

I'm a civil servant with a keen interest and background in energy. I was awarded the BP scholarship for energy/STEM students, and have an MA Energy (1:1) and BA Politics (2:1). I was an editor in two academic journals; Editor-in-Chief at an energy-specific journal. I have experience in government policy, legislation and regulation for Ofgem and BEIS (formerly DECC). My MA thesis was on the development of liquidity in the British/Dutch wholesale gas markets.

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**European University at St. Petersburg**

-**MA Energy:** First-class honours / 4.0  
GPA equivalent (“отлично”)

**Queen's University Belfast**

-**BA Politics:** Upper second-class  
honours / 3.67 GPA equivalent

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## BEIS Senior Policy Advisor

**March 2019 - Present**

- My role is in addressing barriers to the large scale deployment of offshore wind, at a time of huge increased ambition for offshore wind that requires new strategic policy approaches and unprecedented spatial planning. This means:
  - Being the policy lead for offshore wind and aviation, cumulative environmental impacts, and social impacts.
  - Managing the relationship with Ministry of Defence, Department for Transport, Defra and a number of industry stakeholders as well as statutory nature conservation bodies.
  - Working on engagement with counterparts in EU Member States on sustainable development of the North Sea.
- I have additionally taken on responsibility within the offshore wind team on the UK-EU Future Economic Partnership, hydrogen, and the grid integration challenge of renewables.

## BEIS Policy Advisor

**Oct 2016 - March 2019**

- I worked in the Markets & Affordability team. My main policy areas included wholesale electricity markets and energy codes - two areas that I had little specific knowledge of, but quickly learnt given my energy background. I also worked on gas trade and no-deal Brexit.
- Stakeholder engagement: I represented BEIS by delivering presentations, our position at discussions and workshops, and at industry events/conferences. This included presenting the story of GB's energy liberalisation to the Japanese government, representing BEIS' position at the Flame Conference, and organising a cross-government conference on Blockchain in energy. I regularly sought stakeholder feedback on new policy. I continue to have a wide network in government, 'Grid', Ofgem, and industry.

- Civil Service products: I gained experience and was comfortable leading writing submissions, research reports, ministerial briefings, consultations, PQ responses, SI products, post-implementation reviews, and other core civil service products. I also gained familiarity with the overall policy process within central government.
- Management: I was drafted into the (retail) price cap bill, where I took responsibility for making sure all products were delivered on time; this included choosing who to assign tasks to and where/when to shift resources. I also managed individual projects.
- Codes: I managed implementation of the Electricity Balancing Guideline and was the policy lead for the CAM replacement/domestication legislation in the event of a no-deal Brexit. I also previously worked with CACM and broadly on code governance reform.

## **Ofgem Assistant Policy Advisor** **June 2015 - Oct 2016**

- I developed new policy on often technical areas, helped scrutinise new regulations, and used my project management skills to help deliver the administration of a renewable support scheme (the Non-Domestic RHI).
- I also wrote technical guidance on different areas of renewable heat such as biogas or adding additional capacity. I communicated with scheme participants and industry where special advice was needed, and worked with the wider team to plan/deliver key communications. Using the Toyota Method, I helped meet KPIs of the operational side of the team; in one instance reducing average response time by 12 minutes. My performance review described me as ‘innovative’.
- A key part of this role was stakeholder management, as the policy team needed to have insight from the frontline staff, from DECC (now BEIS, who sponsored the scheme) and industry. I built my team’s relationship with them by maintaining the right amount of contact and tone. I also assisted the Communications team in redeveloping our website, and separately our communications strategy for new sustainability requirements.

## **Various Editorial Positions** **Sept 2012 - Present**

- I have a longstanding interest in copy-editing, research, and editorial work. During my undergraduate degree I co-founded an academic journal – The Queen’s Political Review – and took position as editor for the ‘Europe & International’ section. I also worked on outreach for the journal, which included giving writing classes to MBA and postgraduate students. During my own postgraduate degree, I was Editor-in-Chief of a journal specific to energy – Energy Politics in Eurasia Journal (ENERPO). I changed the format of the journal and increased submissions and readership. ENERPO Journal also helped host a Russia-EU energy dialogue.