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EDUCATION

Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan, PhD in Education, 2017
Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, USA, Master of Education, 2011
East Kazakhstan State University, Ust-Kamenogorsk, Kazakhstan, Specialist, 2000

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia
Center of Sociology of Higher Education, Expert (12/2020 - present)
Nazarbayev University, Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan
Department of Student Services, Advisor (02/2021 - present)
Office of the President, Senior Manager, (06/2012 – 02/2021)
Department of Academic Planning and Analysis, Manager, (09/2011 – 05/2012)
Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, USA
Office of International Student and Scholar Services, Administrative Assistant, (01 - 05/2011)
Provost Office of Finance and Admission, Project Management Director, (09/2010 - 05/2011)
East Kazakhstan State University, Ust-Kamenogorsk, Kazakhstan
Senior lecturer (09/2000 - 08/2009)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, Comparative International Education Society, USA
- Member, Consortium of Gender Scholars (GenCon), Nazarbayev University, Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Research assistant, collaborative research project of the Nazarbayev University Graduate School of Education and the University of Cambridge's Faculty of Education *The Improvement of the Secondary Education Curriculum of Kazakhstan in the Context of Modern Reform* (September 2014 - April 2016)
- Visiting student scholar, Graduate School of Education, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA (September 14 - December 14, 2015)
- Co-Investigator, research project *Graduate Student Parents' Experience in Kazakhstan* (April 15, 2018 - present) (Co-Investigator: Anna CohenMiller, Graduate School of Education, Nazarbayev University, Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan)
- Visiting scholar, Goldman School of Public Policy, Center for Studies in Higher Education, University of California Berkeley, USA (August 1, 2019 - July 31, 2020)
- Co-Investigator, research project *Graduate Education Experiences and Professional Development Outcomes of Graduate Student Parents at American, Chinese, European, Japanese and Russian leading universities. Exploring responses on the SERU survey.* (August 2019 - present) (Co-Investigator: Igor Chirikov, Goldman School of Public Policy, Center for Studies in Higher Education, University of California Berkeley, USA)
- Reviewer, Fostering Research and Innovation Potential (FRIP) grant program for Nazarbayev University Undergraduate and Master's students, Young Researchers Alliance (April, 2018 - present)

PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles

Saniyazova A. (2020) Young researchers as drivers of change in doctoral education // *Higher Education in Russia and Beyond*. 2020. Vol. 4. No. 25. P. 22-23.

Book chapters

Fimyar, O., Saniyazova, A. & Mun, O. (2017) 'Methodology of Collaborative Research: Searching for a Synergy in the Study of Student Transition in Kazakhstan'. In SAGE Research Methods Cases Part 2. London, United Kingdom: SAGE Publications. <http://methods.sagepub.com/case/collaborative-researchsynergy-study-student-transition-kazakhstan>

Katsu S., Saniyazova, A. (2018) 'Nazarbayev University'. In the book 'Accelerated Universities. Ideas and Money Combine to Build Academic Excellence'. Editors: Philip G. Altbach, Jamil Salmi, Isak Froumin. Series: Global Perspectives on Higher Education, Volume: 40

Reports

Fimyar, O., Faucher, C., Saniyazova, A., Makhmutova, A., & Mun, O. (2016, April 19-22). 'The social aspects of transition from school to higher education: The focus on rural multi-ethnic communities in Kazakhstan'. in Bridges, D. (ed). The Improvement of the secondary education curriculum of Kazakhstan in the context of modern reforms: Fourth Report on the research collaboration between University of Cambridge, Faculty of Education and Nazarbayev University Graduate School of Education. Report for internal circulation (pp. 66-103) https://www.educ.cam.ac.uk/networks/eri/casestudies/kazakhstan/researching/2015%20Report_short_version.pdf

Conference proceedings

Fimyar, O., Faucher, C., Saniyazova, A., Iztayeva, A., Makhmutova, A., & Mun, O. 'The social aspects of transition from school to higher education: The focus on rural multi-ethnic communities in Kazakhstan'. Paper presented at The XVII April International Academic Conference on Economic and Social Development at the Higher School of Economics, Institute of Education, Moscow, Russia. <http://regconf.hse.ru/uploads/77865853980fa6f195838acbaca6a0769a773cd9.pdf>

Strategic documents

Nazarbayev University Strategy for 2018-2030 (2018). https://nu.edu.kz/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/2_NU-Strategy_ENG_2030-1.pdf

LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS DELIVERED

- Workshop on first-year experience for NUFYP (Nazarbayev University Foundation Year Program) faculty (based on the findings of the PhD study "*Students' perceptions of their first-year university experience: case study of Nazarbayev University*"). September 7, 2017, Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan.
- Interactive lecture *IDEAs (impressions, discussions, exchanges and activities): Kazakhstan – Education and More* delivered for participants of Kazakhstan – China Youth Leadership program in cooperation with Renmin University of China, July 20, 2017, Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan

SUMMER SCHOOLS AND WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

- Skills Development Workshop (Outcome Based Education and Constructive Alignment. Assessment and Feedback. Research Informed Teaching. Learning and Teaching in a Digital Age) by Advance HE, UK. February 25 - March 1, 2019, Astana, Kazakhstan.
- Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences Association's Workshop. Approaches to Identity. November 1, 2019. University of California Berkeley, USA. Panel chair.
- European Educational Research Association (EERA) Research Summer School (EERSS) 2016. Methods and Methodology in Educational Research. July 11-15, 2016, Johannes Kepler University, Linz, Austria.
- Research Collaboration Writing Workshop, June 29 - July 10, 2015, University of Cambridge Faculty of Education, Cambridge, UK
- European Educational Research Association (EERA) Research Summer School (EERSS) 2015. Data and Educational Research, June 22-26, 2015, the University of Sheffield, Sheffield, UK.
- Round table on school students' well-being and engagement as part of collaboration between Faculty of Education, University of Cambridge, and Graduate School of Education, Nazarbayev University, June 13, 2016, Almaty, Kazakhstan.
- 7th UACES Workshop European and Asian Perspectives of China's Belt and Road Initiative. April 24-26, 2018, Astana, Kazakhstan.
- Workshop on case study writing conducted by Ms. Shilpi Banerjee, Center Manager (ex) and Case writer, Asia Case research center (ACRC), School of Business, University of Hong Kong. March 2-3, 2017, Astana, Kazakhstan.

AWARDS

- Letter of appreciation for professional service awarded by Young Researchers Alliance, Nazarbayev University, 2019, 2018
- EERA (European Educational Research Association) Network 23 (Policy Studies and Politics of Education) Emerging Researchers Travel Grant, 2017
- Letter of appreciation for professional service awarded by President of Nazarbayev University, 2016
- CIES (Comparative International Education Society) New Scholars Merit Travel Grant, 2016
- Certificate of excellence in recognition of valuable contributions awarded by Minister Of Education and Science of Kazakhstan, 2015
- Certificate of excellence in recognition of valuable contributions awarded by the Dean of the Commons, Vanderbilt University, USA, 2011
- Certificate of excellence in recognition of professional competence awarded by the Rector of Eastern Kazakhstan State University, Ust-Kamenogorsk, Kazakhstan, 2009
- "BOLASHAK" Presidential scholarship award, Republic of Kazakhstan, for graduate study in the USA, 2008
- Best University Teacher Award from the East Kazakhstan Regional Department of Education, 2007
- Best Student Advisor Award, East Kazakhstan State University, Ust-Kamenogorsk, Kazakhstan, 2007, 2006
- Certificate of Excellence in recognition of professionalism in organizing academic process awarded by the Dean of the Philological Department, East Kazakhstan State University, Ust-Kamenogorsk, Kazakhstan, 2007