Notes on contributors

Binoy Kampmark is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Global, Urban and Social Studies at RMIT University, Melbouren, and was a Commonwealth Scholar at Selwyn College, Cambridge University. He is also a contributing editor to CounterPunch.

Darzhan Kazbekova is a Ph.D. candidate in the Social Science program at Syracuse University. She received her master's degree and a Ph.D. in international relations from the Institute of Diplomacy at the Academy of Public Administration in Kazakhstan in 2015. She also holds a certificate in International Relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science and has worked as the Director of the Research Institute at the Academy of Public Administration in Kazakhstan. She is a co-author of "Management in Public Administration", a handbook for government officials in Kazakhstan that was published in 2017 as a short-term project for implementing valuable practices for civil servants in the current Kazakh generation. Her current research project examines policy learning and change among government administrators through an empirical examination of the Kazakhstan government's "Green Economy" policy.

Roderic Pitty has worked as a historian at the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and as a lecturer in international politics. His research interests include Russian foreign policy and politics, and contemporary Europe. He taught courses on The Politics of New Europe and Global Governance from 2004 to 2016 at the University of Western Australia (UWA), attaining two Teaching Excellence awards. He is an Honorary Research Fellow at Murdoch University.

Richard Pomfret is Professor of Economics Emeritus at the University of Adelaide and Adjunct Professor of International Economics at the Johns Hopkins University SAIS Europe in Bologna. He was Professor of Economics (1992-2020) and Jean Monnet Chair on the Economics of European Integration (2017-20) at the University of Adelaide, Professor of Economics at the Johns Hopkins University (Washington, Bologna, and Nanjing, 1979-91), Assistant Professor of Economics at Concordia University (Montréal, 1976-9), and Research Fellow at the Institut für Weltwirtschaft (Kiel, 1974-6). Research interests centre on economic development and international economics. Books include The Age of Equality: The twentieth century in economic perspective (Harvard UP, 2011), The Central Asian Economies in the Twenty-first Century (Princeton UP, 2019), and The Economics of European Integration (Harvard UP, 2021).

Alfinura Sharafeyeva is a trade policy expert with eight years of consultancy experience with the Markets and Trade Division at FAO UN. Her main area of expertise covers various aspects of the agricultural trade policies in the post-Soviet countries. She holds a PhD in agricultural economics from the University of Adelaide, Australia. Her PhD thesis addresses issues of trade facilitation and agrifood exports in Central Asian countries.

Russell Solomon teaches law in the Global, Urban and Social Studies School at RMIT University, Melbourne. His current research interests include the impact of Brexit, particularly in relation to rights in the United Kingdom, as well as issues around juridification in the European Union and the protection of rights. Russell also researches on rights in Australia and his book, Australia's Engagement with Economic and Social Rights. A Case of Institutional Avoidance was published by Palgrave Macmillan in 2021.

Boyka Stefanova is Professor in the Department of Political Science and Geography at the University of Texas, San Antonio. She holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Delaware (2004). Dr. Stefanova's areas of specialisation are European Politics, comparative regionalism, and democracy in Eastern Europe. Her research interests focus on political conflict, territoriality and politics, majority-minority relations in the European Union, regionalism in Eurasia, and issues in Eastern European politics. Dr. Stefanova has published four books in the area of comparative and European studies, political conflict, and regionalism. Other publications include more than thirty articles and book chapters exploring a variety of topics in European and international politics, the majority of which address issues of ethnic minorities and minority nationalism. Dr. Stefanova is a Fulbright Senior Scholar and grant recipient through the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, the International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX), and research networks.

Paskal Zhelev holds a doctoral degree in International Economic Relations from the University of National and World Economy (UNWE) in Sofia, Bulgaria, where he is currently an Associate Professor at the Department of International Economic Relations and Business. His research interests are in the field of international political economy, regional economic integration, international competitiveness, industrial policy, international trade. He has done research in various universities around the world, including the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (USA) through the Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program and the Shanghai Jiao Tong University (China) through the SJTU Visiting Scholars Fellowship. Dr Zhelev is a member of the Management Committee of the Association of Economic Universities of South and Eastern Europe and the Black Sea Region (ASECU). He is deputy editor-in-chief of the Bulgarian Journal of International Economics and Politics.