policies, as well as defence affairs in Russia/Eurasia.

**EastWest Institute**

*Senior Fellow, Global Security Program (part-time):*  2004 – 2007

* Conducted and presented policy-relevant research on Russia.

**The Times of London**

*Stringer (part-time):* 1999 – 2002

* Contributed news and analytical stories.

**Defense News**

*Moscow Correspondent (part-time):* 1998 – 2008

* Reported on breaking developments in the Russian and CIS defence industries, including in-depth analysis of defence policies and military reforms.

**Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty**

*Moscow Defense Correspondent (part-time):* 1996 – 2000

* Covered military and security affairs in Russia for the RFE/RL central news desk in Prague.

**The Moscow Tribune**

*Reporter/Deputy News Editor:* 1993 – 1998

Articles in peer-reviewed journals:

* “Measuring National Power: Is Vladimir Putin’s Russia in Decline?” Europe-Asia Studies, 2020 (with Nabi Abdullaev).
* Saradzhyan, Simon. "Is Russia Declining?" *Demokratizatsiya: Demokratizatsiya: The Journal of Post-Soviet Democratization.*  24.3 (2016): 399-418.
* Saradzhyan, Simon. "The Dynamics of Russia’s Response to the Piracy Threat." *Connections: The Quarterly Journal* 09, no. 3 (2010): 21-46.
* Saradzhyan, Simon. "Dynamics of Maritime Terrorist Threats to Russia and the Government’s Response." *Connections: The Quarterly Journal* 08, no. 3 (2009): 53-84.
* Saradzhyan, Simon and Nabi Abdullaev. "The Trade-offs between Security and Civil Liberties in Russia's War on Terror: The Regional Dimension." *Demokratizatsiya: The Journal of Post-Soviet Democratization* 14.3 (2006): 361-406.
* Saradzhyan, Simon. “Russia: Grasping Reality of Nuclear Terror,” The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, American Academy of Political and Social Science, September 2006.
* Saradzhyan, Simon, and Nabi Abdullaev. "Disrupting Escalation of Terror in Russia to Prevent Catastrophic Attacks." *Connections: The Quarterly Journal* 04, no. 1 (2005): 111-29.
* Saradzhyan, Simon. “Russia's System to Combat Terrorism and Its Application in Chechnya,” book chapter in “National Counter-Terrorism Strategies,” Volume 14, NATO Security through Science Series: Human and Societal Dynamics, December 2006.

Book chapters:

* Saradzhyan, Simon and Ali Wyne, “Sino-Russian Relations: Same Bed, Different Dreams?” "Routledge in Power Relations in the Twenty-First Century : Mapping a Multipolar World," Routledge, September 2017.
* Saradzhyan, Simon and Abdullaev, Nabi. “Trade-Offs Between Security and Civil Liberties in Russia’s War on Terror,”  in “Russia's Battle with Crime, Corruption and Terrorism,” edited by Orttung, Robert et al, Routledge Transnational Crime and Corruption, 2008.
* Simon Saradzhyan, “Russia's system to combat terrorism and its application in Chechnya,” in Orttung, Orttung, Robert W, Makarychev, A. S., and North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Public Diplomacy Division. *National Counter-terrorism Strategies : Legal, Institutional, and Public Policy Dimensions in the US, UK, France, Turkey, and Russia*. NATO Security through Science Series. E, Human and Societal Dynamics ; v. 14. Amsterdam ; Washington, DC: IOS Press, 2006.

Parliamentary testimonies:

* Testimony at hearings on “Russia: Counterterrorism Partner or Fanning the Flames?” held at the U.S. House of Representatives’ Committee on Foreign Affair, November 7, 2017.
* Testimony at hearings on “The Threat of Islamic Extremism in Russia” held at the U.S. House of Representatives’ Committee on Foreign Affairs, September 30, 2015.
* Testimony hearings on a nuclear terrorism legislation at the Senate of Canada’s Special Committee on Anti-terrorism, June 11, 2012.