

## Olena Lysenko

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Journalist, Producer, Researcher

Motivated and creative media professional with experience in journalism and documentary filmmaking. Passionate about storytelling, research, and effective communication. Strong organizational skills, attention to detail, and the ability to work in fast-paced environments. Avid reader

### EXPERIENCE

#### **Freelance Producer and Journalist** — Vox, National Public Radio (NPR), National Geographic, NRC Handelsblad, Vrij Nederland

July 2020–May 2024

- I worked on various projects, from occasional pieces for Vox, to an intensive seven-month coverage of the Russian invasion of Ukraine on the ground with NPR. Even as a freelancer, I worked with NPR every day, often without weekends, and was on call 24/7 to ensure comprehensive and timely reporting. Additionally, I collaborated with Vrij Nederland on a book to be published in Fall 2024.
- Conducted research, looked for stories and sources, managed contact lists, pitched stories to editors, authored essays.
- Organized the production process for reporters, scheduled interviews, phone and email correspondence, handled mailings, and arranged travel.

#### **Visiting Researcher** — Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania

October 2022–July 2023, Philadelphia, PA, USA

- Conducted research, shared practical experiences with PhD students on documentary filmmaking and journalism, participated in academic roundtables and discussions.

#### **Documentary Filmmaker, Producer** — The New Yorker Magazine

February 2018–March 2022, New York, NY, USA

- Produced the award-winning documentary, which was released by The New Yorker.
- Looked for stories and sources, supervised creative and production aspects including budgeting, expense tracking, travel arrangements, and filming plans.
- Developed pitch letters, a press kit, coordinated festival submissions.
- Presented the film at festivals and engaged in Q&A sessions. Accolades: New Orleans FF, Doc. Berlin, Palm Springs IFF.

### EDUCATION

**Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin** — Introduction to International Economic Law Course

June–July 2015

**Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv** — Master of Laws

2012–2013