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Candidate's professional development was always oriented towards international relations and today is advantaged through International Joint PhD programme in International Economic Relations and Management, which allows her to combine rich professional experience with new theoretical observations. Main research interest is oriented towards economic diplomacy. She published some outstanding articles in scientific journals, finished a number of professional education seminars and attended numerous international research conferences.

Public defence of her doctoral dissertation thesis
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