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**Nationality:**

**Armenian**

**Date of Birth:**

**18/10/1977**

**Place of Birth:**

**Yerevan, Armenia**



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### Professional Experience

**07/2021 – now**

**American University of Armenia**

*Program Chair.* Bachelor of Arts in Politics and Governance

Teaching, “Civil Society and Social Capital” (graduate), “Research Methods” (graduate), “Introduction to Political Inquiry” (undergraduate) and “Introduction to Political Science” (undergraduate) courses. Courses previously taught: “Research Design” (graduate), “Comparative Politics” (graduate), “Public Policy Analysis” (graduate), “Survey and Polling” (undergraduate) and “Introduction to Armenian Government” (undergraduate) courses.

**07/2020 – now**

**American University of Armenia**

*Associate Professor.* Political Science and International Affairs Program. College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

**07/2015 – 06/2020**

**American University of Armenia**

*Assistant Professor.* Political Science and International Affairs Program. College of Humanities and Social Sciences

**01/2011 – 06/2015**

**American University of Armenia**

*Senior Lecturer.* Political Science and International Affairs Program.

**01/2012 – 06/2018**

**American University of Armenia**

*Assistant Director of Turpanjian Center for Policy Analysis (TCPA).*

Responsibilities include designing and supervising implementation of applied and academic research projects, ensuring continuous activities of the Center for the benefit of the scholarly community of the School of Political Science and International Affairs.

**06/2011 – 06/2012**

**Eurasia Partnership Foundation-Armenia**

*Researcher.* Responsibilities included analyzing available data to help strengthen various EPF projects, assisting in proposal development, quality control and methodological advice on research projects implemented by EPF grantees or sub-contractors.

**12/2009 – 05/2011**

**Caucasus Research Resource Centers-Armenia**

*Program Manager for Data Initiative and Methodological Trainings.* Responsibilities included direct involvement in all stages of research conducted by CRRC (proposal development, methodology design, questionnaire development, data collection quality control, results presentation, etc.) as well as organization of methodological trainings and seminars.

**08/2007 – 01/2009**

**Mercator College, Jacobs University Bremen, Bremen, Germany**

*Resident Associate* in a college of about 190 student residents. Responsibilities included but were not limited to: organizing and assisting a range of activities for the benefit of college life, serving the college emergency phone, helping students with various problems, upholding college rules and discipline, acting as College Masters' (highest authority position in the college) assistant and substitute, working with the College Office Team and active students on various projects. Suggested a few ideas that became college traditions. Learned to work in a diverse team.

**09/2005 – 12/2008**

**School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Jacobs University Bremen, Bremen, Germany**

*Instructor* of "Scientific Work and Learning Skills" course. Responsibilities included teaching, grading and regular office hours. Together with fellow instructors developed the course content, exercises, homework, etc. Changed the focus of the course from lecture-oriented to practical experience-oriented. Improved popularity and perceived importance of the course.

**09/2002 – 11/2002**

**Organization for Cooperation and Security in Europe, Yerevan, Armenia**

*Intern.* Designed and carried out a survey of Armenian human rights NGOs.

**09/2001 – 11/2002 Center for Policy Analysis of American University of Armenia, Yerevan, Armenia**  
*Interviewer.* Responsibilities included interviewing respondents in various parts of Armenia, including difficult areas (slums) and sensitive topics (consequences of 1988 earthquake), data input and working with archives.

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## Education

**09/2005 – 01/2009 Jacobs University Bremen, Bremen, Germany**  
PhD in Political Science  
Thesis Title: "Civil Society and Democracy: The Country Level Interrelations and the Individual Level Impact"  
Supervisor Dr. Prof. Christian Welzel, Vice President of the World Values Survey Association

**09/2003 – 08/2005 Jacobs University Bremen, Bremen, Germany**  
MA in Integrated Social Sciences

**03/2001 – 03/2003 American University of Armenia, Yerevan, Armenia**  
MA in Political Science and International Affairs

**09/1994 – 05/1999 Yerevan State University**  
Diploma with honors in Philosophy

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## Research and Project Experience

**01/2020 – ongoing Policy, Expertise, and Trust in Action (PERITIA)**  
*Researcher:* PERITIA is an EU-funded project, implemented by a consortium of 11 institutions from 9 countries.

**09/2020 – 02/2021 Promoting Adherence to Rules During Coronavirus Pandemic Through Public Communication**  
*Principle Investigator.* The project is funded by Manoogian Simon Research Fund.

**02/2017 – 03/2017 Armenian Election Study (Post-Soviet Voter Project)**  
*Local coordinator.* Phone interviews with 1000 respondents. Was responsible for the final Armenian translation of the questionnaire and the sampling methodology design

**11/2014 – 11/2016 Civic Activism as a Novel Component of Armenian Civil Society: New Energy and Tensions**  
*Research Project Leader.* Research project implemented by TCPA, funded by Academic Swiss Caucasus Net. Tasks included development of research proposal, methodology design, participation in methodology trainings and conferences organized by the donor, supervision of data collection, data analysis, final report write-up, administration of project finances, communication with the donor, interim and final administrative reporting.

**00/2015 – 01/2016 Armenian Strategic Mining Sector Sustainability Assessment**  
*Contributor.* The project funded by World Bank and implemented by Swill Geological Company, in partnership with a number of local organizations, including TCPA. Contributed narrative and data for two chapters of the final report.

**01/2015 – 05/2015 Carnegie Research Fellowship**  
*Research Fellow* at University of Colorado Denver, USA.

**10/2012 – 11/2014 Armenian Civil Society after 20 Years of Transition: Still Post-Communist?**  
*Research Project Leader.* Research project implemented by TCPA, funded by Academic Swiss Caucasus Net. Tasks included development of research proposal, methodology design, participation in methodology trainings and conferences organized by the donor, supervision of data collection, data analysis, final report write-up, administration of project finances, communication with the donor, interim and final administrative reporting.  
*Outputs:* two articles in peer-reviewed journals, one book chapter, four conference papers, 50,000 words manuscript

**08/2014 CIVICUS Civil Society Index Rapid Assessment: Armenia Country Report**  
*Author* of a 35 pages report, which summarizes the results of the study commissioned by Counterpart International - Armenia. The report provides an overview of the current state of the Armenian civil society, as well as focuses on areas of specific interest, such as civic activism and use of social media. The report draws both on primary and secondary, quantitative and qualitative data.

- 04/2013 – 06/2013 Estimation of Direct and Indirect Costs and Benefits Related to Consolidation of Communities in Armenia**  
*Research Project Leader.* Research project implemented by TCPA, funded by USAID Armenia through Counterpart International – Armenia. Tasks included development of research proposal in response to Terms of Reference issued, methodology design in constant cooperation with the client, task distribution, supervision of data collection, data analysis, and production of several final outputs, such as the final report, a one-page summary and detailed and flexible excel sheets that enable re-calculation.
- 03/2013 – 07/2013 Assessment of Civil Society/Local Government Support (CSLGS) Counterpart-Armenia Program**  
*Analyst.* Tasks included analyzing survey (baseline) and qualitative (baseline and intermediary) data collected in 40 target and control communities in the framework of Counterpart International - Armenia implemented project and producing a report.
- 06/2012 – 01/2013 Access to School Education Exploratory Research, Armenia**  
*Principal Investigator.* Research project implemented by TCPA, funded by Open Society Foundation – Armenia. Tasks included development of research proposal in response to Terms of Reference issued, methodology design, supervision of data collection, data analysis, final report write-up, administration of project finances, communication with the donor, interim and final administrative reporting.

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### Professional Affiliations

- 04/2010 – to date International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR)**  
 Member
- 02/2016 – to date International Political Science Association (IPSA)**  
 Member

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### Extracurricular Activities

- 02/2019 – to date AUA Press, American University of Armenia, Yerevan, Armenia**  
 Executive Editorial Board Member
- 10/2015 – 10/2019 Faculty Senate, American University of Armenia, Yerevan, Armenia**  
 Executive Committee member, Secretary  
 Faculty Research and Teaching Awards Committee Chair (February 2016 – June 2017)  
 Committee on Extension Program member (September 2015 – May 2016)
- 10/1995 – 11/2016 "Spitak" Rescue Center, Yerevan, Armenia**  
 Volunteer; member of the Executive Board in 2000-2003 and 2009 to 2016
- 02/2005 – 02/2007 Graduate Student Association, Jacobs University Bremen, Bremen, Germany**  
 Secretary General of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences  
 Secretary of the Board of Graduate Students Association

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### Skills and Achievements

- Languages:** **Russian:** mother tongue **Armenian:** mother tongue  
**English:** fluent **German:** working knowledge
- PC Knowledge:** SPSS (statistical analysis), PSPP (statistical analysis), MAXQDA (qualitative analysis software)  
 Zotero (bibliographic software), Microsoft Office
- Publications:** Paturyan, Yevgenya Jenny. 2022. "Understanding Diversity of South Caucasus Civil Society." In *A Research Agenda for Civil Society*, 243–53. Edward Elgar Publishing.

Stefes, C. H., & Paturyan, Y. J. (2021). After the Revolution: State, Civil Society, and Democratization in Armenia and Georgia. *Frontiers in Political Science*, 0, 1–13.  
<https://doi.org/10.3389/fpos.2021.719478>

Demirchyan, Anahit, Haroutune K. Armenian, Yevgenya J. Paturyan, and Vahe Khachadourian. 2021. "Predictors of Permanent Emigration in a Long-Term Cohort of Spitak Earthquake Survivors in Armenia." *International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction* 61: 102337.

Paturyan, Yevgenya Jenny, Nvard Grigoryan, Mica Hilson, Brian Ellison, Hovsep Kanadyan, Mikayel Avetisyan, Meri Karapetyan, Hripsime Lputyan, and Sara Melkonyan. 2021. "Promoting

Adherence to Rules During Coronavirus Pandemic Through Public Communication.” Yerevan, Armenia: Manoogian Simone Research Fund (MSRF). <https://msrf.aua.am/online-publications/>.

Paturyan, Yevgenya, and Valentina Gevorgyan. 2021. *Armenian Civil Society: Old Problems, New Energy After Two Decades of Independence*. Springer International Publishing.

Paturyan, Yevgenya Jenny. 2020. “Armenian Civil Society: Growing Pains, Honing Skills and Possible Pitfalls.” In *Armenia’s Velvet Revolution: Authoritarian Decline and Civil Resistance in a Multipolar World*, eds. Anna Ohanyan and Laurence Broers. I.B. Tauris, 101–18.

Paturyan, Yevgenya Jenny, and Valentina Gevorgyan. 2019. “A New Channel of Information? The Challenge of Using the Social Media as a Mobilising Tool for the Armenian Civil Society.” In *Armenian Developments: Perspectives of Democratization and the Role of the Civil Society*, edited by Wolfram Hilz and Shushanik Minasyan, 27–43. *Bonner Studien Zum Globalen Wandel* 24. Tectum Verlag.

Kankanyan, Nina, and Yevgenya Jenny Paturyan. 2019. “Environmental Activism in Armenia 2008-2014: Strategies and Impact.” In *Armenian Developments: Perspectives of Democratization and the Role of the Civil Society*, edited by Wolfram Hilz and Shushanik Minasyan, 45–61. *Bonner Studien Zum Globalen Wandel*. Tectum Verlag.

Paturyan, Yevgenya Jenny, and Valentina Gevorgyan. 2018. “Re-Emerging Civic Activism: Restoring the ‘Ecosystem’ of Armenian Civil Society.” In *Civil Society in the Global South*, edited by Palash Kamruzzaman, 54–69. Routledge. London and New York.

Paturyan, Yevgenya, and Armine Bagiyani. 2017. “NGOs and Civic Activism in Armenia: Four Case Studies.” *Armenian Review* 55 (3–4): 57–84.

Paturyan, Yevgenya, and Christoph H. Stefes. “Doing Business in Armenia: The Art of Manoeuvring a System of Corruption.” In *State Capture, Political Risks and International Business: Cases from Black Sea Region Countries*, edited by Johannes Leitner and Hannes Meissner, 43–56. Routledge, 2017.

Paturyan, Yevgenya Jenny, and Valentina Gevorgyan. 2017. “Volunteering in Armenia: Leaving the Soviet Legacy Behind?” In *Perspectives on Volunteering. Voices from the South*, edited by Jacqueline Butcher and Christopher J Einolf, 227–243. Springer.

Paturyan, Yevgenya, and Valentina Gevorgyan. 2016. “Civic Activism as a Novel Component of Armenian Civil Society.” Yerevan, Armenia: Turpanjian Center for Policy Analysis. <http://tcpa.aua.am/files/2012/07/English-3.pdf>.

Paturyan, Yevgenya Jenny. 2015. “The 2015 Referendum in Armenia.” *East European Quarterly* 43 (4): 293–301.

Paturyan, Yevgenya. 2015. “Armenian Civil Society: It is Not All About NGOs.” *Caucasus Analytical Digest* 73: 2-5. Reprinted in Segert, Dieter, ed. 2016. *Civic Education and Democratization in the Eastern Partnership Countries*. Bonn: Bundeszentrale für Politische Bildung (English and Russian).

Paturyan, Yevgenya. 2014. *Armenian Civil Society: Consolidated but Detached from the Broader Public*. Policy Action Brief. CIVICUS Civil Society Index Rapid Assessment.

Paturyan, Yevgenya, and Valentina Gevorgyan. 2014. *Armenian Civil Society after Twenty Years of Transition: Still Post-Communist?* Yerevan, Armenia: Turpanjian Center for Policy Analysis. [http://tcpa.aua.am/files/2012/07/Armenian\\_Civil\\_Society\\_after\\_Twenty\\_Years\\_of\\_Transition\\_Manuscript\\_November\\_2014-fin.pdf](http://tcpa.aua.am/files/2012/07/Armenian_Civil_Society_after_Twenty_Years_of_Transition_Manuscript_November_2014-fin.pdf)

Paturyan, Yevgenya, Valentina Gevorgyan, and Mariam Matevosyan. 2014. “Is ‘Googling’ a Technique? What the Internet Can Tell Us about the Non-Governmental Sector in Armenia.” *Haigazian Armenological Review* 34 (July): 257–67.

Paturyan, Yevgenya, and Valentina Gevorgyan. 2014. "Trust towards NGOs and Volunteering in South Caucasus: Civil Society Moving Away from Post-Communism?" *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies* 14 (2): 239-62.

Paturyan, Yevgenya. 2011. "(Dis)Trusting People and Political Institutions in Armenia." *Caucasus Analytical Digest* 31: 6-10.

Paturyan, Yevgenya. 2011. *Civil Society and Democracy: Disentangling Mutual Influences*. VDM Verlag Dr. Müller: Saarbrücken.

Paturyan Yevgenya and Jrbashyan Nairuhi. 2011. "Perceptions of Corruption in Armenia: Growing Disappointment and Detachment?" In Adam Hug (ed) *Spotlight on Armenia*. London: The Foreign Policy Centre. Pp 29-35.

**Conferences and Workshops:**

Prokić, Laura Yevgenya Paturyan, Liana Simonyan, Gohar Geghamyan. 2022. "Taking Advice or 'Sticking to Their Guns'? Future Policymakers' Consideration of Expert Advice in Policy Scenario Exercises. Conference Paper. In *Ethics of Trust and Expertise PERITIA Conference*, 31 May – 2 June 2022, Yerevan, Armenia. *Paper presented, no publication*

Paturyan, Yevgenya and Sara Melkonyan. 2022. "Revolution, Covid and War in Armenia: Impact on Various Forms of Trust." Conference Paper. In *Ethics of Trust and Expertise PERITIA Conference*, 31 May – 2 June 2022, Yerevan, Armenia. *Paper presented, no publication*

Paturyan, Yevgenya. 2021. "Armenian Civil Society: From Sporadic Resistance to a 'Velvet Revolution'." Conference Paper. In *14<sup>th</sup> Global Virtual Conference of the International Society for Third Sector Research*, 10-15 July, 2021. *Paper presented, no publication*

Paturyan, Yevgenya. 2021. "Armenian Civil Society: From Sporadic Resistance to a 'Velvet Revolution'." Conference Paper. In *26<sup>th</sup> Virtual World Congress of Political Science*, 10-15 July, 2021. *Paper presented, no publication*

Central Asia and the South Caucasus in Transition: International Perspectives. 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference of the EU, Central Asia and the Caucasus in the International System (EUCACIS). 30-31 August 2018, Tbilisi, Georgia. *Panel participant, no paper*

Paturyan, Yevgenya. 2018. "Popular Pressure and Political Will to Curb Corruption: Implications for Armenia and Honduras." Conference Paper. In *25<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Political Science*, 21-25 July, 2018, Brisbane, Australia. *Participated in the one-day An Introduction into Comparative Case Study Research methods course. Paper presented, no publication*

Paturyan, Yevgenya. 2018. "Post-Communist Civil Society after Two Decades of Transition: Re-visiting Howard." Conference Paper In *13<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the International Society for Third Sector Research*, 10-13 July, 2018, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. *Participated in Story Telling Workshop by Story Collider; paper presented, no publication*

Paturyan, Yevgenya, and Valentina Gevorgyan. 2016. "Civic Activism as a Novel Component of Armenian Civil Society: New Energy and Tensions." Conference Paper. In *Bringing the Strands Together: New Prospects for the Social Sciences?* 18-19 November, Tbilisi, Georgia: Academic Swiss Caucasus Net Final Conference. *Paper presented, no publication*

Strengthening the Participation of Civil Society in Armenia and Georgia Workshop, 27-28 October, 2016, Bonn, Germany. *Panel member, no paper or publication*

Carnegie Scholar Publication Program, 3-5 October, 2016. Tbilisi, Georgia. *Workshop participant*

Paturyan, Yevgenya, and Valentina Gevorgyan. 2016. "Armenian NGOs and Civic Activists. Seeing Eye to Eye?" Conference Paper. In *24<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Political Science*, 23-28 July, 2016, Poznań, Poland. *Participated in the one-day Comparative Research Methods Analysis methods course. Paper presented, no publication.*

Paturyan, Yevgenya, and Valentina Gevorgyan. 2016. "Emergent Civic Activism: A New Phase of Transition for Post-Communist Armenian Civil Society?" Conference Paper. In *12<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the International Society for Third Sector Research*, 28 June – 1 July, 2016,

Stockholm, Sweden. *Two paper presentations, chair of a session. Paper published in the conference Working Paper Series* [https://istr.site-ym.com/page/WP\\_Stockholm](https://istr.site-ym.com/page/WP_Stockholm)

Paturyan, Yevgenya, and Valentina Gevorgyan. 2015. "Armenian Civic Activism in the Context of Post-Communist Political Culture." Conference Paper. In *Protest, Modernization, Democratization: Political and Social Dynamics in the Post-Soviet Countries*, 3–16. Tbilisi: Academic Swiss Caucasus Net. <http://ascn.ch/en/Events/Annual-Conference-2015.html>. *Paper presented and published online*

Paturyan, Yevgenya, and Valentina Gevorgyan. 2014. "The Armenian third sector twenty years after the post-soviet transition: continuity or change?" Conference Paper. In *11th International Conference of the International Society for Third Sector Research*, 22-25 July 2014, Münster, Germany. *Paper presentation, no publication*

Paturyan, Yevgenya, and Tatevik Badalyan. 2014. "Armenian Constitution: A Failed Attempt at Democracy Export." Conference Paper. In *Exporting Regimes? Interests and Strategies of Powerful States in the Post-Communist Space* Academic Swiss Caucasus Net Conference, 13-14 June. 2014, Berlin, Germany. *Paper presentation, no publication*

Paturyan, Yevgenya. 2012. "Testing the Validity of Expert-assessment Based Measurements of Civil Society" Paper Presented at International Society for Third Sector Research 10th International Conference 10-13 July, Siena, Italy. *Paper presented and published in the Conference Papers Series*

Workshop on Engaging Citizens to Counter Corruption for Better Public Service Delivery and Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. Special event at the Fourth Session of the Conference of the State Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption. October 2011, Marrakech, Morocco.

"Civil Society, Social Capital and Democratisation" Post-Graduate Summer School 2007 of The Network of Excellence on Civil Society and New Forms of Governance in Europe (CINEFOGO) in August 2007, Aberdeen, Scotland.

**Interests:** Hiking, Skiing,