

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

**Oleksandra Khalaim, PhD**


📍 Tjelvarvägen 12, 62142 Visby, Gotland, Sweden

☎ +46764497727 ✉ [oleksandra.khalaim@swedesd.uu.se](mailto:oleksandra.khalaim@swedesd.uu.se)

📘 alexandra.khalaim

🌐 [linkedin.com/in/oleksandra-khalaim](https://www.linkedin.com/in/oleksandra-khalaim)

Sex Female | Date of birth 11/10/1984 | Nationality Moldova | Citizenship Ukraine

## WORK EXPERIENCE

09.2019 – ...

**Visiting researcher**
**Center for Research and Education on Learning for Sustainable Development (SWEDES)**

- Post-doctoral research Balancing the Climate and Mental Health Threats: Climate-anxiety Identification by Student Health Service (supported by Disciplinary Domain of Medicine and Pharmacy)
- Post-doctoral research "[Mapping Sustainability Initiatives on Gotland](#)" (supported by DBW Society)
- Post-doctoral research "Climate Change Education in Ukraine: a Transition Towards Education for Sustainable Development" (supported by the Swedish Institute Visby Programme 2019/2020)

03.2016 – 2020

**Head (Executive Director 2013-2016)**
**NGO "Ukrainian Ecological Club "Green Wave", Kyiv, Ukraine <http://ecoclubua.com/en/>**

- Organization, leading and coordination of ecological projects in the field of Education for Sustainable Development, Nature Conservation, and Climate Change Adaptation.

09.2017 – 07.2018

**Expert I, Local and participatory governance**
**International NGO "Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe", Szentendre, Hungary <http://www.rec.org/>**

- Coordinative support in the development of Local action plans towards energy security and sustainability in five municipalities in Ukraine and assisting the implementation of priority actions (sub granting of EUR 210.000 in 7 municipalities); contributing to the local action planning methodology.
- Capacity building for integration of sustainability and energy issues into local municipal action planning, working closely with local authorities and key stakeholders in 7 partner municipalities in Ukraine, fostering civic involvement and transparency in the decision-making, guiding the communities to draft the local energy security action plans and investment projects.

01.2016 – 07.2017

**Assistant to Regional Coordinator of the LESP LINK project**
**Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe, <http://link-ukraine.rec.org/>**

- Coordinating the work of the Local Coordinators in 5 municipalities; communication on the current project tasks and progress with municipality representatives, working group members, and energy experts;
- Contributing to the local action planning methodology.

10.2013 – 08.2018

**Senior Lecturer, Researcher (Lecturer Assistant in 2011-2013)**
**Department of Environmental Studies, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Kyiv, Ukraine <https://www.ukma.edu.ua/eng/>**

- Teaching Ecology and Sustainable Development study courses (General Ecology, Ecological Economics, Management of Nature Resources, Principles and Concepts of Sustainable Development etc.) for 1st-year undergraduates and 1st-year masters of Ecology specialization;
- Participation in the 2-years joint research: Estimation of the regional climate change impact on ecosystems with remote sensing, spectral, and gas exchange measurements in Ukraine.

11.2014-12.2016

**Junior Researcher**
**Scientific Centre for Aerospace Research of the Earth Institute of Geological Science NASU, Kyiv, Ukraine [www.casre.kiev.ua/en/](http://www.casre.kiev.ua/en/)**

- Research of carbon cycling and productivity of agricultural ecosystems under climate change;
- GIS modelling of climatic factors' influence on the primary productivity of grasslands and croplands with models' verification by the field data.

## EDUCATION

2010-2014

**PhD, Ecology and Environmental Sciences**
**State Ecological Academy of Postgraduate Education and Management of Ukraine [http://www.dea.edu.ua/en/about\\_us](http://www.dea.edu.ua/en/about_us)**

- The PhD program "Biology and biodiversity" of NaUKMA, dissertation topic "**Estimation of CO<sub>2</sub> fluxes in**

model steppe ecosystems under altered precipitation”, PhD certificate from **01 February 2018**

2008-2010 **Master Degree in Environmental Sciences**

**National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Faculty of Natural Sciences, Ukraine**

- The Master program “Environmental Sciences. Ecology and Environmental Protection”, diploma with honours

2002–2007 **Master Degree in Economics**

**Kyiv National University of Food Technologies, Faculty of Economy and Management, Ukraine**

- The Master program of Economics and Management, specialization “Management of External Economic Activity”, diploma with honours

**RECENT TRAININGS**

- 11.2019 / 03.2020 / 05.2020 **Self Leadership Programme Modules 1-3 for chairpersons of local SI Networks for Future Global Leaders**  
Organized by Swedish Institute and Hyper Island (Stockholm, Sweden)
- 28.05.2020 – 30.09.2020 **Leadership and Organizational Resilience in Times of Uncertainty Training Program**  
Black Sea NGO Forum: Building CSO Capacity for Regional Cooperation within the Black Sea Region", Romanian NGDO Platform – FOND (online, Romania)
- 15.09.2017 – 31.03.2018 **The Baltic University Programme Teachers' Course on Education for Sustainable Development in Higher Education**  
Kaunas University of technology (KTU), Lithuania; Riga Technical University (RTU), Latvia. The course corresponds to 5 ECTS credit points (133 hours) at the Centre for Lifelong Learning, Abo Academi University, Finland. The certificate issued by BUP Centre at Åbo Academi University, Finland.
- 22.04.2018 – 16.05.2018 **Clean-tech – environmental technology, innovation and management systems as a means for regional and local economic development**  
The course of MAHAV – Israel's Agency for International Development Cooperation – Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The certificate issued by Weitz Center for Sustainable Development, Rehovot, Israel.
- 04.06.2018 – 15.06.2018 **2018 International Seminar on Urban Forestry**  
Chicago, Illinois and New York City, New York, USA. The certificate issued by US Forest Service International Programs, USFS.

**PERSONAL SKILLS**

**Mother tongue(s)**

**Russian, Ukrainian**

Other language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
	<b>English</b>	C2	C2	C2	
<b>Spanish</b>	B1	B1	A1	A1	A2
<b>Romanian</b>	A2	A2	A1	A1	A2
<b>Swedish</b>	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1

Levels: A1/A2: Basic user - B1/B2: Independent user - C1/C2 Proficient user

**ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS**

**General professional experience**

- 10+ years of lecturing, student thesis supervision, and university academic work in the fields of Earth Science and Sustainable Development;
- 15+ years of project management in civic activism in Eastern Europe (environmental education, energy security, climate change research, sustainable development);
- 10+ years of working with students (school / university teaching assistance, trainings, summer camps);
- 10+ years of experience in facilitation and traineeship for all kinds of events in terms of scale, format, and representation level;
- 10+ years of relevant professional experience in scientific research in the domains of Ecosystem Ecology, Climate Change modelling, Carbon cycling, Education for Sustainable Development;
- Demonstrated ability to coordinate the work of different stakeholders, conflict mediation skills;
- Knowledge of the social-economic and political context in the environmental protection in Eastern Europe.

**Digital competence**

- Good command of office suite, virtual learning applications (Miro, Menti.com, Jamboard, Padlet.com etc);
- Graphic design skills, work with Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Corel Draw.