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Professional Profile

Studying child and family well-being in various social, economic, and political contexts. First author of seven peer-reviewed articles in high-impact journals. Conducted mixed-method research in six countries for the dissertation and three other countries for current research. Awarded \$579,500 in research funding during doctoral studies. Secured \$2 million from the EU and Azerbaijan to lead a team to establish nationwide social services for children and families in Azerbaijan. Current funding proposals under review for \$730,000 for social-economic interventions in several countries. Over 15 years of teaching experience. Fluent in English, Russian, Turkish, Azerbaijani, and basic German.

Professional Experience

UNICEF, Data, Statistics, Research, and Evaluation Expert for Eurasia	2019–2022
Hilfsverk Austria International, Head of Country Office in Azerbaijan	2009–2014
Azerbaijan Public Social Work Union, Founder and Board Member	2009–present
UNICEF, National Consultant on Social Work	2007–2010
Open Society Foundation, National Scholar for Higher Education Reform Support	2007–2013
UNICEF, National Consultant on Child Protection	2007–2009
Ministry of Labor and Social Protection of Azerbaijan, senior advisor to minister	2006–2007

Academic Appointments

Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis, Adjunct Faculty	2017–present
School of Business, Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy, Adjunct Faculty	2021–present
School of Social Work, St. Louis University Adjunct Faculty,	2022
School of Social Work, University of Missouri in St. Louis, Adjunct Faculty	2019

Education

Ph.D. (Concentration Social Policy & Social Work)	2022
Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis	
Dissertation: Relationship between Resource Curse and Child Well-being, specifically in post-Soviet Countries	
Chair: Michael Sherraden	
MSW, Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis	2004
BA, English and German Philology, Azerbaijan State University of Languages	1995
Certificate, Innovator: Preparation in Pedagogy, Washington University in St. Louis	2022
Certificate, Human Rights for Women, Open Society Foundation	1999

External Funding, Awarded

Labor Rights of People with Disabilities in Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Moldova	2020–2021
Funded by European Union. Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum (\$31,000), Role: PI	
Awareness Raising on child saving accounts, Child Development Accounts in Azerbaijan	2018
Funded by Azerbaijan Government Funding for Nonprofits (\$7000), Role: PI	
Upgrading National Social Work Education Quality Standards to Comply with Global Standards	2017–2018
Funded by International Association of Schools of Social Work (\$7000), Role: PI	
Applying Ecological Perspective to Increase Mental Health Awareness Among Children	2017
Funded by BEARR Trust Small Grants Scheme, UK, (\$6500), Role: PI	
Shaping Sustainable Social Change in Eastern Neighborhood Countries by Strengthening Social Workers and Their Associations in Moldova, Georgia, Azerbaijan, and Armenia	2015–2017

Funded by European Union and Austrian Development Agency (\$500,000), Role: Co-PI
Examining the Relationship Between Resource Curse and Child Well-Being in Azerbaijan 2014
Funded by Open Society Foundation (\$6000), Role: PI

Internal Funding, Awarded

Finding Local Needs and Conditions for Child Development Accounts 2018
Funded by Center for Social Development, Washington University in St. Louis (\$7000), Role:
PI
Dissertation Grant, Washington University in St. Louis (\$22,000), 2019–2020

Grants Under Review

Upgrading National Minimum Social Work Education Standards of Azerbaijan to Meet Global
Standards 2022
Submitted: U.S. Department of State (\$60,000), Role: PI
Economic Empowerment of the Internally Displaced Women in Azerbaijan to Reduce Gender-Based
Violence 2022
Submitted to UNCHR (\$150,000), Role: PI
Make Bread Not War: Displaced Ukrainian Women in Moldova Find Peace, Fulfillment, and 2022
Economic Stability Through Agriculture, Food Production, and Artisanry
Submitted to: UN-Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund (\$350,000), Role: PI
Evaluating the Effectiveness of Positive Parenting Program, Triple P among Caregivers in Azerbaijan
Submitted to Sexual Violence Research Institute (\$180,000), Role: PI 2022

Publications

Refereed Articles

1. **Huseynli, A.** (2022). Asset building policies to list the resource curse: child development accounts in oil-and-gas-rich countries. *Children and Youth Services Review*.
2. **Huseynli, A.** (2022). Social work education in post-soviet countries: progress of Azerbaijan. *The British Journal of Social Work*.
3. **Huseynli, A.** & Jonson-Reid, M. (2022). Child well-being in post-Soviet countries: discipline practices in families in Azerbaijan. *Child Indicators Research*.
4. **Huseynli, A.** (2022). Social work in Azerbaijan: achievements and challenges of the profession. *International Social Work*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00208728221075824>
5. Kennedy, A., Kaushik, G., Dubinsky, E., Jonson-Reid, M., & **Huseynli, A.** (2021). Direct and indirect cost savings from STI testing, treatment, and counseling among foster youth. *Sexually Transmitted Disease*, 49(1), 86–89. <https://doi.org/10.1097/OLQ.0000000000001511>.
6. Rosen, M. H., Pinto, O., Kondratjeva, O., Roll, S. P., **Huseynli, A.**, & Grinstein-Weiss, M. (2020). Household savings decisions in Israel's child savings program: The role of demographic, financial, and intrinsic factors. *Journal of Family & Economic Issues*, 42, 368–386. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10834-020-09724-6>
7. **Huseynli, A.** (2018). Implementation of deinstitutionalization of childcare institutions in post-soviet countries: The case of Azerbaijan. *Child Abuse and Neglect*, 76, 160–172. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2017.10.020>
8. **Huseynli, A.** (2018). Predictors of child marriages in Azerbaijan: Multilevel analysis. In L. Sayfutdinova, C. Buckley, & A. Valiyev (Eds.), *Study Series on Public Policy Issues* (Vol. 1, pp. 178–197). Caucasus Resource Center.
9. Ismayilova, L. Ssewamala, F., **Huseynli, A.** (2014). Reforming child institutional care in the Post-Soviet bloc: The potential role of family-based empowerment strategies. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 47 (2), 136–148. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2014.09.007>

Under review

10. **Huseynli, A.**, Kohl, & Sherraden, M. (2022). The resource curse and child well-being in post-Soviet countries: Mixed-method research findings from six countries.
11. **Huseynli, A.** (2022). The resource curse and child Well-being: framework to explore the link.
12. **Huseynli, A.**, Sherraden, M. & Pandey, S. (2022). The resource curse and child well-being: evidence to evaluate the link. *Journal of Social Policy*.

Policy Papers

13. Pinto, O., Kondratjeva, O., Rosen, M. H., Roll, S. P.; **Huseynli, A.**, & Grinstein-Weiss, M. (2020). Household savings decisions in Israel's Child Savings Program: The role of demographic, financial, and intrinsic factors (Social Policy Institute Working Paper 22). Social Policy Institute Research. https://openscholarship.wustl.edu/spi_research/22/
14. **Huseynli, A.**, Sherraden, M., & Gottlieb, D. (2020). Child development accounts: A policy design and opportunity for Azerbaijan (CSD Policy Brief No. 20-02). Center for Social Development. <https://doi.org/10.7936/bnqw-qn41>

Refereed Book Chapters

1. Huseynli, A. (In press). The role of social workers in achieving sustainable development goals in Azerbaijan. In D. Androff & J. Damanik (Eds.), *International handbook on social work, social development, and the sustainable development goals*. Routledge
2. Ansong, D., Okumu, M., Huang, J., Sun, S., **Huseynli, A.**, Chowa, G., Ssewamala, F., Sherraden, M., & Sherraden, M. (2021). *Financial capability and asset building: innovations in social protection and development* (CSD Perspective No. 20-27). Center for Social Development. <https://doi.org/10.7936/vh44-x812>.

Book Review

1. **Huseynli, A.** (2018). Social welfare in East Asia and the Pacific [Book review]. *International Social Work*. <https://www.ifsw.org/social-welfare-in-east-asia-and-the-pacific/>

Nonrefereed Publications

1. **Huseynli, A.** (2022). *Guidelines for trauma-informed case management with victims of intimate partner violence*. Eastern Partnership Program of the European Union.
2. **Huseynli, A.** (2022). *Parental burnout prevention manual for caregivers of children with special needs*. UNICEF Kazakhstan & National Alliance of Social Work Organizations of Kazakhstan.
3. **Huseynli, A.** (2021). *Disability awareness manual for employers*. Eastern Partnership Program of the European Union.
4. **Huseynli, A.** (2016). *Evaluation findings of social work training programs in Azerbaijan*.
5. **Huseynli, A.** (2014). *Multi-country evaluation of results achieved in 11 countries through childcare system reforms in 2005–2012*. UNICEF Regional Office for Eurasia.
6. **Huseynli, A.** (2010). *Studying knowledge, perception, and attitude for developing foster care, small group home, and respite care in Azerbaijan*. Hilfswerk Austria International.
7. **Huseynli, A.** (2009). *Evaluation of 55 residential public childcare institutions in Azerbaijan*. UNICEF Azerbaijan.
8. **Huseynli, A.** (2009). *Guidelines for child development for parents and practitioners*.
9. **Huseynli, A.** (2006). *Evaluation of current formal and informal community-based services for vulnerable children in Azerbaijan*. UNICEF Azerbaijan.

Dissertation

Huseynli, A. (2022). *Effect of resource curse on child well-being in resource-rich countries, specifically in the post-Soviet States* (Publication No. 29390574) [Doctoral dissertation, Washington University in St. Louis]. ProQuest Dissertations and Theses Global.

Invited Lectures, Workshops

- *Child well-being and child savings accounts in Azerbaijan: theory and possible policy design* 2021
Oxford School of Global and Area Studies, University of Oxford, U.K.
- *Determinants of Political Commitment in Improving Child Welfare in Six Post-Soviet Countries*
School of Social Work, Dominican University 2021
- *Government Measures to Support Vulnerable Groups During the COVID-19* 2021
Atlas Global Issues Week, School of Social Work, St. Louis University
- *Development of Social Work in Post-Soviet Countries: Case of Azerbaijan and Ukraine* 2021
Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis
- *Professionalization and Institutionalization of Social Work* 2021
Central Asian Forum on Social Work Development, UNICEF, and National Alliance
of Social Organizations of Kazakhstan
- *Social Protection of People Affected by Wars in Azerbaijan* 2020
International Federation of Social Workers, Europe

Selected Refereed Presentations

Symposiums Organized

2. **Huseynli, A.** (2020, January 15–19). Financial Capability and Asset Building in International Perspective: Research, Policy, and Practice Symposium, Society for Social Work and Research 24th Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

1. **Huseynli, A.** (2018, month D–D). Professionalization of Social Work in Post-Socialist Countries—Cases of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova & Tajikistan Symposium, World Conference on Social Work, Education and Social Development, Dublin, Ireland.

Selected Presentations

10. **Huseynli, A.** & Dvalishvili, D. (2020, February 14–17). *Socioeconomic characteristics of Parenting Practices in Azerbaijan*. [Paper presentation]. International Society for Prevention Child Abuse and Neglect International Congress.

9. **Huseynli, A.** (2020, July 15–20). *Measuring political commitment & will in improving child-wellbeing: Case of six former Soviet Union countries* [Paper presentation]. Joint World Conference on Social Work, Education, and Social Development, virtual.

8. **Huseynli, A.**, Sherraden, M., & Gottlieb, D. (January 15–19, 2020). *Child development accounts: Policy design and opportunity for Azerbaijan* [Paper presentation]. Symposium Financial Capability and Asset Building in International Perspective: Research, Policy, and Practice, Society for Social Work and Research 24th Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

7. **Huseynli, A.** (2019, May 28–31). *Voices of vulnerables from extractive industries: The well-being of children in oil-rich Azerbaijan* [Poster presentation]. Energy and Society in Transition 2nd International Conference on Energy Research and Social Science, Tempe, AZ.

6. **Huseynli, A.** (2018, June 4–7). *Child development accounts to lift the resource curse in resource-rich developing countries* [Oral presentation]. World Conference on Social Work, Education, and Social Development, Dublin, Ireland.

5. **Huseynli, A.** (2018, January 12–16). *Examining the association between the resource curse and neonatal mortality rate* [Paper presentation]. 22nd Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR). Washington, DC.

4. **Huseynli, A.** (Year, May 12–15). *Examining the association between resource curse and under-5 mortality rate* [Paper presentation]. World Academy of Science, Engineering, and Technology 19th Annual International Social Work Conference, Paris, France.
3. **Huseynli, A.** (2017, May 27–31). *Examining the association between resource curse and under-5 mortality rate* [Poster Presentation]. Europe Conference on Marginalization and Social Work in Changing Society, International Federation of Social Workers, Reykjavik, Iceland.
2. Ismayilova, L., & **Huseynli, A.** (Date). *Needs and challenges of developing an integrated mental health prevention program for institutionalized children and their parents in Azerbaijan: Results of formative work* (Paper Presentation). Society for Social Work and Research 21st Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
1. **Huseynli, A.** (2016, January 12–16). *Rising child marriages in Azerbaijan: multilevel regression analyses* [Paper presentation]. Panel on Empowerment of Women and Girls: Understanding the Predictors of Girl Child Marriage in India, Nepal, Ghana, and Azerbaijan. Society for Social Work Research 20th Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

Scholarships, Fellowships, and Awards

- Durham University, UK Mary's College Women's Fellowship	2014
- Open Society Foundation Fellowship, Academic Fellowship, and Higher Education Support Program	2007
- Open Society Foundation, Social Work Fellowship	2004
- Open Society Foundation, Women Human Rights Fellowship	2001
- Azerbaijan Ministry of Women, Family & Children Affairs, Award for Development of Social Work	2019
- Turkish Association of Social Workers, Turkey, Award for Development of Social Work	2013
- US Embassy in Azerbaijan, Award for Development of Social Work	2007

Research Experience

Graduate Research Associate, Center for Social Development, Washington University in St. Louis	2015–2022
Graduate Research Assistant, Center for Innovation in Child Maltreatment Policy, Research, and Training, Washington University in St. Louis	2018–2022
Graduate Research Assistant, Social Policy Institute, Washington University in St. Louis	2018–2019
Graduate Research Assistant, Crown Family School of Social Work, University of Chicago	2015/2017

Teaching and Curricular Achievements

Redesigned Courses

- Washington University in St. Louis, Brown School
- S50-5050.01: Evaluation of Programs and Services (in-person)
 - S40 5862 01: International Social and Economic Development Policy (in-person)
- University of Missouri in St. Louis, School of Social Work
- SOCWK6400-002: Practice and Program Evaluation (hybrid)
- Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy, School of Business
- MIDS5100-10094: Research Methods for MBA (remote)
 - MIDS 5105: Quantitative and Qualitative Data Analysis (remote)

Courses Taught

- St. Louis University, School of Social Work and Public Health
- SWRK 5705.01: Practice in Global Issues (in person)

Courses Co-Taught

- Washington University in St. Louis, Brown School
- S40-5863: Global Anti-poverty Strategies (in person)
 - S50-5050.01: Evaluation of Programs and Services (in person)
 - S50-5007.06: Research Methods for Social Sciences with Statistical Application (in person)

Service

Professional Service

- Member of Social Services in the Context of Conflict Network 2016–present
- Founder and Board Member of Social Work Public Union 2009–present
- Member of Editorial Board of International Social Work Journal 2014–present
- Member of Editorial Board of International Journal of School Social Work 2017–present

Community Outreach Activities

- Cofounder and Cochair of the Global Ukrainian Refugee Supervision Group 2022–present
- Member of War and Postwar Social Work Support Group 2020–2022

Ad Hoc Journal Reviewer

- *Children and Youth Services Review*
- *Global Social Welfare*

Ad hoc Conference Reviewer

- International Consortium for Social Development (Member of organizing committee) 2022
- International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) 2020

Ad Hoc Conference Organizing Committee Member

- 22nd Biennial Conference of International Consortium for Social Development 2021
- Social Work in Wars and Civil Unrest 2021
- Models of Social Work in Wars and Postwar Contexts 2021
- Models of Child Development Accounts from Around the World 2018
- Fourth Conference on Advancement of Social Work in Post-Soviet Countries 2018

Membership in Professional Societies

- Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)
- Council of Social Work Education (CSWE)
- International Federation of Social Workers

Languages

- English - fluent
- Russian - fluent
- Turkish - fluent
- German - basic
- Azerbaijani - native