

Dominic Rubin: Academic Curriculum Vitae

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Education and Qualifications

- 2020** **Russian State Certificate in Russian Language (TRKI 3/III-C1)** Russian language competency test proving near-native fluency in Russian for translators, journalists, teachers operating in the Russian language (score 93%)
- 1997 - 2001** **PhD in Linguistics, School of Oriental and African Studies, (SOAS), London University, UK** (Morpho-phonology)
- 1996 – 1997** **MA in Linguistics, SOAS, London University, UK** (Semantics, Philosophy of Language)
- 1995** **Test of English as a Foreign Language (TEFL), Language Link, London.**
- 1993-1994** **Research in Philosophy and Linguistics. Hebrew University, Jerusalem** (Research area: 20th century German-Jewish philosophy)
- 1990-1993** **BA, 1st Class Honours, Oxford University, UK.** Oriental Studies: Hebrew, Aramaic, Jewish & Israeli History and Literature.

Awards

- 2013** **Dickinson College Global Education Research Grant** for field trip to Kyrgyzstan
- 1998-2000** **EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council of the British Government) grant** for doctoral research in formal linguistics
- 1993-1994** **Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Cultural and Scientific Affairs division) Scholarship** for postgraduate research
- 1993** **Oxford University Regius Hebrew Prizes** for: Rabbinic Hebrew, Biblical Hebrew, general performance in Hebrew language parts of degree
- 1985-1989** **Academic Scholarship** to Winchester College, Hampshire, UK

Employment

- Jan.2021-April 2021** **Lecturer at Pontifical University of John Paul II, Cracow.** Department of Philosophy, European Social Fund program for Education Development. 4 courses on religion, philosophy, culture and literature in Eastern Europe. Taught in Russian for Russian, Belarusian and Ukrainian students.
- Sept. 2016-2022** **Lecturer on International Studies program of Higher School of Economics, Moscow and London School of Economics, London.** Methodology and Philosophy of the Natural and Social Sciences, History of

Religion, Logic and Critical Thinking, Social Psychology, World Intellectual History

- June 2015, 2016** **Lecturer on St Andrews Biblical-Theological Summer Institute of Dialogue (Russian-language).** Abrahamic Religion, Muslim-Orthodox Christian relations; Jewish-Christian relations
- August 2015** **Lecturer for Northeastern University and New Hampshire University,** summer program Moscow: courses taught - "Russia's Orient"; "Islamic Russia and Eurasia: from 651 to the present."
- Dec 2014-present** **Religious Board of Muslims of the Russian Federation,** translator, interpreter, cultural consultant, conference organizer.
- Sept 2014-2022** **Lecturer at State University, Higher School of Economics (HSE), ICEF** (London School of Economics Overseas programme in finance and economics). Subjects: History of Western Philosophy; World Intellectual History
- Sept 2012 - May 2014** Visiting Scholar in Russian Department, **Dickinson College,** PA, U.S.A. Courses taught: Religion and communism; Islam in Eurasia; Aspects of Russian culture (in Russian, for advanced Russian majors); Russia and the West; Russian language
- Sept 2011-May 2012** Lecturer in "Russia Today", **Russia State Humanitarian University (RGGU),** Moscow (program for U.S. overseas students).
- Sept 2004-May 2012** Lecturer at **State University, Higher School of Economics (HSE),** (London School of Economics Overseas programme in finance and economics). Subjects: Intellectual History of Europe; History of Religion
- Jan 2003-2012** Translator and lecturer at **St Philaret's Higher School of Theology, Moscow:** Biblical Hebrew, Old Testament, Russian philosophy, history of religion.[Language of instruction: Russian]
- Jan 2003-2012** Lecturer at **Moscow University Touro,** Moscow: Business Ethics (for MBA students), Political Science, Philosophy, Composition, English for Exams (IELTS, GMAT, TOEFL), Academic Writing and Research Methods.
- Oct. 2001 – April 2002** Lecturer in Linguistics (part-time), **Cambridge University,** England.
- Sept 1998-August 2000** Teacher of Academic and Specialist English to requalifying professional with refugee status at **WAES** (Westminster Adult Education Service), London
- Sept. 1998 – June 2002** Lecturer/ Tutor in Linguistics, **London University** (SOAS), England.
- Jan.1996-Sept.1997** **Spiro Jewish Adult Education Institute,** London, UK: Lectures on the Hebrew Bible (Anthropological, Source-Critical, Literary Readings)

Publications (Books)

Rubin D. *Russia's Muslim heartlands: Islam in the Putin era*. London: Hurst, 2018.

Rubin, D. *The life and thought of Lev Karsavin: "strength made perfect in weakness..."* New York-Amsterdam: Brill, 2013.

Rubin D. *Holy Russia, Sacred Israel: Jewish-Christian encounters in Russian religious thought*. Boston: Academic Studies Press, 2010.

Research and teaching interests:

Russian and Russian-Jewish history and religion; Eastern Orthodoxy; religion and national identity in Soviet and post-Soviet countries; theology and politics in the Soviet and post-Soviet regions; Russian and Central Asian Islam; Tatar history; Islamic philosophy and mysticism; Muslim-Jewish and Muslim-Christian dialogue; Jewish-Christian relations in Eastern and Western Europe; comparative religion (Daoism, Buddhism and mystical traditions in Abrahamic religion)

Languages

Native: English

Fluent: Russian, French

Intermediate: Modern Hebrew (fluent read Hebrew)

Lower Intermediate: Arabic (Qur'anic and Standard Modern)

Ancient: Biblical and Rabbinic Hebrew, Latin, Greek, Aramaic.

Media appearances:

- BBC 4 Start the week (with Andrew Marr): Russia, religion and the Middle East, 2018)
- Dagestan TV (talk-show on Islam in Russia – in Russian, 2018)
- Voice of Russia radio (interview about Holy Russia, Sacred Israel, 2013)
- Times Literary Supplement (review of Holy Russia, Sacred Israel, 2013)
- Jewish Telegraph (author interview for Russia's Muslim Heartlands, 2019)

Sample teaching reviews and awards:

2020: Voted one of the top five lecturers, year one at ICEF faculty, HSE Moscow

Sample evaluation from student comments for the voting:

"Dominic Rubin's lectures are a pure pleasure. Even if you don't like or understand the subject much, you are infected with an enthusiasm and real love for the subject which immediately give you the desire to study and know more. I consider them (the teachers chosen for the recognition) geniuses in their sphere and models of how to interest students in their subject...."

Student review sample from ICEF website (transl. from Russian):

2020: Review of Dominic Rubin by Miroslav Jurchuk, All-Russian Olympiad in economics prize-winner and ICEF Olympiad winner (accessible publicly at: <https://icef.hse.ru/en/news/41841498.html>)

“...From the first weeks it was clear for me which subjects are interesting to learn. I want to point out Dominic Rubin, the teacher of World and intellectual history. He is the best teacher I have ever met. I could not even imagine that one can teach in such an interesting way, especially history which I unfortunately barely know...”

2014 review of visiting lecture, Dickinson College, from Dickinson website (http://www.dickinson.edu/galleries/gallery/28/dominic_rubin_at_dickinson):

“I really enjoyed the lecture and enjoyed hearing what Dr. Rubin had to say about the philosophy behind the search for a Third Testament in Russia....This was hands-down one of the best lectures offered by the Russian Department that I've gone to so far.” -Kirsten Brents 2014

Reviews of work (selected):

Holy Russia, Sacred Israel:

Professor Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury:

*“Dominic Rubin’s *Holy Russia, Sacred Israel* is a formidable and profoundly impressive piece of research, which needed to be done, and I was very glad to see it.”* **Editorial Review.**

Judith Deutsch Kornblatt, Associate Chair, Department of Slavic Language and Literature, University of Wisconsin:

“Dominic Rubin has published the book that I have intended to write for twenty years. Only better, for I could not have mustered the prolonged concentration for such a comprehensive study...Few others could have accomplished such an intricate interweaving of the scholarly and the personal, with deep analysis of individual thinkers, yet a breadth of perspective across time and society...” **Slavic Review, Fall 2011.**

Shaul Stampfer, Professor of Soviet and East European Jewry, Hebrew University, Jerusalem:

“This is an indispensable resource for students and scholars who wish to deepen their understanding of Eastern Christianity as well as for those interested in the religious context of developments in East European Jewish thought.” **Religious Studies Review, Rice, 16 March 2011.**

Prof. Dr. Thomas Bremer, Professor für Ökumenik und Friedensforschung, Munster University, Germany:

“One feels on every page the analytical strength and the accuracy of the author. He has studied his reference texts carefully and shows the links between them and between their authors, as he also takes into account the personal relationship between them and the formal or informal networks.” **Journal of Ecumenical Studies, 2011.**

The Life and Thought of Lev Karsavin

Paul Valliere, Professor of Religion and McGregor Professor of the Humanities at Butler University:

“Dominic Rubin has done the field of Russian religious-philosophical studies in the English-speaking world a service by writing a comprehensive survey of the life and thought of Lev Karsavin (1882-1952), one of the major figures of Silver Age religious philosophy during its afterlife in the first emigration. ..very thorough... Rubin’s book is an admirable contribution to the scholarly literature on Russian religious philosophy.”
The Russian Review – Vol. 72, No. 4 (October 2013).

Avril Pyman, Professor Emerita of Russian, Durham University:

“This book...provides a much needed introduction to the life and thought of a hitherto neglected, indeed almost unknown, yet archetypal figure of the Silver Age of Russian religious thought; and, as a labour of love, it is infused with the down-to-earth, experiential zeal characteristic of the author of Holy Russia, Sacred Israel...”
Sobornost’: A Journal of British Orthodoxy, Autumn 2013.

Russia’s Muslim Heartlands: Islam in the Putin era

“...an important contribution to our understanding of the character and self-awareness of Muslims from Russia and the former Soviet Union as well as the interplay between Soviet upbringing and the new reassertion of Islam. It also provides a clear and well-thought out prognosis for the future.” – Israel Journal of Foreign Affairs

‘Russia’s Muslim Heartlands is a remarkable achievement ... It provides a unique picture of Islam across the post-Soviet space ... [the book] could almost serve as a ‘who’s who’ of Russian-speaking intellectuals working on Islam and of influential Islamic clergy.’ — Europe-Asia Studies

‘[Russia’s Muslim Heartlands] reads more like a travelogue than a sociological study and this is its strength ... [it] contains a much richer, more nuanced and certainly much more informative content than anything else one cares to read on this subject.’ — Terrorism & Political Violence

‘[A] fascinating book . . . hugely rewarding.’ — The National