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## EDUCATION

**University of California, Los Angeles**, Ph.D. in Political Science 2019  
Topic: *"Dictators in the Spotlight: What They Do When They Cannot Do Business as Usual"*  
Committee: Prof. Daniel Treisman (chair), Prof. Barbara Geddes,  
Prof. Chad Hazlett, Prof. Daniel Posner, Prof. Jeniffer Pan (Stanford)

**University of California, Los Angeles**, M.Sc. in Statistics 2019

**Higher School of Economics, Moscow**, M.A. in Political Economy (with Honors) 2011

**Higher School of Economics, Moscow**, B.A. in Political Science (with Honors) 2009

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**Postdoctoral Associate**, MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University 2019-

**Research Fellow**, Luskin School of Public Affairs, UCLA 2018

**Teaching Fellow, Research Fellow**, Anderson School of Business, UCLA 2018

**Teaching Fellow, Research Fellow**, Department of Political Science, UCLA 2014-17

**Research Fellow**, Center for the Study of Institutions and Development,  
Higher School of Economics, Moscow 2013-14

**Visiting Research Fellow**, Russian & East European Institute, Indiana University 2012

**Lecturer**, Political Science Department, Higher School of Economics, Moscow 2010-13

**Research Fellow**, Laboratory for Political Studies, Higher School of Economics, Moscow 2008-13

## RESEARCH

### Articles

**"News and Geolocated Social Media Accurately Measure Protest Size Variation"** in *American Political Science Review*, forthcoming (with Keith Chen, Jungseock Joo, and Zachary Steinert-Threlkeld)

**"Stability of Revolutionary Governments in The Face of Mass Protest"** in *European Journal of Political Economy*, 2019, 60, 2-20 (with Dmitry Dagaev and Natalia Lamberova)

**"Trial by Fire: a Natural Disaster's Impact on Support for the Authorities in Rural Russia,"** in *World Politics*, 2014, 66(4), 641-668 (with Egor Lazarev, Irina Soboleva, and Boris Sokolov)

**"Means of Production VS Means of Coercion: Can Russian Business Limit the Violence of Predatory State?,"** in *Post-Soviet Affairs*, 2014, 30(1), 171-194 (with Andrei Yakovlev and Anton Kazun)

**"Social and Economic Policy Trade-Offs in the Russian Regions: Evidence from Four Case Studies,"** in *Europe-Asia Studies*, 2013, 65(10): 1855-1876 (with Tom Remington, Irina Soboleva, and Mark Urnov)

**"Well-Organized Play: Symbolic Politics and the Effect of the Pro-Putin Rallies,"** in *Problems of Post-Communism*, 2013, 60(2): 24-39 (with Regina Smyth and Irina Soboleva)

### *Peer-reviewed book chapters*

**“Civic and Political Activism in Russia”** in *The New Autocracy: Information, Politics, and Policy in Putin’s Russia*, 2018, 249-276, Brookings Institution Press (with Alexei Zakharov)

**“Defining Common Ground: Collective Identity in Russia’s Post-Election Protests and Rallies”** in *The Systemic and Non-Systemic Opposition in the Russian Federation*, 2015, 51-76, Ashgate Publishing (with Regina Smyth and Irina Soboleva)

### *Research in progress*

**“How Pro-Government “Trolls” Influence Online Conversations in Russia”**

**“Independent Media Can Amplify The Effect of Pro-government Rallies in Suppressing Protest”**

**“Leaderless Protests?”** (with Dmitry Dagaev, Natalia Lamberova, and Konstantin Sonin)

## **GRANTS**

The Harriman Institute, Columbia University, Research Grant	2019
Charles Koch Foundation, Arlington, Research Fellowship	2019
Dissertation Year Fellowship, Los Angeles, UCLA	2018
The Harriman Institute, Columbia University, Travel Grant	2018
Institute for Humane Studies, Arlington, Travel Grant	2018
Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Alumni Academic Fellowship	2017
Institute for Humane Studies, Arlington, PhD Fellowship	2014-18
Oxford-Russia Foundation, Research Fellowship	2007-10

## **AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS**

Higher School of Economics Award for Academic Achievements	2012
“The Best Lecturer of Political Science Department - 2012” Award	2012
High Distinction for Honors Thesis, Higher School of Economics	2011
High Distinction for Honors Thesis, Higher School of Economics	2009

## **PRESENTATIONS**

APSA (2018, 2016, 2014), MPSA (2018, 2017, 2014), European Economic Association Annual Conference (2015), Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics Annual Conference (2013), April International Academic Conference On Economic and Social Development (2013, 2012, 2010, 2011), Moscow Higher School of Economics (2017, 2013), Indiana University (2012)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Yale University, Department of Political Science**

Big Data, AI, and Russian Politics (2020)

**University of California, Los Angeles, Anderson School of Business**

Technology Analytics (MBA), with Prof. Keith Chen (2018)

Competitive Analytics (MSBA), with Prof. Keith Chen (2018)

## **University of California, Los Angeles, *Department of Political Science***

Politics and Government of Post-Communist Russia, with Prof. Daniel Treisman (2014-17)

Diversity, Disagreement, and Democracy, with Prof. Susanne Lohmann (2016)

Data Analysis, with Prof. Erin Hartman (2018)

Politics and Strategy, with Prof. Michael Chwe (2017)

## **Higher School of Economics, Moscow, *Department of Political Science***

Models of Risk in Politics and Economics (MA, 2012-13)

Political Theory (2011-13)

## **SERVICE**

**Reviewer:** Economics and Politics, Foreign Policy Analysis, Journal of International Affairs, Problems of Post-Communism

## **SKILLS**

**Software:** R (keras, selenium, rvest, tm, ggplot2, tidyverse, sp, raster),

Python (TensorFlow, keras, nltk, Selenium, sklearn, pandas), SQL, Stata, SPSS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

## **REFERENCES**

Prof. Daniel Treisman (chair of the Ph.D. dissertation committee), Department of Political Science, UCLA, 4289 Bunche Hall, Los Angeles, CA 90095, [treisman@polisci.ucla.edu](mailto:treisman@polisci.ucla.edu)

Prof. Chad Hazlett (chair of the M.Sc. dissertation committee), Department of Statistics, UCLA, 8105G Mathematical Sciences, Los Angeles, CA 90095, [chazlett@ucla.edu](mailto:chazlett@ucla.edu)

Prof. Konstantin Sonin (chair of the M.A. dissertation committee), Harris Public Policy School, University of Chicago, 1155 E60 St, Chicago, IL 60637, [ksonin@uchicago.edu](mailto:ksonin@uchicago.edu)