

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Academic qualifications:

- 2013      **Doctorate awarded by Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, UK** (Ph.D. in Urban Studies. PhD thesis entitled 'The evaluation of British social enterprises projects and lessons for Kazakhstan'). **Awarded Kazakhstan Ministry of Education "Bolashak" Scholarship**
- 2009      **Summer School at London School of Economics, London, UK**, Course in Organisational Behaviour, Granted LSE Summer School Scholarship
- 2008      **Cross-sector Partnership Postgraduate Program for Industry, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK**
- 2002      **MPhil in Urban Policy, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, UK**, Awarded British Foreign Office "*Chevening*" Scholarship (2001)
- 1997      **BSC with Honours in International Affairs (1st class), University of Kainar, Almaty, Kazakhstan**

### Employment:

- 2020-to  
present      **Associate Professor, Head of School for Sociological Studies, Narikbayev KazGUU University**
- 2019 - 2020      **Visiting Faculty in Sociology & Consultant to Graduate School of Development, University of Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan & Tajikistan**  
Teaching the Sociology course for undergraduate students. Research fieldwork
- 2007- 2018      **Social Advisor to Vice-Rector Kazakh British Technical University (KBTU), Almaty, Kazakhstan**  
**Professor of Sociology, University of London International Programme Affiliate Center at Kazakh-British Technical University, Almaty, Kazakhstan**  
**Acting Dean, Chair (2016-2017), Associate Professor (2014-2018) Assistant Professor (2013-2014), Senior Lector (2006-2013)**
- Job duties:      Teaching Sociology course for University of London International Program students. Undertaking of project research and evaluation. In parallel management of the educational empowerment of socially disadvantaged children project team and serve as the primary point of contact with donors regarding the day-to-day activity implementation and management matters relating to the contract. Manage and supervise the work of experts/personnel provided under the contract. Establish appropriate monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to ensure that activity progress and specific implementation concerns are regularly and promptly reported and that project objectives are met. Manage the preparation and presentation of work plans

and all reports. Ensure that solid relationships are built and maintained between KBTU and children camp project-related key local stakeholders and partners.

2007-2009 **Project Director, Consultant Chief of Party, Representative Office of Counterpart International (USAID-funded USA-based international organisation), Almaty, Kazakhstan**

Job duties: Research and advising Chief of Party as well as the Board of Directors on political developments in Kazakhstan and preparation written briefs as needed in order to steer project policy dialogue; Development of programme strategy; Development of conceptual framework of grant programs; Grant management, administrative & programmatic management; fundraising; coordination of project media promotion; Facilitation of the implementation of the advocacy, social entrepreneurship and partnership project objectives; monitoring proceedings and providing analysis of activities in Parliament, government departments, political parties, local government, think-tanks, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and other bodies in order to undertake advocacy project activities; establishing and maintaining two-way communication with relevant government official bodies and stakeholders; management of project monitoring and evaluation;

2003-2006 **Project Coordinator, Representative Office of Counterpart International USAID-funded USA-based international organisation) in Kazakhstan**

Job duties: Research and analysis of institutional capacity of civil society support NGOs & their community development capabilities; provision of relevant analysis and feedback to grantees to develop and finalise grant proposals; reviewing grant proposals and writing grant recommendations as part of the grant approval process; maintaining regular contact, with member of parliaments, civil servants, and staff in local authorities to implement project activities; coordination of publicity activities; project monitoring and evaluation; project impact assessment.

2000-2003 **Assistant to Voluntary Service Overseas, VSO & NGO Baspana (London-based International Non-Governmental Organisation) Social Work Advisor**

Job duties: Facilitation US State Department, DFID, UK, DCA, Denmark, USAID community development projects, project monitoring and impact assessment reporting, assistance in community participation, cooperation with grass-roots and community-based organisations

1998-1999 **Consultant Director, Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Research at President Office of Kazakhstan**

Job duties: Researching, forecasting and evaluating the effects of international and internal policies and policy transfer opportunities; using public sources, political analysis and fieldwork/site visits to develop analytical reports; maintaining regular contact, in person and in writing, with civil servants, and staff in local authorities to brief them on clients' work and concerns;

**RESEARCH INTERESTS:** International civil society organizations; social enterprise, empowerment of socially vulnerable people; cross-sector partnerships; volunteering, philanthropy, NGO management

## **PUBLICATIONS**

**Current research:**

Tanekenov A.S Youth volunteerism in Central Asia

### **International English language journals:**

Tanekenov, A., Fitzpatrick, S., and Johnsen, S., (2018) "Empowerment, capabilities and homelessness" *Journal Housing, Theory and Society journal*. (Impact Factor: 1,22)

Tanekenov, A., (2016) Social enterprises in the UK: organisational lessons, *Cogent Social Sciences*, Vol., 2, Issue 1, DOI:10.1080/23311886.2016.1185812

### **Contributions to Russian language journals:**

Tanekenov, A. (2008) Partnership through public participation. *Journal Mysl*, Issue 2, p. 37-40.

Tanekenov, A. (2007) Partnership Interaction. *Journal of Psychology, Sociology and Political Science*, Vol. 4, p. 41-46

Tanekenov, A. (2006) "Algorithm" of Collaboration. *Journal of International Institute for Contemporary Politics*, July, Vol. 7, p. 23-25

Tanekenov, A. (2005) Cross-sector Partnership Challenges. *Sociological Journal of Russia*, Vol. 6, p. 46-52

Tanekenov, A. and Kozhamkulova, L., (2005) "The Issues of Social Partnership" *Vestnik Journal of Kazakh National University*, Vol 8, p. 28-34

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Tanekenov, A., "Internal Migration: the case of Almaty city" DePaul University Conference, Chicago, USA. 2017

Tanekenov, A., "Social enterprise organisational models" the British Housing Association Conference, York, UK. 2015

Tanekenov, A., "Empowerment through employment: the experience of British social enterprises" the British Housing Association Conference, York, UK. 2014

Tanekenov, A., "Social contracting and partnerships of the Government and NGOs" proceedings from the International Conference St. Petersburg Government and St. Petersburg State University of Psychology and Social Work, St. Petersburg, Russia. 2007.

Tanekenov, A., "Government-NGO cooperation through establishment of volunteers' centres", the International Conference at Kazakh National University, Almaty, Kazakhstan, October, 2007

### **LANGUAGES**

English-very good; Russian-Fluent, Kazakh-Fluent, German-basic.

### **COMPUTER SKILLS**

MS Office, internet and email services