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## EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles, Ph.D. in Government	2019
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

Assistant Professor, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, The University of Texas at Dallas	2021-
Postdoctoral Associate, MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University	2019-21
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

**"Quality of Life and Afghan Adults' Psychosocial Wellbeing Under Taliban 2.0"** in *PLOS Mental Health*, 2025, (2):1 (with Jessi Hanson-DeFusco, Abdul Stanekzai, Alexis McMaster, Hamid Popalzai, Heer Shah, Min Shi, and Nandita Kumar)

**"News and Geolocated Social Media Accurately Measure Protest Size Variation"** in *American Political Science Review*, 2020, 114(4), 1343-1351 (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)

## GRANTS

The Harriman Institute, Columbia University, Research Grant (18,000\$)	2019
Charles Koch Foundation, Arlington, Research Fellowship (5,000\$)	2019
Dissertation Year Fellowship, Los Angeles, UCLA (64,000\$)	2018
The Harriman Institute, Columbia University, Travel Grant (4,000\$)	2018
Institute for Humane Studies, Arlington, Travel Grant (5,000\$)	2018
Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Alumni Academic Fellowship (3,000\$)	2017
Carnegie Corporation of New York, New York, Book Project Grant (600,000\$)	2014-16
Institute for Humane Studies, Arlington, PhD Fellowship (22,500\$)	2014-18
Oxford-Russia Foundation, Research Fellowship (6,000\$)	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

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

APSA (2021, 2018, 2016, 2014), MPSA (2022, 2018, 2017, 2014), Annual conference of the Society for Political Methodology (2019), European Economic Association Annual Conference (2015), **New York University (2021)**, Yale University (2020), 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 (2021, 2017, 2013), Indiana University (2012)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**UT Dallas, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences**

Conflict in Cyberspace (‘22F-’24F)

Capstone in Cyber: Security and Policy (‘22S-’25S)

Open-Source Intelligence (‘24S-’25S)

Cyber Policy (‘21F)

**Yale University, Department of Political Science**

Big Data, AI, and Russian Politics ('20,'21)

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

Technology Analytics (MBA), with Prof. Keith Chen ('18)

Competitive Analytics (MSBA), with Prof. Keith Chen ('18)

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

Politics and Government of Post-Communist Russia, with Prof. Daniel Treisman ('14-'17)

Diversity, Disagreement, and Democracy, with Prof. Susanne Lohmann ('16)

Data Analysis, with Prof. Erin Hartman ('18)

Politics and Strategy, with Prof. Michael Chwe ('17)

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

Models of Risk in Politics and Economics (MA, '12-'13)

Political Theory ('11-'13)

**SERVICE**

**Reviewer:** American Political Science Review, Comparative Political Studies, Economics and Politics, Foreign Policy Analysis, New Media and Society, Journal of International Affairs, Problems of Post-Communism, Post-Soviet Affairs

**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