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Current research project: <https://thestayer.org>

EDUCATION AND DEGREES

2023-2027	PhD, Sociology Graduate School for Social Research, Polish Academy of Sciences <i>Dissertation topic: The Stayer: Narrative reconstruction of reality in public civilian diaries (Russia's war against Ukraine, 2022-2026)</i> <u>Supervisors:</u> Dr hab. Marta Bucholc, prof. ucz., Faculty of Sociology, University of Warsaw Dr hab. Andrzej Gniazdowski, prof. IFiS PAN Internal institutional scholarship; performance-based increase.
2019-2022	PhD, Philosophy (discontinued due to the full-scale Russia's invasion) Institute of Philosophy, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine <i>Dissertation topic: Ukrainian philosophy and the formation of the public sphere: From late Soviet rule to the Revolution of Dignity</i> State-funded doctoral program (competitive admission)
2013-2014	PhD, Philosophy (discontinued due to Russia's invasion of Eastern Ukraine) Donetsk Department of the Center for Humanities Education, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine <i>Dissertation topic: Subjectivity in mediated public space: cultural and ontological dimensions</i>
2011-2013	MA, Religion Studies (with distinction) Donetsk National Technical University <i>Dissertation: Concept of subjectivity and its transformation in the digital society at the beginning of the 21st century</i> State-funded degree program (competitive admission)
2007-2011	BA, Philosophy Donetsk State Institute of Artificial Intelligence Problems <i>Dissertation: Social transformations in the age of virtualization and mediatization</i> State-funded degree program (competitive admission)

INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Since 2024	University of Warsaw , Department of the History of Social Thought <i>Affiliated external researcher</i>
2016-2022	Institute of Philosophy of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine , Department of philosophy of culture, ethics, and aesthetics <i>Research affiliation</i>

RESEARCH MOBILITY

2025	Department of Sociology, University of Vienna <u>Research project</u>: Constitution of normality in destroyed everydayness: A social-phenomenological study of civilian experiences through wartime diaries (Ukraine, 2022 – mid-2024) <u>Funding</u>: Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange (NAWA), PROM Short-term Academic Exchange Grant
2023-2024	Center for Ethics and Philosophy in Practice (CEPP), Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich <u>Research project</u>: Philosophy and epistemic unfreedom within totalitarian regimes <u>Funding</u>: The CEPP short-term fellowships
2022	Institute Vienna Circle, University of Vienna <u>Research project</u>: Philosophy in the public sphere <u>Funding</u>: Institute Vienna Circle Fellowships

RESEARCH LEADERSHIP AND TEAMS PARTICIPATION

2025-2026, ongoing	<u>We who remain: Silenced voices from 11 years of occupation</u> <i>Doctoral researcher</i> <i>Graduate School for Social Research, Polish Academy of Sciences</i> <u>Funding</u>: Institute for Human Sciences (IWM), Documenting Ukraine Grant
Since 2024, ongoing	<u>The Stayer: sociality and knowledge in disrupted worlds</u> <i>Doctoral researcher</i> <i>Graduate School for Social Research (GSSR), Polish Academy of Sciences</i>
2020-2022	<u>Social Implications of the COVID-19 Pandemic in the Context of Sustained Transformation in Ukraine: A Sociological Approach</u> <i>Research assistant</i> <i>Institute of Sociology, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine</i> <u>Funding</u>: National Research Foundation of Ukraine
2019	Other experience: To comprehend the incomprehensible <i>Deputy team leader</i> <i>Council of Young Scientists (Institute of Philosophy, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine), NGO Youth Center for Humanities</i> Co-led the project and contributed to the organization of a thematic round table; served as scientific editor of the resulting thematic issue.
2017-2018	Discourse of the Revolution of Dignity <i>Research project initiator and team leader</i> <i>Council of Young Scientists (Institute of Philosophy, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine), NGO Youth Center for Humanities</i> Initiated and coordinated an interdisciplinary research team; organized and moderated a national round table; keynote speaker; edited and introduced the resulting thematic issue of a leading Ukrainian philosophical journal; contributed two scholarly papers.

2015-2016	Rebranding of philosophy: Public forms and institutional conditions of philosophical knowledge <i>Team leader</i> <i>Council of Young Scientists (Institute of Philosophy, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine), NGO Youth Center for Humanities</i>
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COMPETITIVE FUNDING AND FELLOWSHIPS

Remote fellowships

2026	Documenting Russia's War Against Ukraine (LivArch), Herder Institute for research on East Central Europe Remote fellowship for Ukrainians abroad and displaced scholars (May-Jul 2026) <i>Project: Public Wartime Dairies from Ukraine (2022-2026): Building a Corpus Inventory and Methodological Documentation</i> Denkraum Ukraine, University of Regensburg Sur-Place Fellowship (Apr 2026) <i>Project: From Displacement to Staying: Methodological and empirical challenges in studying those who deliberately remain in wartime Ukraine</i>
2025	<u>Documenting Ukraine Grant, Institute for Human Sciences (IWM)</u> <i>Project: Silenced Voices from 11 Years of Occupation</i>
2011-2013	Zavtra.UA – National Ukrainian student scholarship Three-time recipient of a highly competitive, 12-month stipend awarded annually for academic excellence

Mobility fellowships

2025	NAWA PROM Short-term Academic Exchange Grant Research fellowship for staying at the Department of Sociology, University of Vienna (May 2025)
2023-2024	<u>Center for Ethics and Philosophy in Practice (CEPP)</u> , Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich Research fellowship (Oct 2023 – Jan 2024) <i>Project: Philosophy and epistemic unfreedom within totalitarian regimes</i>
2022	<u>Institute Vienna Circle</u> , University of Vienna Research fellowship for researchers from Ukraine (May 2022 – Oct 2022) <i>Project: Philosophy in the public sphere and public philosophy</i>

Conference grants and bursaries

2025	German Society for Phenomenological Research, Technical University of Darmstadt. Conference bursary – Doctoral student colloquium within the Biannual Conference "Crisis and Critique," participation with presentation.
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	Center for Subjectivity Research, University of Copenhagen. Conference Bursary – Copenhagen winter school in social phenomenology. Competitive award granted to selected presenters (6 funded participants).
2024	Graduate School for Social Research, Polish Academy of Sciences Conference bursary – Interdisciplinary research summer school in Wierzba, Poland

SCHOLARLY CONVENING AND RESEARCH-LED SEMINARS

Since 2026	Interdisciplinary research seminar on non-mobility and staying under disruption <i>Initiator and convenor</i> Ongoing interdisciplinary seminar bringing together scholars from sociology, philosophy, anthropology, history, and related fields to discuss diverse empirical and theoretical approaches to staying and continuity under conditions of social, political, and existential disruption.
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SUMMER SCHOOLS AND ADVANCED TRAINING

2025	V International Research Summer School in Genetic Phenomenology , Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences – selected presenter Copenhagen Winter School in Social Phenomenology , Center for Subjectivity Research, University of Copenhagen – selected presenter with full bursary
2024	GSSR Interdisciplinary Research Summer School in Wierzba , Graduate School for Social Research – selected presenter with full bursary III Austrian Summer School in Phenomenology , Austrian Society for Phenomenology XIV Copenhagen Summer School in Phenomenology and Philosophy of Mind , Center for Subjectivity Research, University of Copenhagen IV International Research Summer School in Genetic Phenomenology , Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences – selected presenter III Akademia Metodologiczna , Institute of European Culture (UAM) – selected presenter
2023	Workshop Conceptual Engineering – Foundations and Applications , University of Warsaw
2022-2023	Remote academic program for early career scholars from Ukraine , Graduate School for Social Research (GSSR), Polish Academy of Sciences

DIGITAL PROJECTS

Since 2025	Public wartime diaries from Ukraine: Digital corpus inventory <i>Creator and curator</i> Systematic digital corpus of public civilian diaries documenting Russia's war against Ukraine (2022–), encompassing published volumes and diaries kept at online platforms. [In preparation for public release]
2018-2022	Philosophical Thought: Extended electronic edition <i>Website developer, team leader, editor</i> The first open-access digital archive of Philosophical Thought (ISSN 2522-9338) – the oldest and the most influential Ukrainian scholarly journal in philosophy.
2016-2019	Translatio Humanitatis: Ukrainian digital database of academic translations <i>Website developer, team leader</i> Curated digital database of Ukrainian academic translations in philosophy and humanities.
2016–2019	Philosophy in Ukraine: Online platform for Ukrainian philosophy <i>Website developer, team leader</i> Curated digital platform aggregating scholarly texts, research initiatives, and intellectual networks in Ukrainian philosophy.
2017-2018	Discourse of the Revolution of Dignity: Online conceptual vocabulary <i>Website developer</i> Online corpus and conceptual vocabulary documenting public discourse of the Revolution of Dignity.

EDITORIAL ROLES

2017-2022	Philosophical Thought (ISSN 2522-9338) <i>Junior Editor</i>
2020-2021	Sociology: Theory. Methods. Marketing (ISSN 1563-3713) <i>Junior Editor</i>
2019	Philosophical Thought (ISSN 2522-9338) <i>Guest editor</i> <u>Special Issue</u> : Other Experience – Comprehend the incomprehensible (No. 3/2019) Editorial coordination of a thematic roundtable and related scholarly contributions, articulating an ongoing research project and its conceptual framework.
2016	Philosophical Thought (ISSN 2522-9338) <i>Guest editor</i> <u>Special Issue</u> : Discourse of the Revolution of Dignity (No. 4/2016) Editorial coordination of a thematic roundtable and related scholarly contributions, articulating an ongoing research project and its conceptual framework.
2011-2013	Logos: Students' journal of the Philosophical faculty <i>Chief editor</i> Donetsk State University of Informatics and Artificial Intelligence

ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

2017-present	Youth Center for Humanities , NGO (Ukraine) <i>Director</i>
Since 2025	British Society for Phenomenology <i>Member</i>
2017-2022	Council of Young Scientists , Institute of Philosophy of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine <i>Member</i>

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

2016	National philosophy prize of Ukraine Shortlisted in the nomination for the best editorial, publishing, and digital project in the field of philosophy For digital projects: - <i>Translatio Humanitatis: Ukrainian digital database of academic translations</i> - <i>Philosophy in Ukraine: Online platform for Ukrainian philosophy</i>
2013	Ukrainian National student academic competition in philosophy and religion studies 1st place for a research project, 1st place for an essay, 3rd place overall

RESEARCH OUTPUT

Peer-reviewed articles

After transitioning in 2022 across countries (from Ukraine to Poland) and disciplines (from philosophy to sociology), my publication trajectory is being re-established; the first article of my current career stage is currently under peer review.

2022. Forms of contemporary public philosophical discourse. Part 2. Expert opinion, practice, therapy, leisure. *Grani*, 2022, Vol. 25, No. 3, 16-24. [in Ukrainian].
<https://doi.org/10.15421/172231>

2022. Forms of contemporary public philosophical discourse. Part 1. Literature, media, dialogue, education. *Grani*, 2022, Vol. 24, No. 12, 94-105. [in Ukrainian].
<https://doi.org/10.15421/1721124>

2017. [The “public turn” and philosophy in the public space](#). *Philosophical Thought*, 2017, No. 1, 28-41. [in Ukrainian].

2017. [Philosophical journal in the mirror of statistics: 2009–2017](#). *Philosophical Thought*, 2017, No. 6, 56-75. [in Ukrainian].

2017. [Philosophical journal in the mirror of statistics: extended analytical report](#). *Philosophical Thought Extended Electronic Version*, 2017-12-16.

2017. [Philosophical periodicals in the opinion of the professional community](#). *Philosophical Thought*, 2017, № 6, 14-37. [in Ukrainian].
2017. [Revolution thesauri as a method of studying their sense dimension](#). *Philosophical Thought*, 2017, No. 2, 57-72. [in Ukrainian].
2017. [\(Post\)Modern social conflicts: looking for the concept](#). *Philosophical Thought*, 2017, No. 4, 104–117. [in Ukrainian].
2016. [New media during the Euromaidan and after an incentive for democratization or a security threat?](#) *Forum of Recent Eastern European History and Culture*, 2016, No. 1, 45-60. [in Russian].
2015. [Does Ukrainian philosophy need a "rebranding"?](#) *Philosophical Thought*, 2015, No. 6, 23-39. [in Ukrainian].

Working papers and reports

Reports and preprints are available in my project's open-access repository: <https://zenodo.org/communities/thestayer>.

2026. *The Stayer: Sociality and knowledge in disrupted worlds [Research Project Description]*. Zenodo. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.18036611>
2025. *Qualitative coding of temporally, spatially, and contextually situated data in wartime diaries: An exploratory methodological report [MAXQDA pilot study]*. Zenodo. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.18040135>
2025. *We Who Remain: Silenced Voices From 11 Years of Occupation [Research Project Description]*. Zenodo. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.18376569>

Invited talks and guest lectures

2026. *The Stayer: Sociality and knowledge in disrupted worlds (the case of narrative reconstruction of reality in public civilian wartime diaries from Ukraine, 2022-2026)*. Personal talk at the Department of Theoretical Sociology, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences, Mar 25. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.19402115>
2025. *The Stayer: Rethinking the Stranger and the Strange in the Age of Constant Crisis. A social-phenomenological study of remaining in transforming worlds*. Personal talk at the Seminarium Historii Idei, Katedra Historii Myśli Społecznej, Uniwersytet Warszawski, October 27.
2025. *The Stayer: Towards Phenomenology of Systemic Disruption. Narrative Reconstruction of Normality in Wartime Diaries from Ukraine (2022-2023)*. Werkstattgespräche, Department of Sociology, University of Vienna, May 13. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.18099620>
2025. *Banality of War: Experiencing War as Normal*. Invited guest lecture within *Sociology of War* course (230137 UE M5), Department of Sociology, University of Vienna, May 7.
2022. [Philosophy in the Public Sphere as a Cultural Phenomenon](#). Presentation at the Doctoral seminar. Department of Philosophy, University of Vienna, Austria, May 27.

2020. Yasna, I., Borysenko, Ye. [*Talks with philosophers: Interview with Ilami Yasna*](#). Kyiv: YouTube channel “In Situ.”

Conference presentations

Collective staying, war, and disruption

2025. *Ambivalent Normality: The We-Experience of Destroyed Lifeworlds*. XV International Congress of the Spanish Society for Phenomenology Normality, normativity, lifeworld, University of the Balearic Islands, Palma de Mallorca, November 12-15. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.17914727>
2025. *Total Disruption and Limits of Phenomenology*. Doctoral student colloquium, German Society for Phenomenological Research, International Conference Crisis and Critique. Technical University of Darmstadt, September 23-24. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.17298774>
2025. *From Disrupted Homeworlds to Emerging Normalities: Toward a Phenomenology of Systemic Disruption*. V International Research Summer School in Genetic Phenomenology, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences, September 15-19. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.17302457>
2025. *The Stayer: Estrangement and Normality in Disrupted Lifeworlds*. International Conference ‘Lifeworlds in Crisis: Applying Phenomenology’, University College Dublin & British Society for Phenomenology, Dublin, August 27-29. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.19067934>
2025. *Stranger, Homecomer, Stayer: What Would Schutz Say on War?* VII Conference of the International Alfred Schutz Circle for Phenomenology and Interpretive Social Science “Personalities, Pragmatic Affairs, and Playful Worlds, ‘On Multiple Realities’ 1945–2025,” University of Vienna, April 24-26 2025. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.17308453>
2025. [*Normality and danger: Schutzian perspective*](#). Copenhagen Winter School in Phenomenology, University of Copenhagen, Center for Subjectivity Research, January 30-31. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.19068705>
2024. [*Political and Social Construction of Existential Threats in the Russia’s War Against Ukraine*](#). Graduate School for Social Research (GSSR) Interdisciplinary Research Summer School, Wierzba, Poland, September 16-21.
2024. [*Lifeworld under siege: Existential threat and \(re\)construction of social reality \(the case of Russia’s War against Ukraine\)*](#). 4th International Research Summer School in Genetic Phenomenology, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, August 5-9.
2024. [*Existential threat and collective identity: wartime generations in the existential perspective*](#). III Akademia Metodologiczna 2024, Instytut Kultury Europejskiej UAM, Gniezno, Poland, April 10-12.
2023. [*Theoretical foundations for “epistemology of war”. Roundtable “Conflict in \(post\)modern world: classical theories and contemporary practices,”*](#) V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University, Odessa, Ukraine, May 5.

2016. [Semantics of the Event](#). Keynote report at the "Philosophical Thought" Round Table "Discourse of the Revolution of Dignity: content, structure, research methodology," Institute of Philosophy National Academy of Sciences, Kyiv, Ukraine. Published in: Philosophical Thought, 2016, No. 4, 6-56.
2016. ["Semantics of the event" and interpretation of social conflicts](#). Interpretation as an instrument of cultural studies: All-Ukrainian scientific-theoretical conference, Institute of Cultural Studies of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Kyiv, June 2-3).

Philosophy in Post-Soviet states and public sphere formation

2023. [Philosophy and \(un\)freedom. Epistemic conditions and role of philosophy within totalitarian regimes \(the Soviet Union case\)](#). Open Minds XVI The sixteenth annual philosophy conference for postgraduate students in philosophy, The University of Manchester, UK, June 15-16.
2023. [The Gaze of the Great Other: Philosophy in Totalitarian Regimes](#). Meeting the Other as a Challenge. XV International Academic Conference "Philosophy: The New Generation," National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Kyiv, Ukraine, April 21-22.
2023. [Philosophy and \(un\)freedom. Philosophy within Non-Democratic Regimes \(Project Presentation\)](#). Round table "The Russian-Ukrainian War in the aspect of the unconquerable past: Paradigms of Different Worldviews," Odesa I.I. Mechnikov National University, Odessa, Ukraine, April 20-21.
2017. [Public turn and the emergence of the public humanities \(Ukrainian case\)](#). National philosophy in the global world; theses of the First Belorussian National Philosophical Congress (Minsk, October 18-20, 2017). Minsk: Belorussian science.
2016. [The phenomenon of mass philosophy in the space of mass culture](#). XI International scientific conference "Philosophy: the new generation" on the topic: "Philosophy: Between Science and Humanities," National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Kyiv, Ukraine, March 24-25.
2016. [Philosophy at school: world models and Ukrainian experience](#). Days of Science of the Faculty of Philosophy 2016. International Scientific Conference, Kyiv, April 20-21. In 10 volumes. Vol. 10. (p.p. 156-158).

Digital infrastructure and scholarly communication

2017. [Translation Index "Translatio Humanitatis": Functionalities and Cultural Significance](#). International Scientific Conference "Library. Science. Communication. Strategic objectives for the development of scientific libraries," Kyiv, October 3-5.
2017. [Translatio Humanitara: National Index of academic translations](#). SCDA17, 5th International Conference on Scientific communication in the Digital Age, Kyiv, March 29-30.
2016. [Translatio Humanitara: searching for the "canon" of humanities' terminology](#). Scientific terminology at the beginning of the new century: theoretical and applied dimensions. International Scientific Conference, Rivne, September 15-16.

2016. [The turn to Scopus: the path to international academic communication or the destruction of the Ukrainian-language humanities?](#) *SCDA16, 4th International Conference on Scientific Communication in the Digital Age*, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Kyiv, March 30-31.

Editorial introductions and thematic forewords

2019. [Other Experience: To Comprehend the Incomprehensible. Special issue.](#) *Philosophical Thought*, 2019, 3. Editorial introduction to the thematic issue “The other experience: to comprehend the incomprehensible.”
2016. [Discourse of the Revolution of Dignity. Special issue.](#) *Philosophical Thought*, 2016, 4. Editorial introduction to the thematic issue: “Discourse of the Revolution of Dignity: content, structure, research methodology.”

Public research writing

2016. [It is not "religion" that should be taught in secondary school, but "knowledge about religions" \(Interview with Liudmyla Fylypovych\).](#) *Education policy: portal of public experts*, 27.01.2016. [in Ukrainian].
2015. [Today, we should ask not whether philosophy is needed in Ukrainian universities but whether Ukrainian universities themselves are needed \(interview with Oleh Khoma\).](#) *Education policy: portal of public experts*, 09.12.2015. [in Ukrainian].
2015. ["Rebranding of Philosophy" is the correct thesis because philosophy should be used as a brandy \(interview with Oleksiy Panych\).](#) *Education policy: portal of public experts*, 08.11.2015. [in Ukrainian].
2015. [Humanities education in Ukraine: between Soviet heritage and civilized future \(interview with Vakhtang Kebuladze\).](#) *Education policy: portal of public experts*, 27.10.2015. [in Ukrainian].
2015. [Philosophy in the educational space: prospects of the lyceum \(interview with Serhiy Proleiev\).](#) *Education policy: portal of public experts*, 14.10.2015. [in Ukrainian].

Ongoing research infrastructures and serial outputs

Alongside scholarly publications, my research output includes a research infrastructure that generates continuous interpretive material and enables scholarly dialogue related to my ongoing research project.

- [The Stayer project website](#) – the project website documenting research framework, materials, and outputs.
- [Open-access research repository](#) of presentation texts, working papers, and research reports.
- [Stay.in.ua – Choosing to live amidst war](#) – online research journal combining observational field notes, methodological reflections, and real-time interpretive analysis of wartime narratives from within Ukraine.