

GERSON S. SHER

POSITIONS

- 2022 - present** Member, Board of International Counselors, National Research Foundation of Ukraine
- 2022 - 2023** Former Co-Chair, Working Group on Rebuilding Engineering, Science, Technology, Academic Research, and Training in Ukraine (RESTART-Ukraine) (organized by Policy and Global Affairs, National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine)
- 2019 - 2021** Chair, Organizing Committee
Victor Rabinowitch Memorial Symposium and Award
- 2013 - present** President
1230 Consulting, LLC
Washington, DC
- 2013 - 2015** Senior Advisor
Managing Across Boundaries
The Stimson Center
Washington, DC
- 2010 - 2012** Executive Vice President
United States Industry Coalition
Arlington, Virginia
- 2006 - 2010** President
United States Industry Coalition
Arlington, Virginia
- 2004 - 2006** President
Gerson S. Sher, LLC
Washington, DC
- 1995 - 2004** President (Founding President)
U.S. Civilian Research and Development Foundation (CRDF)
Arlington, Virginia
On detail from NSF, 1995-1999

1993 – 1995

Chief Operating Officer
International Science Foundation
c/o Open Society Institute (Soros Foundation)
New York, New York
On detail from NSF, 1993-1995

1979 – 1993

Division of International Programs
National Science Foundation
Arlington, Virginia

- *Program Coordinator, Eastern Europe (1992 - 1993)*
- *Senior Program Manager, U.S.S.R. and Eastern Europe (1985 - 1992)*
- *Program Manager, U.S.-Yugoslavia Cooperative Science Program (1983-1987)*
- *Program Manager, U.S.-India Science and Technology Initiative (1983-1984)*
- *Policy Analyst, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President (On detail from NSF, 1982-1983)*
- *Program Manager, U.S.-U.S.S.R. Program (1979-1982)*

1979

Visiting Assistant Professor
Department of Political Science
Duke University
Durham, North Carolina

1973-1979

Program Officer
Section on U.S.S.R. and Eastern Europe
National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council
Washington, DC

EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Princeton University (Politics), 1975
- B.A., Yale University (Russian Studies), 1969, summa cum laude
- Harvard Business School Executive Education Seminar, "Strategic Perspectives in Nonprofit Management," 2001

HONORS

- Honorary Doctorate, Moscow Engineering-Physics Institute (State University) (MEPhI), June 2008
- Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Honor Society, elected 2003
- Director's Award for Program Officer Excellence, National Science Foundation, 1991
- National Defense Foreign Language Fellow, 1969-1973
- Woodrow Wilson Fellow, 1969
- Phi Beta Kappa, Yale University, 1969

AFFILIATIONS

- Member, Editorial Board, *Svitohlyad* (Ukraine) (2016 – present)
- Governor, The Evergreen State College Foundation (2003-2009)

- Advisory Council, Civilian Research and Development Foundation (CRDF), 2004-2008
- Governing Council, Basic Research and Higher Education Program (CRDF), 1998 – 2010
- Yale University Guild of Carillonneurs, 1965-1969 (President, 1967-1969)
- American Association for the Advancement of Science
- Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Honor Society

PUBLICATIONS

- “*Moi, je ne suis pas Marxiste’ – Karl Marx.*” *Svitohlyad*, 2024, No. 1 (105), 24-27. [svitoglyad-1-2024-9.indd](#)
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- “Investing in Ukraine’s brains is vital for the country’s post-war prosperity.” *Atlantic Council Ukraine Alert* (July 3, 2022). <https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/ukrainealert/investing-in-ukraines-brains-is-vital-for-the-countrys-post-war-prosperity/>
- “The Limits of Science Diplomacy,” in “Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine: What Can U.S. Scientists Do?” *Science & Diplomacy* (February 2022). <https://www.sciencediplomacy.org/perspective/2022/russias-invasion-ukraine-what-can-us-scientists-do>
- “Science Knows Boundaries: Reflections on Sixty Years of U.S.-Former Soviet Union Scientific Cooperation.” *Science & Diplomacy* (December 2019). <http://www.sciencediplomacy.org/article/2019/science-knows-boundaries-reflections-sixty-years-us-former-soviet-union-scientific?fbclid=IwAR1fDiSyfsh1ClbHySo3fK8aCcx7CWRyNwp8fyUrjtxO2GRe-vDnY0xWtZE>
- *From Pugwash to Putin: A Critical History of Scientific Cooperation Between the United States and the Former Soviet Union*. Bloomington, Indiana University Press, 2019. (Chinese translation by China Science and Technology Press, 2022.)
- “Beware the foreign policy of fascist governments.” *The Times of Israel* (3 January 2017). Accessed 4 January 2017 at <http://blogs.timesofisrael.com/beware-the-foreign->

[policy-of-fascist-governments/](#)

- "Poglyad na mizhnarodne naukovе spivrobitnitstvo: Vystup d-ra Gerson S. Shera v Institutі fiziki Natsional'noi akademii nauk Ukrainy (Reflections on international scientific cooperation: Speech of Dr. Gerson S. Sher at the Physics Institute of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine)." *Svitoglyad*, **57** (2016, No. 1), pp. 31-35.
- "Is Israel Borrowing from Vladimir Putin's Playbook?" *Forward* (6 November 2015). Accessed 6 November 2015 at <http://forward.com/opinion/324198/is-israel-borrowing-from-vladimir-putins-playbook/?attribution=articles-hero-item-text-1>.
- "Science Diplomacy and Beyond." Letter to *Science*, **346**, 631 (8 August 2014).
- "Are Medical Radioisotopes Contributing to Global Nuclear Insecurity?" *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, May/June 2014 vol. 70 no. 3:56-64.
- "Russia, Ukraine and Sanctions: A Double-Edged Sword." *International Business Times*, 24 March 2014. <http://www.ibtimes.com/russia-ukraine-sanctions-double-edged-sword-1559910>
- "Why Your Stress Test is a National Security Issue." Op-Ed on Stimson Center Website. <http://www.stimson.org/spotlight/why-your-stress-test-is-a-national-security-issue/>
- "Rol' mizhnarodnogo spivrobitnitstva u rozvitku naukovogo potentsialu Ukrainy" ("The role of scientific cooperation in Ukraine's scientific potential"). *Nauka ta innovacii* (Kyiv), 2006.
- "Vysshee obrazovanie i peredacha tekhnologii v Rossiiskoy Federatsii – Mezhdunarodnyi rakurs" ("Higher Education and Technology Transfer in the Russian Federation – An International Perspective"), *Ot zananii k blagosostoyaniyu: Integratsiya nauki I vysshego obrazovanie dlya razvitiya Rossii* (From Knowledge to Well-Being: The Integration of Science and Higher Education for Russia's Development) (Moscow: The World Bank and the National Training Fund, 2006). Original paper was in English and translated into Russian for publication.
- "U.S.-Russia Scientific Cooperation in Changing Times," *Problems of Post-Communism* **51:4**, 25-33 (July-August 2004).
- "Why Should We Care About Russian Science?" (with James D. Watson). *Science* **289**, 389 (21 July 2000).
- "Bridges of Science," Plenary Address to the 45th Arctic Science Conference, 29 August - 2 September 1994, Vladivostok.
- "Does Research in the Former Soviet Union Have a Future?" (with James D. Watson), *Science* **264**, 1280-1281 (27 May 1994).
- "Rethinking U.S.-U.S.S.R. Scientific Cooperation," *NSF Insight*, Fall 1990, pp. 146-152.
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97th Congress (June 1981), pp. 351-354.

- *Praxis: Marxist Criticism and Dissent in Socialist Yugoslavia* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1977).
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- "The Belgrade Eight': Tito Muzzles the Loyal Opposition," *The Nation*, March 15, 1975.
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TRANSLATIONS

- *In Search of Democracy in Socialism: History and Party Consciousness*, by Svetozar Stojanović. Translation from Serbo-Croatian. Buffalo, NY: Prometheus Books, 1981.
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- *Between Ideals and Reality: A Critique of Socialism and Its Future*, by Svetozar Stojanović. Translation from Serbo-Croatian. New York: Oxford University Press, 1973.

LANGUAGES

- Russian (good)
- Serbo-Croatian (fair)
- French (fair-poor)
- Italian (rudimentary)
- Hebrew (rudimentary)