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## SUMMARY

- **Assistant Professor, American University of Central Asia, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan**

Main courses include, “**Environment, Sustainability and Development in Central Asia**” and “**The basics of Ecology and International Environmental Protection**”. Research interests in the area of sustainable land management.

- **National Coordinator for the 2-year EU Regional Project, “Water Governance in CA”** ending July 2010.
- **Expertise** in project research, development and implementation via EU Project, “Water Governance in CA” and the “Independent Ecological Expertise” (IEE) NGO. Responsible for project planning and implementation activities. Liaised with key stakeholders, organized round tables and prepared project reports. While working for the EU “Water Governance in CA” Project, Ms. Rotoklya researched the complex issues of Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) in four participating countries. These included: legislative and institutional reform, economic mechanisms, water quality, basin plan management, capacity building and regional cooperation, the project assisted countries in development.

## Education

Master's Degree in Environment and Development, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). Course papers explored incentives behind developing countries' participation in the World Bank and IMF, and on poverty, environmental degradation and sustainable development.

Honours, BA International Comparative Politics, American University of Central Asia. Coursework in International Organisations and Development and Underdevelopment. Senior thesis on sustainable development and poverty in Kyrgyzstan.

Ms. Rotoklya has worked for the public and private sector, including as a trainer and project assistant with the United Nations Development Programme and Kyrgyz State Commission on Investments.

She is fluent in Russian and English. Basic knowledge of Kyrgyz.

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **(September 2011 – Until present) American University in Central Asia (AUCA), Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan**

I presently work at AUCA. My main duties include:

- Development of course curriculum
- Teaching courses
- Assistance to students during office hours
- Supervising for the first-year International Comparative Politics (ICP) students

### **(Aug 2010 – April 2011) NGO Independent Ecological Expertise (IEE) University of Central Asia (UCA) Research**

**Research on Perspectives of Foreign Aid Projects and current Public Policy: Case study of water governance issues in the political agenda of Kyrgyzstan.** The research study aims to explore the effects of environmental international aid projects on public policy in Kyrgyzstan as well as the relationship between foreign aid environmental programmes, domestic environmental policies and NGO's in Kyrgyzstan. The research aims to analyze the impact of recent political regime changes (internationally proclaimed as Tulip and Rose revolutions) on the situation with international aid policies in Kyrgyzstan and compare to the development situation in Russia, where international aid projects do not exist already for almost a decade. This research will improve understanding of the public environmental policy in Kyrgyzstan, its roots in the global environmental policy, and international organisations' and NGO's strategies, as well as costs and benefits of participation in international aid projects.

**(Oct 2008 – July 2010)**      **EU Project, “Water Governance in Central Asia”**      **National Coordinator**

European Union Project, “Water Governance in Central Asia” as a National Project Coordinator in Kyrgyzstan, Bishkek. The main goal of the project is to contribute to the reduction of pollution, to fair sharing and effective use of scarce water resources, to improve the quality of shared water resources such as transboundary rivers, through the improvement, implementation and enforcement of water legislation approximated to EU standards. Duties included:

- Project Coordination activities, including meetings/correspondence with project stakeholders
- Cooperation with Project Beneficiaries, Donor organizations and civil society on project implementation
- Research in 6 thematic areas of the Project
- Preparation of project reports
- Supervision of project implementation activities
- Hiring of short-term National consultants
- Sourcing of suppliers to obtain specialized equipment for project workshops, such as training on biological monitoring
- Organization of project's meetings, seminars and other activities

**(Feb 2007 – Feb 2009 )**      **NGO Independent Ecological Expertise (IEE)**      **Project Manager**

Environmental Non-Governmental Organization in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Represented IEE while living in England from Sept 2007 until Dec 2007. IEE's mandate is to integrate environmental issues into the national strategy for economic development. Duties included:

- Planning environmental protection projects
- Writing grant applications to receive funding from donor organizations
- Cooperation with state agencies and local communities on project implementation
- Supervision of project implementation activities
- Preparation of project reports
- Conducting of round tables for environmental NGO's, IO's, and the Department of Ecology

As an NGO IEE representative participated in the GC 25 Working Group Meeting in October 2008 and a Civil Society/Global Ministerial Environmental Forum in February 2009 at UNEP Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya. The main achievement of the Mercury Working Group Meetings is its contribution to the positive decision on a legally binding, free-standing policy framework on Mercury.

**(Feb 2006 – Jan 2007)**      **Reckitt Benckiser**      **Company Representative and Business Development Manager**

Firm involved in a wide range of commercial, sales and distribution activities in Kyrgyzstan. Duties included:

- Planning, business development and distribution issues
- Collecting and analyzing data on trade outlets and main clients through fieldwork
- Collecting and analyzing data on competitors' products and promotion activities
- Managing key accounts
- Liaising with distributors, main sub-distributors and main clients
- Cooperating with media partners on TV advertisements and supervision of media promo-activities
- Preparing sales statistics and reports
- Hiring and training of sales representatives and promo-consultants and supervisors on new products,

marketing and sales strategies.

**(Sep 2002 – May 2003) Bishkek Hospital University Club Manager**

Club Manager for the Bishkek Hospital to support efforts to obtain new equipment and initiate new training programs. Main duties included:

- Conducting meetings of club members
- Preparing fundraising proposals
- Conducting PR activities
- Meeting with hospital personnel concerning hospital equipment and training
- Liaising with donors

**(Oct 1996 – Nov 1997) State Committee on Foreign Investment & Economic Development Trainee**

United Nations Development Program-funded investment and business incubator program under the State Committee. Main duties included:

- Maintaining project database
- Keeping records
- Administrative work
- Translating/interpreting
- Conducting basic research and donor outreach

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**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS**

*(Jan 2005 – Dec 2005) London Academy of Professional Studies – Diploma with Distinction in International Business Administration* Subjects included: Human Resources Management, Marketing Research, Managerial Accounting, International Business Law, Corporate Finance, Managerial Economics, Quantitative Methods of Research, Managerial Marketing.

*(Sep 2003 – Sep 2004) London School of Economics and Political Science – MSc Environment & Development* Courses and grades: International Political Economy of Development: Merit; International Political Economy of Environment: Merit; Environment and Development: Merit; Urbanisation in the South: Distinction.

*(Aug 1999 – Apr 2003) American University in Central Asia – BA Honours Degree, International Comparative Politics* – Specialized coursework: Development and Underdevelopment, Gender and Development. Senior Thesis: Sustainable development and Poverty in Kyrgyzstan.

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**PUBLICATIONS**

“Right to the public environmental interests defence”. Law. Experience. Recommendations. Bishkek 2008. Elena Rotoklya co-author of the book.

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**LANGUAGES**

I am a native Russian speaker. My English is fluent. I also speak intermediate French and basic Kyrgyz.

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**IT SKILLS**

I am familiar with standard office programs: Word, Excel, Access, Power Point and Internet.

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**HONOURS AND AWARDS**

- Peacock Scholarship at London School of Economics and Political Science

- Merit-Based Scholarship at American University in Central Asia
- Winner, U.S. Government Freedom Support Act Future Leaders Exchange Program Scholarship, for one-year high school study-abroad in the United States.
- Laureate, “Reflection of Reproductive Politics in Economic and Political Life of Poland”, Civic Education Project, International Development Conference, Romania
- Active participant of International Crisis Games, hosted by AUCA

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**References available on request**

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