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Research Interests

Political regimes, democracy and education quality, authoritarian attitudinal legacies, political preferences, quantitative methods, mixed methods

Education

2024	PhD in Political and Social Sciences <i>European University Institute, Florence</i> The 2024 Linz Rokkan Prize for the best EUI doctoral thesis in Political Sociology
	Thesis: "The effects of political regimes on school quality and learning outcomes"
	Examining Board: Prof. Juho Härkönen (European University Institute, supervisor), Prof. Filip Kostelka (European University Institute, co-supervisor), Prof. Sirianne Dahlum (University of Oslo), Prof. Katerina Tertychnaya (University of Oxford)
2020	MRes in Political and Social Sciences <i>European University Institute, Florence</i>
2019	MSc in Russian Politics and Society <i>King's College London</i>
2016-2017	MSc in Political Science <i>European University at Saint Petersburg, Russia</i>
2012-2016	BA in International Relations, Political Science, and Human Rights <i>Bard College, USA, and Saint Petersburg State University, Russia.</i> Dual degree.

Academic Positions

09/2023 – currently	Postdoctoral Researcher ERC-funded project “Moving Russia(ns): Intergenerational Transmission of Memories Abroad and at Home (MoveMeRU)”. PI: Dr. Félix Krawatzek
06/2024 – currently	Visiting Senior Fellow <i>Free University Berlin</i> Cluster of Excellence „Contestations of the Liberal Script” (SCRIPTS)

Other Research and Administrative Experience

- 09/2022 – **Research Assistant**
07/2023 *European University Institute, Department of Political and Social Sciences (SPS)*
 Research and administrative assistance to the head of SPS department, Prof. Elias Dinas
- 11/2020 – **Academic Service Assistant**
01/2022 *European University Institute, Department of Political and Social Sciences*
- 09/2017 – **Junior Researcher**
08/2019 *European University at Saint Petersburg, Russia*

Publications and Working Papers

Political regimes and education:

- Rafailova, D. 2024. *The effects of political regimes on school quality and learning outcomes* (Doctoral dissertation, European University Institute). DOI: 10.2870/758185.
- Rafailova D. 2025. [Title redacted for peer review]. *Under evaluation*.
- Rafailova D. 2024. ‘Democracy, Educational Attainment, and Adult Skills’. *Draft available upon request*.

Public support and political attitudes:

- Kostelka F., Alberdi M., Bradley M., Fiselier T., Jabbour A., Mansour N., Minaeva E., Porciuleanu S., Rafailova D. [Title redacted for peer review]. Under R&R at the *European Journal of Political Research*.
- Krawatzek F., Matevosyan H., Rafailova D. [Title redacted for peer review]. Under review at the *British Journal of Political Science*.
- Rafailova D. 2025. Preferences for Democracy among Long-Standing Russian Immigrants: Intergenerational Focus Group Evidence in Canada. *Work-in-progress, draft available upon request*.
- Nalla, M.K., Gurinskaya, A., and Rafailova D. 2017. ‘Youth Perceptions of Private Security Guard Industry in Russia’, *Journal of Applied Security Research*, 12:4, pp. 543-556.

Invited Talks

- Dec 2025 Politics of Russia and Eurasia Seminar Series (PRESS), online workshop (forthcoming)
Dec 2024 Seminar Series in Social and Political Science, Collegio Carlo Alberto, Torino, Italy
July 2024 Humboldt colloquium on Eastern European research, Berlin, Germany

Conferences

- The Future of Democracy? 1st Annual Interdisciplinary WZB Conference, Berlin 2025
- American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting 2025
- All Roads Lead to the Family? Political Socialisation Among Migrants and Non-Migrants 2025
- European Political Science Association (EPSA) Annual Conference 2022, 2024
- Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Annual Convention, USA 2024, 2025
- Aleksanteri Conference "Resisting Authoritarianism in Eurasia", Helsinki, Finland 2024
- Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting 2022

Grants and Awards

- The 2024 Linz Rokkan Prize for the best EUI doctoral thesis in Political Sociology, EUI
- EUI Wider European Doctorate grant, four-year stipend for conducting a PhD at the European University Institute (2019-2023), European University at Saint Petersburg
- RC28 LSE Conference 2022, travel award recipient

Methodological Training

- Field experiments, EUI SPS, 2021
- List experiments, survey experiments and conjoints, EUI SPS, 2021
- Panel data, EUI SPS, 2020
- Data Management in STATA, EUI SPS, 2019
- Advanced STATA coding, EUI SPS, 2021
- Practicum in Reproducible Research Methods, EUI SPS 2020
- Quantitative Methods, EUI SPS, 2019
- Qualitative Methods, EUI SPS 2020

Tools and Software

Stata (advanced), R (basic), MAXQDA (basic), LaTeX (advanced)

Languages

English (fluent), Russian (native), Italian (basic), German (beginner)