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### Employment

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Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Institute for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Uppsala University, Sweden	2017–2019
Assistant Editor, <i>Journal of Baltic Studies</i>	2018–Present
Postdoctoral Fellowship at the National Research University - Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia	2016–2017

### Education

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Doctor of Philosophy: History of the Soviet Union, King's College London Title: 'The Thaw in Soviet Latvia: National Politics 1953–1959' Grade: Pass without corrections Supervisor: Professor Stephen Lovell Examiners: Professor Geoffrey Swain, Dr Richard Mole	2015
Master of Arts: Historical Studies, University of Hull: Merit	2010
Bachelor of Arts: 20 <sup>th</sup> Century History, University of Hull: 2:1	2008

### Publications

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'Collaborators or Dissidents? Resistance and Collusion among the Latvian National Communists', in <i>Research Commission of the Historians of Latvia: The Impossible Resistance, Opposition, Conformism and Survival under Soviet and Nazi Regimes in 1940-1991 in the Baltic States and Ukraine</i>	Expected 2019
'A Stalinist Purge in the Khrushchev Era? The Latvian Communist Party Purge, 1959–1963', <i>Slavonic and East European Review</i> , Volume 96, Issue 2, pp. 244–282	April 2018
'Restricting Russians: Language and immigration laws in Soviet Latvia, 1956–1959', <i>Nationalities Papers</i> , Volume 45, Issue 6, pp. 1082–1099	September 2017
'The Death of "Socialism with a Latvian Face": The Purge of the Latvian National Communists', <i>Journal of Baltic Studies</i> , Volume 48, Issue 2, pp. 161–181	July 2017
'Beria and Khrushchev: The Power Struggle Over Nationality Policy and the Case of Latvia', <i>Europe-Asia Studies</i> , Volume 68, Issue 10, pp. 1759–1792	December 2016
'The Rebellious Republic: The 1958 Education Reform and Soviet Latvia', <i>Journal of the Institute of Latvian History</i> , Volume 100, Issue 3, pp. 113–139	November 2016

### Teaching and Supervision

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Academic Supervisor for visiting PhD student at the Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia	Summer 2017
Visiting Lecturer, Dept. of History, University of Winchester, 'The Rise and Fall of Soviet Communism 1917-1991'	2014

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Dept. of History, King's College London, 2013–2014  
 'Europe 1793-1991'

### **Prospective Teaching Fields**

Teaching Fields:	Soviet and Modern Russian History; 20 <sup>th</sup> Century European History; nationalism and nationality politics in the USSR; Soviet political history	
Prepared Syllabi:	The Rise and Fall of Soviet Communism 1917-1991; The Soviet War in Afghanistan 1979–1989; Soviet Disunion: The National Question in the Soviet Union 1917–1991	

### **Awards and Grants**

Riksbankens Jubileumsfond Grant to organise 'Latvia at a Crossroads: The Centenary of the Latvian State' Conference (SEK 100,000)	2018
Uppsala Forum Grant to organise 'Latvia at a Crossroads: The Centenary of the Latvian State' Conference (SEK 50,000)	2018
BASEES Research and Development Fund (£800)	2018
Alfons Lauris Foundation Research Grant (SEK 50,000)	2018
Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies Emerging Scholar Research Grant (\$4,000)	2017–2018
ASEEES Convention Opportunity Travel Grant (\$500)	2016
ASEEES Kathryn Davis Student Travel Grant (\$500)	2015
Small Grants for Research, History Dept., King's College London (£1,610)	2012–2015

### **Conference Organisation**

Lead organiser, 'Latvia at a Crossroads: The Centenary of the Latvian State' Conference, Institute for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden	11 <sup>th</sup> –12 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
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### **Administrative Responsibilities**

Member of IRES Postdoc Hiring Committee	2018–Present
Organiser and Chair of IRES Seminar Series	2018–2019

### **Conferences and Presentations**

“Opening the Floodgates”: The 1958 Pļaviņas Hydroelectric Dam Affair in Soviet Latvia’, Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, Boston, Massachusetts, USA	December 2018
‘The Struggle for the Latvian Communist Party: Destalinization and the Latvian National Communists’, International Workshop at the University of Tartu, Estonia	November 2018
‘The Consummate Apparatchik: A Political Portrait of Arvīds Pelše’, Vilnius Symposium of the Lithuanian Institute of History, Vilnius, Lithuania	November 2018
‘The Rebellious Republic: Latvia, Language Politics and Khrushchev’s 1958 Soviet Education Reform’ Latvia at a Crossroads: The Centenary of the Latvian State	October 2018

Conference, Institute for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Uppsala University, Sweden	
‘Rebellious Republics: The 1958 Soviet Education Reform’, Uppsala-BASEES Conference, Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden	September 2018
Roundtable: ‘How to Get Your Paper Published in an International Journal’, Association for the Study of Nationalities Conference, Graz, Austria	July 2018
‘Restricting Russians: The Passport Regime and Immigration Law in Soviet Latvia, 1956-1959’, Association for the Study of Nationalities Conference, Graz, Austria	July 2018
‘The Rise of the Latvian National Communists and the Ouster of Moscow’s Russian Watchdog’, Tartu Conference on Russian and East European Studies, Tartu, Estonia	June 2018
‘Venerated collaborators: How the Latvian National Communists Served the Soviets but are Remembered as Heroes’, Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies Conference, Stanford University, California, USA	June 2018
‘Russification vs. Latvianization: The Latvian National Communists and their 1956 Language Law’, Horizon 2020 UPTAKE lecture, University of Tartu, Estonia	March 2018
‘Isolation or Rationalisation? Economic Policy under the Latvian National Communists, 1956–1959’, Seminar Series, Institute for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Uppsala University, Sweden	February 2018
‘Collaborators or Dissidents? Resistance and Collusion among the Latvian National Communists’, Conference of the Commission of the Historians of Latvia, Riga, Latvia	December 2017
‘The Department of Party Organs for the Union Republics and the Purges in the Soviet Periphery, 1958–1961’, Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, Chicago, Illinois, USA	November 2017
Roundtable: ‘Soviet Nationality Politics and Practices in the Khrushchev Era’, Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, Chicago, Illinois, USA	November 2017
‘Collaborators or Dissidents? The Memoirs of the Latvian National Communists’, International conference, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia	June 2017
‘Cultural Struggles: The Battle over Cultural Policy between Stalinists and National Communists in Soviet Latvia’, Conference on Baltic Studies in Europe, University of Latvia, Riga, Latvia	June 2017

‘Cultural Autonomy in the Thaw Era: The Creative Intelligentsia under Investigation in Soviet Latvia’, Midwest Slavic Association, Ohio State University, Ohio, USA	April 2017
‘Party Purges and Nationalism in the Soviet Periphery, 1958–1961’, Lecture, International Center for the History and Sociology of World War II and its Consequences, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia	November 2016
‘Restricting Russians: The <i>Propiska</i> Regime in Riga, 1956–1959’ Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, Washington, D.C., USA	November 2016
Roundtable: ‘Primary Sources on National Communism in Latvia: A Critical Reassessment’, Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, Washington, D.C., USA	November 2016
‘A Stalinist Purge in the Khrushchev Era? The Latvian Party Purges 1959–1962’, Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA	November 2015
‘Children of the Twentieth Party Congress: Operations and Structure of the Latvian National Communists 1956–1959’, Conference on Baltic Studies in Europe, Herder Institute, Marburg, Germany	September 2015
‘The Death of Socialism with a Latvian Face: The Latvian Communist Party Purges of 1959’, Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, San Antonio, Texas, USA	November 2014
‘The Road to Latvian National Communism 1953–1956’, Baltic Workshop for Centre for Russian, Central and East European Studies, University of Glasgow, UK	May 2014
‘De-Stalinisation’s “false start”: The June 1953 Latvian Communist Party Plenum’, British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge University, UK	April 2014

### **Book Reviews**

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‘Review of William Prigge’s <i>Bearslayers: The rise and fall of Latvian national communism</i> ’, <i>Journal of Baltic Studies</i> , Volume 46, Issue 3, pp.419–421	August 2015
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### **Public History**

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‘Resisting Russification in Soviet Latvia’, <i>Baltic Rim Economies</i> , Issue 4, December 2018, p.45	December 2018
‘Frontinieki: The Formation of the Latvian National Communists who Challenged Moscow’, <i>Deep Baltic: Inside the Lands Between</i> , Special interest blog	May 2017
‘The Centre-Periphery Relationship during Khrushchev’s Thaw: The View from Latvia’,	January 2017

*Peripheral Histories?* Digital Humanities blog  
'The Thaw in Soviet Latvia, 1953-1962',  
*Not Even Past* radio project, University of Texas at Austin,  
Texas, USA

May  
2015

### **Professional Memberships**

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Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES)  
Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies (AABS)  
British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES)

### **Languages**

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English (native)  
Russian (intermediate speaking, reading proficiency)  
Latvian (reading proficiency)

### **Academic References**

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