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CURRENT POSITION

Doctoral researcher — Centre de recherches internationales (CERI), Sciences Po, Paris 2026–
Thesis: *Liberalism as Orientation: Agency, Pluralism, and Political Legitimacy*, under the direction of Prof. Astrid von Busekist.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political theory; political philosophy; liberal legitimacy; populism; agency, need and human development; power and violence; political psychology; institutions and contingency; irregular migration and human trafficking.

EDUCATION

Sciences Po, Paris — PhD, Political Theory 2026–
University of Toronto — M.A., Political Theory 2018–2019
National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow — M.A., Public Administration (Population and Development) 2015–2017
First Class (Distinction). Thesis: *The Embeddedness of Sex Trafficking in Nigeria: An Institutional Approach*.
Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's — B.B.A., Strategic Management 1999–2005
(conferred 2006)

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed article

Whelan, P. (2019). "Comparing Arendt and Fanon on Power and Violence." *University of Toronto Journal of Political Science*, 2(1).

Conference papers

Whelan, P. (2017). "Sex Trafficking from Nigeria to Moscow: From Recruitment to Repatriation and Rehabilitation." XVIII International Academic Conference on Economic and Social Development, Moscow.

Whelan, P. (2016). "Canada's Fertility Decline." 2nd International Student and Academic Conference: Population, Public Health and Development, Moscow.

In preparation

Whelan, P. "The Anatomy of Power."

OTHER WRITING

Whelan, P. (2021). *Human Development: A Re-Education in Freedom, Love and Happiness*. Self-published.

Whelan, P. (2013). "Night of the Knives [Nicaragua]." *The Independent* (NL).

Whelan, P. (2013). "The First Step is Often the Hardest [Egypt]." *The Independent* (NL).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Criminal Networks Research Intern — Università di Napoli Federico II, Naples 2017
Anti-Trafficking Coordinator — independent research initiative, Moscow and Naples 2016–2017
Founder and Chair, Irregular Migration Research Group — Higher School of Economics, Moscow 2016–2017
Consultant — Moscow Protestant Chaplaincy Social Services, Moscow 2016–2017

TEACHING AND SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

Teacher, English Literature and Social Studies — American Academy of Casablanca, Casablanca, Morocco	2024–2025
Teacher, AP Seminar and Pre-AP Seminar — Soong Ching Ling School, Shanghai, China	2023–2024
English Head; Teacher, Social Justice and English Literature — Colegio Canadiense, Medellín, Colombia	2022–2023
Teacher, AP Microeconomics, Social Studies and English Literature — Nanjing Foreign Language School (BC Academy), Nanjing, China	2021–2022
Founder and Principal; Teacher, Social Studies — Chuan Shan International School, Hengyang, China	2019–2020
Teacher, Social Studies, Health and Applied Skills — Yangguangqing School, Beijing, China	2017–2018
Guest lecture, M.A. Sociology (Research Methods) — Higher School of Economics, Moscow	2016
Teacher, Mathematics, Science, Health and Career Education — Yangguangqing School, Beijing, China	2014–2015
Teacher, Mathematics, Science and English — Tangshan No. 1 High School, Tangshan, China	2012–2014
Senior Management and Discipline Head — English School of Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia	2011–2012

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

AI evaluation and red-teaming (contract) — Anuttacon; Mercor / Verity Labs; Workada	2025–
Pilot and Administration Officer — Canadian Armed Forces	2001–2010

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND AFFILIATIONS

Frederic Bastiat Fellowship, Mercatus Center, George Mason University	2018–2019
Graduate Research Affiliate, Centre for Critical Development Studies, University of Toronto	2018–2019
Funded research internship, Università di Napoli Federico II	2017
Best Presentation, 2nd International Student and Academic Conference, Higher School of Economics	2016
Top Student, M.A. Population and Development, Higher School of Economics	2015, 2016, 2017
Tuition and stipend, Higher School of Economics	2015–2017

LANGUAGES

English (native). Spanish (conversational). French (reading; in study).

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