

# Dr. Oksana Huss

## WORK EXPERIENCE

2023 – CURRENT

### SENIOR ASSOCIATE, ECORYS

- member of the [EU Network against Corruption](#) coordination team
- analyst for comparative case studies, corruption risks mapping methodology, good practices • author of the anti-corruption guidelines for the EU's external interventions

2017 – CURRENT

### INTERNATIONAL POLICY ADVISOR ON ANTI-CORRUPTION, INTEGRITY, AND OPEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe
- EU Commission, DG HOME, DG INTPA
- Freedom House
- ICLD Swedish International Centre for Local Democracy
- U4 CMI
- U-LEAD with Europe
- UNESCO, International Institute for Educational Planning
- UNODC, Education for Justice Program

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2020-2023 post-doc on anti-corruption technologies and social movements ([BIT-ACT](#) ERC project at the University of Bologna)
- 2018-2019 post-doc on anti-corruption activism ([NWO project](#) at Leiden University) • 2012-2018 doctoral researcher on political corruption in transition (University of Duisburg-Essen)

2015 – CURRENT

### LECTURER AND TRAINER FOR RESEARCH DESIGN AND GOVERNANCE-RELATED THEMES

- Academy of Public Administration, Central Asian Research Institute on Corruption and Money Laundering, Kyrgyzstan
- Institute for European Politics, Berlin (PAIC program for think tanks)
- Kyiv School of Economics (Master in Public Policy)
- National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Anti-Corruption Research and Education Centre (Master in Anti-Corruption)

2015 – 2017

### ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT

- Anti-Corruption Research and Education Center (ACREC) at the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy
- Ukrainian Think Tanks Liaison Office in Brussels

## INTERNSHIPS

- 2014: Macdonald-Laurier Program (MLP) Intern in the Parliament of Canada, Ottawa
- 2009: Office of MEP Manfred Weber, EPP, Brussels
- 2009: Former Members Association (FMA) of the European Parliament, Brussels
- 2008: Office of Dr. Wolfgang Götzer, Legal Adviser of the CDU/CSU Political Group German Parliament
- - Bundestag, Berlin

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

### EDUCATION

- 2012 – 2018 Doctorate in Political Science (Dr.rer.pol.) at the Institute for Development and Peace, University Duisburg-Essen, Germany
- 2007 – 2012 Magister Artium in Political Science, Law and Anthropology at Ludwig-Maximilians University Munich, Germany
- 2002 – 2007 Bachelor and Master of Arts in International Relations and Area Studies at Transcarpathian State University, Ukraine

### FURTHER EDUCATION

- 2021 BIT-ACT team training in advanced coding and grounded theory analysis, using MaxQDA in international teams
- 2015 International Anti-Corruption Summer Academy (IACA)
- 2015 ECPR School in Methods and Techniques: Comparative research design and QCA
- 2014 Transparency International Summer School on Integrity
- 2009 Alpbach Summer School on European Integration

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): **UKRAINIAN**

Other language(s):

### UNDERSTANDING SPEAKING WRITING

Listening	Reading	Spoken	Spoken
production			interaction

**GERMAN** C2 C2 C2 C2 C2 **ENGLISH** C2 C2 C2 C2 C2 *Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent*

*user; C1 and C2: Proficient user*

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### ACADEMIC EXCHANGE

#### Visiting researcher

- 2023 Södertörn University, Centre for Baltic and East European Studies (CBEEES), Sweden
- 2022 Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study, Uppsala, Sweden
- 2022 Paris Institute for Advanced Study (IAS), France
- 2019 Quality of Government Institute, Gothenburg University, Sweden
- 2014 University of Toronto, Munk School of Global Affairs, CERES, Canada
- 2008 Concordia University, Montreal, Canada

### Networks

- since 2023 [EU Network](#) against Corruption, member in the coordination team, led by Ecorys
- since 2020 Eurasian Academic Anti-Corruption [Network](#), co-founder

- since 2019 EU Anti-corruption expert network, member of the core team in consortium, led by Ecorys
- since 2016 The UKRAINE [Network](#) - Germany-Ukrainian Academic Society, member
- since 2015 Interdisciplinary Corruption Research Network, co-founder
- 2013 - 2019 KorrWiss, German network of young corruption researchers: member and co administrator
- 2015 - 2017 Interdisciplinary Network "Ukraine: Post-soviet Society in Transition": co-founder and project supervisor within KWI Fellowship Program

## PROJECTS

2019 – 2023

### **Handbook of anti-corruption practices in the EU**

- Scientific coordinator, editor of the Handbook of Good Anti-Corruption practices in the EU member states (task within the EU Anti-Corruption expert network)
- Main research question: What are the anti-corruption practices in each EU Member State, that proved to be useful in solving problems related to corruption, and can provide inspiration for similar initiatives elsewhere?
- Method: developing a unified analytical framework for the case studies, conducted by Local Research Country Correspondents (LRCCs) in each EU Member State, mapping anti-corruption practices, elaborating theory of change for identified types of practices

2020 – 2023

### **Bottom-up Initiatives and Anti-Corruption Technologies (BIT-ACT) ERC project**

- Post-doctoral researcher, responsible for Estonia and Ukraine
- Main research question: How digital media, algorithms and artificial intelligence help the fight against corruption from the grassroots across the world?
- Method: Grounded Theory approach

2022 – CURRENT

### **U-LEAD with Europe - Support of Decentralization reform in Ukraine**

- Strategic advice and support on integrity and transparency thematic support packages
- Sectoral corruption risk assessment with NACP
- Contributing to the curricula for the online course for anti-corruption officers

2022

### **Resilience assessment at the local level in Ukraine**

- PI researcher, analysis conducted for the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe
- Main research question: How local authorities contribute to the resilience in Ukraine under conditions of the war and what is their capacity for anticipatory governance?
- Method: Interviews and Focus groups => Survey of 241 communities

2021

### **Base-line assessment of Open Local Government in Ukraine**

- PI, analysis conducted for the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe
- Main research question: What is the dynamic of open government initiatives on the local level in Ukraine and which needs and challenges there are for the further development of local open government in Ukraine?
- Method: Interviews => Survey of 126 communities

2020 – 2021

### **Opening the black box of political will: Local public authorities and anti-corruption efforts in Ukraine**

- Senior researcher, conceptual project lead in collaboration between Quality of Government Institute and Kyiv School of Economics, funded by the Swedish International Centre for Local Democracy (ICLD)
- Main research question: Why, in a context, where corruption is widespread, do some local public authorities engage in meaningful anti-corruption efforts, while others do not?
- Method: Interviews with local public authorities in 8 regional centres of Ukraine (ca.70), survey of anti-corruption activists (ca.400)

2018 – 2019

### **Civil Society against Corruption in Ukraine: Political Roles, Advocacy Strategies, and Impact, NWO project**

- Post-doctoral researcher
- Main research question: What explains the success and failure of anti-corruption activism in Ukraine?
- Method: 242 interviews with anti-corruption activists in 57 cities across all regions of Ukraine

2018 – 2021

### **Open Government in Education**

Senior researcher in the UNESCO IIEP [research project](#)

- Main research question: How open government approach in education can tackle corruption and improve accountability?
- Method: developing [theory of change](#) based on literature review, conducting [case study](#) OpenSchool platform in Ukraine (intra-case comparison, interview, focus groups, survey)

## **CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAININGS**

### **Trainings for local public authorities and civil society representatives**

- 2021 Kosovo\*: three learning events on political integrity, public ethics and open government to local public authorities - developing the content, providing trainings in person and online, coordinating an international team of trainers
- 2021 Armenia: training on "Transparent and open government" - developing the content, providing the online training, contributing to the training "Anti-Corruption policies", coordinating the training with the local experts
- 2020 Yerevan: Chairing the session "Practical mechanisms of transparency and open government" for LPAs in Armenia
- 2018 Tbilisi: Chairing the session "Transparency and Openness in Municipal Governments" for the LPAs from Georgia and Ukraine
- 2017 Kyiv: Chairing the discussion of the Handbook on Transparency and Citizen Participation for LPAs and civil society representatives in Ukraine

### **Training materials**

- 2022 co-author and reviewer of the online-courses "Corruption Risk Assessment" and "Integrity-based Local Governance" with the National Agency for Corruption Prevention in Ukraine and U-LEAD Program
- 2022 reviewer of the "Toolbox for Policy Analysis" for the German-Ukrainian Researchers Network (GURN)
- 2021 co-author and reviewer of the "Module on Public Ethics, Integrity, and Open Local Government" and "Module on Public Ethics, Integrity, and Open Local Government: Trainer's Guide" of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe
- 2019 co-author of the *Quality standards for analytical papers of the think tanks and Guidelines for the scientific reviewers in the think tanks* in Ukraine
- 2019 *Education for Justice Anti-Corruption Modules*. Reviewer with UNODC
- 2018 Prometheus [online course](#) *How to research corruption*. Conceptual lead with

## **ACREC PUBLICATIONS**

### **Policy studies**

- with O. Keudel. 2023. *Local Democracy and Social Integration of IDPs in Ukraine*. [Policy Study](#). Kyiv Dialogue.
- with O. Keudel. 2023. *Needs and priorities of local authorities in Ukraine: The provision of services in times of war and post-war recovery*. [Survey Report](#). Council of Europe.
- with O. Keudel, M. Grimes, 2023. *Political Will for Anti-Corruption Reform: Communicative pathways to collective action in Ukraine*. Research [Report 22](#). Swedish International Centre for Local Democracy (ICLD).

- with O. Keudel. 2021. Open Budget: Learning from the Open School Platform in Donetsk Oblast, Ukraine. Case Study for the IIEP-UNESCO Research Project 'Open Government in Education: Learning from Experience'. Bologna, Italy: Bononia University Press.
- with O. Keudel. 2020. "Open government in education: Clarifying concepts and mapping out initiatives." Paris: UNESCO, IIEP.

## Handbooks and Manuals

- with M. Beke. 2023. *Anti-Corruption Guidelines for the EU's External Interventions*. Directorate General for International Partnerships, DG INTPA (European Commission) with MKS and Ecorys
- with M. Beke, J. Wynarski, B. Slot. 2023. *Handbook of good practices in the fight against corruption*. Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs DG HOME (European Commission) with Ecorys
- 2017. *Ukraine Handbook on Transparency and Citizen Participation* (1st ed.) Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

## Policy briefs

- 2023. Corruption and Anti-corruption in Ukraine: Continuity and Change. In: 'Designed in Brussels, Made in Ukraine: Future of EU-Ukraine Relations.' European Liberal Forum, ELF Study 5, May 2023.
- with O. Keudel. 2023. Ukraine's Emergent Collaborative Democracy and How the EU Can Support It: Learning from the Local Level of Governance. In: 'Designed in Brussels, Made in Ukraine: Future of EU-Ukraine Relations.' European Liberal Forum, ELF Study 5, May 2023.
- with M. Grimes, & K. Ivanyshyn. 2021. 'Building Political Will to Combat Corruption'. Policy Brief. Swedish International Centre for Local Democracy (ICLD).
- with O. Keudel. 2021. Freedom House, Nations in Transit Report on Ukraine.
- with M. Bader, A. Meleshevych, and O. Nesterenko. 2019. 'When Does Anti-Corruption Activism in Ukraine Have Impact? Lessons for International Assistance'. Policy Brief. Kyiv/ the Hague: Leiden University and ACREC NaUKMA.

## Academic publications

### Academic peer reviewed articles

- with O. Keudel. 2023. Polycentric Governance in Practice: The Case of a Decentralized Crises Response since the Full-Scale War in Ukraine. Journal of Public Finance and Public Choice.
- with K. Khambekova, A. Los. 2021. 'Corruption Framing and Formation of Action Strategies: Case of Regional Civil Society Organizations in Ukraine'. *Crime, Law and Social Change*, Vol. 76: 277–97
- with M. Bader, A. Meleshevych, & O. Nesterenko. 2020. "Explaining Variation in the Effectiveness of Anti-Corruption Activism in Ukraine's Regions: The Role of Local Context, Political Will, Institutional Factors, and Structural Factors." *Demokratizatsiya*; Washington 28, no. 2: 201–27.
- with M. Bader, A. Meleshevych, & O. Nesterenko. 2019. 'Civil Society Against Corruption in Ukraine: Pathways to Impact'. *Kyiv-Mohyla Law and Politics Journal*, no. 5 (27 December 2019): 1–35.
- with O. Petrenko. 2019. 'Friends or Foes of Transformation? Economic Elites in Post-Soviet Ukraine – an Introduction'. *Economic History Yearbook* 60, no. 2 (26 November 2019): 291–98.

### Monograph

- 2020. "How Corruption and Anti-Corruption Policies Sustain Hybrid Regimes: Strategies of Political Domination under Ukraine's Presidents in 1994-2014." Stuttgart: Ibidem, New York: Columbia University Press.
  - => review by R. Averchuk. 2021. "On the Role of Political Corruption in Ukraine: Introducing a Book by Oksana Huss." *VoxUkraine*.
  - => review by M. Popova. 2022. Book Review. *Nationality Papers*, Vol. 50, Issue 4:

832-34. • => review by A. Osipian. 2023. Book Review. *Slavic Review*, Vol. 81, Issue 3: 794-795.

### Guest editor

- sc.ed. 2021. Anthology "Corruption research: Theoretical and conceptual foundations". Kyiv: Dukh i Litera. In Ukrainian.
- guest editor. 2019. Legal and Political Challenges of Anti-corruption Activities. Vol. 5. *Kyiv-Mohyla Law and Politics Journal (KMLPJ)*. Kyiv: NaUKMA.
- co-eds with O. Petrenko, & D. Ziegler, eds. 2019. Friends or Foes of Transformation? Economic Elites in Post-Soviet Ukraine. *Economic History Yearbook*, 2019/2. Berlin/Boston: Walter de Gruyter Publishing.
- co-eds with V. Kulikov & O. Petrenko. 2018. The Economic Elite of Ukraine from a Comparative Historical Perspective. *Ukraina Moderna*. Vol. 25.

## Chapters

- forthcoming 'Social Construction of Anti-Corruption Technologies: Analyzing the e-Participation Platform Rahvaalgatus.ee in Estonia'. In *Digital Media and Anti-Corruption from the Grassroots: Contexts, Platforms and Practices of Anti-Corruption Technologies Worldwide*, edited by A. Mattoni. Edward Elgar.
- 2023. 'Continuity and Change of the Social Contract in Ukraine: The Case of Contested Anti-Corruption Policies.' In B. Madlovics & B. Magyar (Eds.), *The Russian-Ukrainian War in Patronal Perspective*:

*Structural Consequences in the Ukrainian Regime*. CEU Press.

- forthcoming with Keudel, O., Grimes, M. 'Political Will for Anti-Corruption Reform: Communicative pathways to collective action in Ukraine'. Routledge Handbook of Anti-Corruption Research and Practice. Eds: R. Bratu and J. Pozsgai-Alvarez. Routledge
- 2018. "Corruption, Crisis, and Change: Use and Misuse of an Empty Signifier." In *Crisis and Change in Post-Cold War Global Politics*, edited by Erica Resende, Dovilė Budrytė, and Didem Buhari-Gulmez, 97–128. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2017. "The Perpetual Cycle of Political Corruption in Ukraine and Post-Revolutionary Attempts to Break Through It." In *Revolution and War in Contemporary Ukraine: The Challenge of Change*, edited by Olga Bertelsen, 317–52. Soviet and Post-Soviet Politics and Society. Stuttgart: ibidem; Columbia University Press.
- with Köbis, Nils C. 2017. 'Ein Atlas zur Unterscheidung von Korruptionsformen'. In *Korruptionsbekämpfung vermitteln: Didaktische, ethische und inhaltliche Aspekte in Lehre, Unterricht und Weiterbildung*, edited by Sebastian Wolf and Peter Graeff, 153–77. Wiesbaden: Springer Fachmedien Wiesbaden, 2017.

### **Analytical Blogs**

- with Keudel, O. 2023. National Security in Local Hands? How Local Authorities Contribute to Ukraine's Resilience. [PONARS Eurasia](#).
- with Keudel, O. 2023. „Der Beitrag lokaler Selbstverwaltungsbehörden zur demokratischen Resilienz der Ukraine“ Ukraine-Analysen, [no. 287](#)
- 2022. 'What Makes Ukraine Resilient in the Asymmetric War?' Ed. by P. Rinck and T. Debiel. *Global Cooperation Research - A Quarterly Magazine* 4, [no. 1](#).
- with Joseph Pozsgai-Alvarez. 2022. 'Strategic Corruption as a Threat to Security and the New Agenda for Anti-Corruption'. Corruption, Justice and Legitimacy Program (CJL), [Blog post](#).
- with Svitlana Musiiaka. 2022. 'Accomplishing the Impossible: How Ukraine Advanced Anti-Corruption Reforms in Defense & Security'. *CJL* [Blog post](#).
- with O. Nesterenko. 2017. 'Researching Endemic Corruption at the Country Level: The Case of Ukraine'. In *How to Research Corruption?*, edited by Anna K. Schwickerath, Aiysha Varraich, and Laura-Lee Smith. Amsterdam.
- 2016. 'Staatliche Parteienfinanzierung: Gelingt ein Meilenstein in der Bekämpfung der politischen Korruption?' Bremen: Forschungsstelle Osteuropa an der Universität Bremen.