Our Authors

Svitlana Batsyukova is a Senior Trainer at the EU-funded “Association4U” project. She has over 10 years of academic and professional experience in Ukraine, USA and the EU. In 2016 she developed and taught academic course ‘Advocacy in Society’ at Vilnius University, Lithuania. In 2011-2015 as an advocacy expert, Svitlana Batsyukova trained human rights activists, journalists, community leaders, youth and coached advocacy initiatives within all-Ukraine program ‘Understanding Human Rights’, Human Rights House and Bibliomist program in Ukraine. Svitlana currently pursues her PhD Degree in Political Science at V.N.Karazin Kharkiv National University. She is an author of over 20 publications.

Her publications include:


**Marcel H. Van Herpen** is a Dutch security expert. He is director of the Cicero Foundation (www.cicerofoundation.org), an independent pro-EU and pro-Atlantic think tank, specializing in Eastern Europe and the post-Soviet space, and is the author of three books on Putin’s Russia:


Van Herpen is a frequent media contributor - i.a. to Forbes, the National Interest, Project Syndicate, the Moscow Times, and Japan Times, and gave interviews to the New York Times, Financial Times, BBC, International Herald Tribune, El Mercurio, and Newsweek.
Egor Isaev is a PhD student of the Department of Cultural and Social Communication RANEPA and a lecturer of the Media Department (Higher School of Economics) and the Moscow School of Social and Economic Sciences, Head of the additional education program "Film criticism: from the analysis to the film review" (HSE), documentary filmmaker. Area of his research interests include: propaganda and popularization of historical knowledge, human rights, cultural policy, film art theory, methodology and methods of studying the problems of mass communication. He published his papers in the journal 'Bulletin of Perm State University. Series History', 'Journal of Social Policy Studies', 'Humanitarian vector' and 'Artikult'.

Shota Kakabadze is a PhD candidate at Johan Skytte Institute of Political Studies, University of Tartu (Estonia). His doctoral dissertation project focuses on the construction of European identity in Georgian public discourses. His wider research interests include identity studies, post-colonial scholarship, memory politics, and Europeanisation processes in the post-Soviet space. He holds MA degree in European Union – Russia Studies from the University of Tartu and BA in International Relations from the Tbilisi State University.

Daria Goriacheva is a graduate of the University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (German and European Studies), Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena (Political
Science), and Central European University (International Relations and European Studies). Her primary research interests lie on the intersection of cognitive linguistics and international relations with a specific focus on metaphor in political discourse and cyberdiscourse.