

## Vera Mironova

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### Academic Appointment

**Harvard University** 2014-NA  
2018-NA Visiting Fellow, Economics of Religion (**Economics Department**)  
2015-2018 Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, International Security Program(**Belfer Center**)  
2014-2015 Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, Program on Negotiations (**Harvard Law School**)

### Education

**University of Maryland**, Ph.D in Political Science, 2017  
**SUNY Stony Brook**, Graduate coursework for Ph.D. in Economics, 2010  
**Moscow State University Lomonosov**  
Equiv. MSc; Applied Mathematics, 2007; *Valedictorian*, Thesis with distinction  
Equiv. MSc; Social and Economic Geography of Foreign Countries, 2007

### Book

**From Freedom Fighter to Jihadist: Non-State Armed Groups Human Resources**, *Oxford University Press*, 2019  
- Opening START/OUP Book Series on Terrorism and Counter Terrorism  
- Featured in **The New Scientist** (Cover Article), **The Economist** (15 min. video), **New York Times** and **BBC** among others

### Journal Articles

7. Vera Mironova and Sam Whitt “Risk Tolerance during Conflict: Evidence from Aleppo, Syria,” *Forthcoming*, **Journal of Peace Research**
6. Vera Mironova and Yegor Lazarev “Minority Status and Investment: Evidence from Natural and Lab Experiments in Bosnia and Herzegovina,” **World Development** , Volume 106, June 2018, Pages 27-39
5. Vera Mironova and Sam Whitt, 2015 “The evolution of prosociality and parochialism after violence,” **Journal of Peace Research** Volume: 53 issue: 5, page(s): 648-664  
\*Runner-up, Nils Petter Gleditsch Award
4. Vera Mironova and Sam Whitt, 2015 “Social Norms after Conflict Exposure and Victimization by Violence,” **British Journal of Political Science** , Volume 48, Issue 3 July 2018 , pp. 749-765
3. Vera Mironova and Sam Whitt, 2014 “International Peacekeeping and Micro-foundations for Positive Peace,” **Journal of Conflict Resolution**, Vol 61, Issue 10, pp. 2074 - 2104
2. Vera Mironova and Sam Whitt, 2014 “Ethnicity and Altruism after Violence,” **Journal of Experimental Political Science**, 1(2), pp. 170-180
1. Stefano DelaVigna, Ruben Enikolopov, Vera Mironova, Maria Petrova and Katia Zhuravskaya, 2013 “Unintended Media Effects in a Conflict Environment: Serbian Radio and Croatian Nationalism,” **American Economic Journals: Applied Economics** 6(3): 103-132

- Special Issues** 1. Vera Mironova "Who are the ISIS people? ", Forthcoming, **Perspectives on Terrorism**
- Selected Working Papers** 5. "From the Maidan to the Military: Mobilizing Civilians for Counter-Insurgency in Eastern Ukraine," *Revise and Resubmit*, **Journal of Peace Research**
4. "The Effect of Violence on Impulsivity: Evidence from the DR Congo," (with Alex Imas and Michael Kuhn) *Under Review*
3. "Preferences for Violence in Civil War: Evidence from Syria," (with Sam Whitt) *Under Review*
2. "Conflict Encourages Parochialism in Humans," (with Sam Whitt) *Under Review*
1. "Emergence of Out-Group Altruism after Violence," (with Sam Whitt and Rick Wilson) *Under Review*
- Military Publications** 7. "Can ISIS regroup? Lessons from interviews with ex-ISIS fighters", **NATO Review**, August 9, 2018
6. "Adaptation and Innovation with an Urban Twist: Changes to Suicide Tactics in the Battle of Mosul, "(with Craig Whiteside) **Military Review**, Vol. 97, No. 6, 2017
5. "ISIS Prisons Where Labor Demand Meets Labor Supply,"(with Mohammed Hussein) **CTX**, Naval Postgraduate School, Volume 7/1, 2017
4. "CTC Prospectives. The Islamic State's Drone Documents: Management, Acquisitions and DIY Tradecraft,"(with Don Rassler and Muhammad al-'Ubaydi) Commissioned Policy Report, **CTC West Point**, 31 January 2017; reprinted by *The New York Times, Daily Beast, Small Wars Journal*
3. "Understanding the Changing Tactics of So-called Islamic State"**NATO Review**, April 15, 2016; Translated and reprinted by Kurdish Ministry of Peshmerga Affairs
2. "The Motivations of Syrian Islamist Fighters" (with Sam Whitt and Loubna Mrie), **CTC Sentinel**, Combating Terrorism Center at West Point, Vol.7, No. 10 (Oct. 2014) pp.13-15
1. "A Glimpse into the Minds of Four Foreign Fighters in Syria" (with Sam Whitt), **CTC Sentinel**, Combating Terrorism Center at West Point, Vol.7, No. 6 (June 2014) pp.6-7
- Policy Publications** "Jihadists from Ex-Soviet Central Asia "(with Edward Lemon and William Tobey), Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, 8 December 2018
- "Fearing ISIS in the Shadows " Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, 20 April 2017
- "What ISIS Can Teach Policymakers"(with Ruben Enikolopov and Mohammed Hussein) Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, October 21, 2015; translated and reprinted by *Internationale Politik und Gesellschaft* (in German); used by SOJTF-OIR (US Special Operation Joint Task Force- Operation Iraqi Resolve);

“KAP Report: Knowledge, Awareness and Practices (in Yemen)” Commissioned Policy Report, UNICEF Yemen, 2015

“Paris Attacks Reveal ISIS’s Weakness, Not its Strength” (with Jill Goldenziel) Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School, November 25, 2015

“What Do Syrian Rebels Want From The West?” (with Loubna Mrie and Sam Whitt) Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 07 April 2014

## Essays and Opinion Pieces

“The New Face of Terrorism in 2019 ”, Article, **Foreign Policy**, 1 January 2019

“Islamic State Fighters Are Back, and This Time They’re Taking Up Arms With Shiite Militias ” (with Mohammed Hussein), Article, **Foreign Policy**, 15 October 2018, translated and reprinted in Alfajr News (in Arabic) and Rudaw (in Kurdish)

“Putin Is Building a Bosnian Paramilitary Force ” (with Bogdan Zawadewicz), Article, **Foreign Policy**, 8 August 2018

“The Bloody Split Within ISIS” (with Ekaterina Sergatskova and Karam Alhamad), Article, **Foreign Affairs**, 8 December 2017

“ISIS’ Intelligence Service Refuses to Die” (with Ekaterina Sergatskova and Karam Alhamad), Article, **Foreign Affairs**, 22 November 2017

“The Lives of Foreign Fighters Who Left ISIS” (with Ekaterina Sergatskova and Karam Alhamad), Article, **Foreign Affairs**, 27 October 2017

“The next Islamic State would be deadlier” Op-Ed, **Washington Post**, 5 October 2017

“Will Former ISIS Fighters Help the Rohingya?” (with Ekaterina Sergatskova), Article, **Foreign Affairs**, 23 September 2017

“The Chechens of Syria” (with Ekaterina Sergatskova), Article, **Foreign Affairs**, 9 September 2017

“How Ukraine Reined In Its Militias” (with Ekaterina Sergatskova), Article, **Foreign Affairs**, 1 August 2017

“The Names of Jihad” (with Karam Alhamad), Article, **Foreign Affairs**, 14 July 2017

“The Struggle Over Sinjar” (with Mohammed Hussein), Article, **Foreign Affairs**, 5 June 2017

“Land Grabs in Iraq” (with Mohammed Hussein), Article, **Foreign Affairs**, 10 April 2017

“Cracks in the Islamic State” (with Ekaterina Sergatskova), Article, **Foreign Affairs**, 15 February 2017

“ISIS New Frontier” (with Karam Alhamad), Article, **Foreign Affairs**, 1 February 2017; translated and reprinted in Aljazeera (in Arabic)

“The New ISIS Insurgency” (with Mohammed Hussein), Article, **Foreign Affairs**, 9 January 2017

“The Overloaded Prisons of Iraq” Article, **Foreign Affairs**, 1 December 2016

“Iraq After ISIS” (with Mohammed Hussein), Article, **Foreign Affairs**, 3 November 2016

“The Downfall of ISIS” (with Mohammed Hussein), Article, **Foreign Affairs**, 26 September 2016; Translated and Reprinted in Arabi21; Ghad (Lebanon); Rasseen (Jordan)

“What Would You Do If Your Neighborhood Turned Into a War Zone?” Podcast, **Boston Globe**, 29 February, 2016

“In Two Charts, This Is What Refugees Say About Why They Are Leaving Syria Now” (with Karam Alhamad and Sam Whitt), Article, **Washington Post**, 28 September 2015

“The Jihadi Who Came in From the Cold” (with Ahmed Mhidi and Sam Whitt), Article, **Foreign Policy**, 10 August 2015

“Ramadan in Syria” (with Karam Alhamad and Sam Whitt), Article, **Foreign Affairs**, 9 July 2015

“Syria’s Democracy Jihad” (with Rich Nilson, Loubna Mrie and Sam Whitt), Article, **Foreign Affairs**, 14 January 2014; Reprinted in “*The ISIS Crises*” edited by Gideon Rose

“Fixing the Mess in Syria” (with Rami Nakhla), Article, **The National Interest**, 17 December 2014

“I Am Only Looking Up For Paradise” (with Loubna Mrie and Sam Whitt), Article, **Foreign Policy**, 2 October 2014

“Ukraine’s Do-It-Yourself War” (with Valerie Hopkins), Article, **Foreign Policy**, 11 July 2014

“Putin Is Behaving in Ukraine Like Milosevic Did in Serbia” (with Maria Snegovaya), Article, **The New Republic**, 19 June 2014; Reprinted by KievPost (Ukraine), Russia Today (Russia), Chanel 9 (Israel)

“Why Are fighters leaving the Free Syrian Army?” (with Loubna Mrie and Sam Whitt), Article, **Washington Post**, 12 May 2014, Reprinted in POMEPS Briefing “*Syria and the Islamic State*”

“Fractured opposition groups disillusion Syrians” (with Loubna Mrie and Sam Whitt), Op-Ed, **U-T San Diego**, 22 Jan. 2014

“Is Syria ready for peace?” (with Sam Whitt), Op-Ed, **The Baltimore Sun**, 17 Jan. 2014

**Professional Blogs** “Changing Calculus and Learning from our Enemies” (with Craig Whiteside), **Strat-**

egy Bridge, 8 December 2017

“What Young Ukrainians Are Fighting For” (with Sam Whitt), **Violence at Gance**, 9 October 2014

“Competition Within Terrorist Industry: Notes From the Field in Syria and Yemen”, **Violence at Gance**, 23 September 2014

“What Young Ukrainians Are Fighting For” (with Sam Whitt), **Violence at Gance**, 9 October 2014

“Islamists at a Gance: Why Do Syria’s Rebel Fighters Join Islamist Groups?” (with Sam Whitt), **Violence at Gance**, 13 August 2014

“Norms and Attitudes in the Midst of Civil War: Experimental and Survey Evidence from Syria” (with Sam Whitt), **Violence at Gance**, 17 March 2014

**Book review** Book Review of Monica Duffy Tofts’ Princeton University Press Book: Securing the Peace: The Durable Settlement of Civil Wars, Appeared in *Nationalities Papers*, Vol.41, No.5, July 2013, pages 861-863

**Awards, Fellowships and Grants** *Terrorism Research Initiative*, Finalist Best Ph.D. Thesis on Terrorism  
*Association for Analytic Learning about Islam and Muslim Societies*, Graduate Fellow  
*US Department of Homeland Security*, 2015, Best Research on Terrorism Award  
*National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism*, 2015, Grant  
*Harvard Law School*, 2015, Future Generation Research Grant  
*Harvard University*, 2014-2016, Various Fellowships and Grants  
*Weatherhead Center for International Affairs*, 2015, Research Grant  
*Open Society Foundation*, 2011-2013, Fellowship  
*University of Maryland*, 2010-2016, Various Fellowships  
*Moscow State University*, 2002-2007, Various Fellowships

**Teaching Positions***Instructor*  
Behavioral Economics, summer 2015 (American University in Iraq)  
*Teaching assistant*  
Research methods fall 2011 and spring 2012 (GVPT department; UMD)  
Introduction to Microeconomics (Economics department; SUNY Stony Brook)  
Financial economics (Economics department; SUNY Stony Brook)  
*Guest Lecture*  
Economics of Religion (Economics department; Harvard University)

**Invited Talks** 2019 Economics Department, Harvard University (*scheduled*)  
2018 Central Florida University, Research Seminar  
2017 Order, Conflict, and Violence Speaker Series, Yale University  
2017 McMillan Center, Yale University  
2017 Washington Institute, Washington DC  
2017 Colgate University, University Lecture  
2017 Central Florida University, Research Seminar  
2017 Maastricht University, Netherlands  
2017 Washington Institute, Washington DC  
2017 National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism, Washington DC  
2017 Middle East Research Initiative, Erbil, Iraq

2016 Boston University, Conflict and Terrorism Seminar  
 2016 SUNY Albany, International Relations Seminar  
 2016 Harvard Kennedy School, Belfer Center Seminar  
 2016 Naval Postgraduate School, International Relations Seminar  
 2015 National Defense University, Civil War Seminar  
 2015 US Institute of Peace, Research Seminar  
 2015 Program on Negotiations, Harvard Law School  
 2015 Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University  
 2015 Political Violence Workshop, Harvard University  
 2015 Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, GWU  
 2014 Rady Business School, UCSD  
 2014 Harriman Institute, Columbia University

**Presentations and Workshops** 2019 Social norms: emergence, persistence, and effects, UTennessee (*scheduled*)  
 2018 Jihadism after the Fall of the Caliphate, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
 2018 Collective Emergent Complexity in Terrorism, UC Davis  
 2017 SMA Conference, Joint Base Andrews  
 2017 UK-US ECR Workshop, Boston  
 2017 GPPI, Berlin Germany  
 2017 Munich Workshop on Behavior and Terrorism, Germany  
 2016 Behavioral Exchange Conference, Harvard Business School  
 2016 Economics of National Security Winter Meeting, NBER  
 2016 Security and Human Behavior Workshop, Harvard University  
 2016 Experimental Political Science Graduate Conference, Harvard University  
 2015 Political Violence Workshop, Harvard University  
 2015 Symposium for the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism  
 2015 Evolution and Warfare Workshop, University of Tennessee  
 2015 POMEPS Workshop, George Washington University  
 2015 PONARS workshop, George Washington University  
 2015 Annual Bank Conference on Africa, UC Berkeley  
 2015 Harvard-MIT-Yale Political Violence Conference  
 2015 AALIMS Graduate Conference, Princeton University  
 2014 Florida State University, Political Violence Seminar (via Skype)  
 2014 IDS Workshop on Mixed Methods Research in Poverty and Vulnerability  
 2014 The Alexander Hamilton Center for Political Economy, NYU  
 2013 Graduate Conference in Political Science, Hebrew University  
 2013 Stanford Institute of Theoretical Economics, Stanford University  
 2012 Ethnic Politics Workshop, Arizona State University  
 2012 BYU-Princeton conference "Experiments in IR", BYU

**Discussant** 2017 International Security Workshop, Northeastern

**Annual Association Conference Presentations** American Political Science Association (2014, 2015, 2016)  
 International Society of Political Psychology (2014, 2016)  
 International Studies Association (2013, 2014, 2015)

**Other Studies** Tunis Exchange Study Program, June 2018  
 Beirut Exchange Study Program, January 2017  
 UCSD Spring Institute in Behavior Economics, March 2013  
 Stanford Summer Institute in Political Psychology, July 2012  
 Yale University, Center of Order Conflict & Violence, July 2010  
 Ronald Coase Institute on Institutional Analysis, May 2010  
 US Institute of Peace (USIP), June 2009

**Fieldwork**Embedded with Armed Forces

2016-2017 October-July, Iraq (Iraqi Special Operations Forces, Battle for Mosul)  
2017 January and July, Ukraine, (Battalion Donbas)  
2016 August, Iraq (Kurdish Pesmerga, operations in Khazir, Navaran and Bashika)  
2016 July, Ukraine (Volunteer battalions Pravyi Sektor and UDA in village Avdeevka)  
2015 July, Iraq (Kurdish Pesmerga, Mahmour frontline)  
2014 March, DR Congo (National Army and Police near Bukavu)

Other Fieldwork

2018: Iraq, Tunisia, Fergana Valley (Kyrgyzstan), Bangladesh/Myanmar, Georgia (Pankisi Gorge)  
2017: Iraq, Lebanon, Ukraine  
2016: Iraq, Ukraine, Sudan  
2015: Iraq, Ukraine, Morocco (Western Sahara)  
2014: Yemen, Syria/Turkey, DR Congo, Kyrgyzstan  
2013: DR Congo, Rwanda, Burundi, Tanzania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan  
2012: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Colombia, Kosovo, Azerbaijan, Georgia  
2011: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia  
2010: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia  
2009: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Croatia, Serbia  
2008: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia  
2007: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia, Russia

**Research  
Appeared on  
Syllabi**

Harvard Kennedy School (public policy); MIT (economics); Georgetown (political science); NYU (history); Naval Postgraduate School (political science); United States Military Academy (political science); Rice (political science); Boston University (public policy); University Toronto (political science), Max Planck Institute (economics); American University (political science); Carnegie Mellon (economics); University of Lausanne (economics); University of Bonn (economics); FSU (political science); Purdue University (politics science); University of Georgia (political science)

**Manuscript  
Referee**

International Security (x6), American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics (x2), Journal of Conflict Resolution (x2), Comparative Political Studies (x2), Journal of Peace Research (x2), British Journal of Political Science (x2)

**Professional  
Affiliations**

Harvard Davis Center (2018-NA); American University of Iraq (Iraq) (Summer 2015, 2016, 2017); Harvard Woman and Public Policy Program (2016-2017); Yemen College of Middle Eastern Studies (Summer 2014); University of California San Diego (Rady Business School) (Fall 2013)

**Media Coverage**

English: Vice News, New York Times, BBC, Foreign Affairs, Foreign Policy, Washington Post, Boston Globe, Chicago Tribune, Associated Press, USA Today, NPR, The Atlantic, Al Jazeera, American Interest, Christian Science Monitor, Newsweek, Council on Foreign Relations, The Baltimore Sun, U-T San Diego, Business Insider, Fox News, ArmyTimes, NavyTimes, Daily Mail, Voice of America, HKS PolicyCast, CBC/Radio-Canada (Canada), World Bank Development Blog, Harvard Gazette, Danish Radio, India Times, Belfer Newsletter, Political Violence at a Glance blog, The Duck of Minerva blog, Syria in Crises blog and Syria Comment blog; Russian: Novaya Gazeta, Vedomosti, Slon; Radio Vesti Ukraine; Hromadske; Kurdish: Awene, Rudaw; Portuguese: Lusa

**Consultancy**      **UNICEF**, Yemen, Consultant (2014)  
**World Bank (DIME)**, DR Congo (2013-2014), Azerbaijan (2012-2013), Consultant  
**Center for Security Studies**, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Intern (2011)

**Languages**      Russian (*Native*), Arabic -Yemeni dialect (*Intermediate*), Croatian-Bosnian-Serbian (*Fluent*), Ukrainian, Macedonian

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