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EDUCATION

Rutgers University, Newark	
Ph.D. in Global Urban Studies, Urban Systems (Field: Collective Action, Religion, Global Civil Society)	2023
New School University	
Master of Arts in International Affairs, Specialization: Conflict and Security	2016
Saint Peter's University	
Bachelor of Arts (Summa Cum Laude) Sociology and Urban Studies (Double Major)	2008

DISSERTATION RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Committee Chair, [Janice Gallagher](#), Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Rutgers University-Newark.

Committee Member, [Rose Cuison-Villazor](#), Vice Dean, Professor of Law, Rutgers Law School, Rutgers University-Newark

RESEARCH

Micu, Kristina. "What's Faith Got to Do With it? The Role of Local Church Congregations in the 'Interconnected' Global Civil Society." – *Dissertation Research Proposal*

Abstract: The proposed research investigates how collaboration between entities are established and maintained despite diversity and autonomy. I critically examine faith as the motivation to how churches multiply across geographic boundaries, and the social-cultural mechanisms that bridge diverse entities to form coalitions and mobilize in collective action. My proposed research specifically highlights local church congregations in relation to each other and between other diverse non-religious institutions within the community. Much of my research will use the theoretical lens of framing to elucidate how religious beliefs, specifically the Christian Faith, motivates churches to multiply, mobilize and engage in certain communities with various entities. I argue that an investigation of the Christian faith, which undergirds local church congregations, and of the strategic ways in which local churches bridge ties with the community will provide further insight to increasing collaboration. This study is part of a larger research agenda that seeks to intersect global civil society and social movement literature in order to investigate how social institutions are able to establish collaboration and sustain ties despite differences of interests.

Working Papers

Micu, Kristina. "A New Typology of Collective Action: Noncooperative Reaction and Unregistered Protestant House Churches in China."

Micu, Kristina. "Rethinking Sanctuary: Church and Collective Behavior."

GRANTS

Travel Grant, "*Civic Dialogue, Democracy, and the Arts*" Independent Study Course, Warsaw, Poland, 2018

ASSOCIATIONS

2021 – Present Member, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

2021 – Present Member, Association for the Sociology of Religion

TEACHING

Saint Peter's University

Undergraduate, Department of Sociology and Urban Studies

Intercultural Relations (Fall 2017, Fall 2019, Fall 2020)

Global Feminisms (Spring 2018)

Introduction to Sociology (Spring 2017, Fall 2018)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

7/2016 – Present Program Coordinator, Center for Migration & the Global City, Rutgers University

04/2014 – 6/2016 Student Services Coordinator, The Culinary School at Eva's Village

7/2011 – 4/2014 Case Manager, Gardent State Episcopal Community Development Corporation

4/2009 – 1/2012 Residential Counselor, SERV Behavioral Health Systems Inc.

INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

5/2013 – 10/2013 International Rescue Committee, New York, NY

1/2009 – 12/2011 Arigatou International, Geneva, Switzerland

12/2008 – 7/2009 International Organization for Migration, Geneva, Switzerland

07/2008 – 10/2008 United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Geneva, Switzerland