

Curriculum vitae

I. Personal details

Name, forename: GNATOVSKYY, Mykola
Sex: Male
Date and place of birth: 1 July 1977, Kyiv, Ukraine
Nationality: Ukraine

II. Education and academic and other qualifications

PhD. in International Law, thesis "Formation and Trends of Development of a European Legal Space" (2002)

Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Institute of International Relations: doctoral studies in International Law (1999-2002)

Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Institute of International Relations: LLM in International Law (1999, cum laude), English interpreter (1999), B.A. (1998)

Diploma of Associate Professor ("Docent") of International Law awarded in 2011

The Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research advanced course on international humanitarian law, Harvard University, Cambridge MA, United States (2010)

Advanced course on asymmetrical international relations, University of York, Toronto, Canada (2004)

III. Relevant professional activities

Legal activities

Member of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) (since December 2009, term of office expires in December 2021)

President of the CPT (March 2015 – March 2021)

Second Vice-President of the CPT (March 2013 – March 2015)

Associate Professor at the Department of International Law, Institute of International Relations, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (since January 2007); teaching European Human Rights Law, Human Rights in Armed Conflicts, International Humanitarian Law, International Criminal Law and Procedure, International Litigation, International Dispute Settlement, Law of Treaties, Public International Law

Assistant Professor of International Law, Institute of International Relations, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (July 2003 – January 2007)

Assistant Professor of Comparative Law, Institute of International Relations, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (November 2002 – July 2003)

Guest Professor at the Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv, Human Rights Law Master's Programme; teaching a special course on International Standards related to the Prohibition of Torture, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (October 2017 – March 2020)

Member of the National Commission for the Implementation of International Humanitarian Law (since 2015)

Senior Legal and Constitutional Advisor, Democracy Reporting International (September 2014 – September 2020)

Member of the Advisory Council for the Universal Protocol for Investigative Interviewing and Associated Safeguards – joint project of the Anti-Torture Initiative (Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, American University of Washington College of Law), the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights (University of Oslo), and the Association for the Prevention of Torture (Geneva) (since 2018)

International consultant on the prevention of torture and other forms of ill-treatment / human rights of persons deprived of their liberty, Council of Europe/European Union programmes/projects in Bulgaria, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Ukraine – since 2013

International consultant on the prevention of ill-treatment (training for judges and prosecutors on the ECtHR case law and the CPT jurisprudence), Amnesty International and National School of Magistrates, Moldova (2017)

International consultant on the prevention of torture issues, United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in Uzbekistan (2018)

Expert on human rights, Office of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine (since 2010)

Expert on human rights and gender issues, UNDP in Ukraine (2006-2009)

Expert on international law, Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (2004)

Expert on international humanitarian law/academic partner, International Committee of the Red Cross (since 2003) – inter alia selecting Ukraine's practice for the Customary International Humanitarian Law Database, peer reviewing of the new ICRC Commentary on Geneva Convention I and Geneva Convention III

Speaker at numerous international conferences on human rights law, international humanitarian law, international criminal law held in Armenia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, France, Georgia, Germany, Israel, Kazakhstan, Moldova, the Netherlands, Poland, Russian Federation, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uzbekistan (since 2002)

Non-legal professional activities

First Vice-President of the Ukrainian Association of International Law (since December 2017)

Board member, Expert Centre for Human Rights, Kyiv, Ukraine (since 2018)

Member of the Editorial Board, Belarusian Yearbook of International Law (Minsk) – 2015

Member of the Editorial Board, Міжнародне право / International Law (2012–2014)

Member of the Editorial Board, International Review of the Red Cross (Geneva/Oxford) – 2011–2015

Member of the Editorial Board, Альманах міжнародного права / International Law Almanac (2011-2013)

Member of the Editorial Board, Studii Juridice Universitare (Chisinau) – since 2010

Member of the Editorial Board, Український часопис міжнародного права / Ukrainian Journal of International Law (since 2000)

Executive editor, Ukrainian Yearbook of International Law (2007–2010)

Executive editor, “Library of the International Law Chair” series (2004–2014)

Member of the Editorial Council, Romanian Journal of Legal Medicine (2015–2016)

Member of the Editorial Board, Международное правосудие / International Justice (Moscow) – 2012-2013

Academic secretary, Ukrainian Association of International Law (2007–2017)

Assistant to the Permanent Representative of the President of Ukraine to the Verkhovna Rada (Parliament) of Ukraine (2002–2005)

Assistant to the Chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee on Legal Policy of the Verkhovna Rada (Parliament) of Ukraine (2000–2002)

IV. Activities and experience in the field of human rights

I have researched and taught international human rights law and the law of the Council of Europe as well as international humanitarian law and international criminal law for 20 years.

As a member and President of the CPT I have gained direct and vast experience both with human rights work in the field and the practical application of the European Convention on Human Rights and the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights to the situation of persons deprived of their liberty. I have visited hundreds of places of deprivation of liberty across Europe, participated in the drafting of over 40 and the adoption of over 170 CPT reports and have conducted numerous talks with the relevant authorities (at the ministerial level but also at the level of prime minister) on the measures to implement the CPT's recommendations and the related judgments of the ECtHR. I have also participated in the development of the CPT standards related to the prevention of ill-treatment of persons deprived of their liberty. Moreover, I have participated in several exchanges of views between the European Court of Human Rights and the CPT and represented the CPT during such exchanges. In addition, I have represented the CPT at the exchanges of views with the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe as well as with the Standing Committee and the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, meetings of heads of monitoring and advisory bodies of the Council of Europe, as well as in meetings with various United Nations bodies and institutions of the European Union.

As an international consultant, I work for human rights projects supported by the Council of Europe and the European Union both inside and outside the Council of Europe area, concentrating on human rights of persons deprived of their liberty and the human rights

violations in the context of armed conflicts. I have trained judges, prosecutors and members of national preventive mechanisms in Georgia, Moldova, Kazakhstan.

At the domestic level, I provide regular trainings on human rights issues for judges of various courts (from the first instance courts to the Supreme Court of Ukraine), prosecutors, members of the National Preventive Mechanism and the Ombudsperson's office, staff of the Secretariat of the Verkhovna Rada (Parliament) of Ukraine. I have also provided advice on human rights issues to the Children's Ombudsperson of Ukraine, members of parliament, prosecutor's office as well as judges.

V. Other activities

Vice-Director for Academic Activities, Institute of International Relations, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (December 2008 – December 2010)

Secretary of the Academic Council, Institute of International Relations, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (September 2007 – January 2009)

Secretary of the Specialized Academic Council (International Law), Institute of International Relations, Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University (2004–2009)

Member of the European Society of International Law

Member of the American Society of International Law

VI. Publications and other works

I have published 91 books and articles, including the following ones:

1. A European Legal Space. The Concept and Contemporary Issues. A Monograph. – Kyiv, 2005 (in Ukrainian).
2. Application of Article 3 of the ECHR by the European Court of Human Rights and the Jurisprudence of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture // European Court of Human Rights. Jurisprudence / Issue 1, part 3. Article 3 of the ECHR. Kyiv, 2011 (in Ukrainian).
3. European Court of Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law: The Right to Life // Aktualni problemy mizhmarodnykh vidnosyn – 2011. Issue 100, Part I (in Ukrainian).
4. ECtHR Grand Chamber Judgment in Vinter and Others v. the United Kingdom: a commentary (with Olena Kucher) // International Justice Journal (Moscow). 2014. No.1(9) (in Russian).
5. Positive obligations under the European Convention on Human Rights and “positive complementarity” under the Rome Statute: opportunities for interaction // National Security and Defence Journal, No. 5–6 (163–164), 2016 (in Ukrainian).
6. Humanitarian Law at International Courts and Tribunals: Is Institutional Fragmentation Dangerous? // International Justice Journal (Moscow). 2012. No.1(2) (in Russian).
7. International Humanitarian Law: How Limited are the Opportunities for International Justice? // International Justice Journal (Moscow). 2012. No.2(6) (in Russian).

8. Civilians in armed conflicts: the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights // Civilians in contemporary armed conflicts. – Wydawnictwa Uniwersytetu Warszawskiego, 2017 (in English, Polish, and Ukrainian).
9. The rights of persons deprived of their liberty in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic: the dialogue between the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment with member States of the Council of Europe // Ukrainian Journal of International Law. 2020. No 2. P. 74–76 (in Ukrainian).
10. Gnatovskyy, M. International law-based monitoring of places of deprivation of liberty in Europe: some general observations // e-legal, Revue de droit et de criminologie de l'Université libre de Bruxelles, Volume n°2, avril 2019.

VIII. Languages

Ukrainian, Russian – native languages (bilingual)

English – full professional proficiency, certified interpreter (English/Ukrainian, Ukrainian/English, English/Russian, Russian/English)

French – working professional proficiency

German – elementary proficiency

I also understand most Slavic languages, the level ranging from very good (Polish, Bulgarian, Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian, Macedonian) to good (Slovak, Czech, and others)