

# DIANA RAFAILOVA

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## Research Interests

Political regimes, political socialization and education, support for democracy, quantitative methods, mixed methods

## Education

2024	<b>PhD in Political and Social Sciences</b> <i>European University Institute, Florence</i>
	<a href="#">The 2024 Linz Rokkan Prize for the best EUI doctoral thesis in Political Sociology</a>
	Thesis: "The effects of political regimes on school quality and learning outcomes"
	Examining Board: Prof. Juho Häkkinen (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	<b>MRes in Political and Social Sciences</b> <i>European University Institute, Florence</i>
2019	<b>MSc in Russian Politics and Society</b> <i>King's College London</i>
2016-2017	<b>MSc in Political Science</b> <i>European University at Saint Petersburg, Russia</i>
2012-2016	<b>BA in International Relations, Political Science, and Human Rights</b> <i>Bard College, USA, and Saint Petersburg State University, Russia.</i> Dual degree.

## Academic Positions

09/2023 – currently	<b>Postdoctoral Researcher</b> <i>Center for East European and International Studies</i>
	ERC-funded project "Moving Russia(ns): Intergenerational Transmission of Memories Abroad and at Home (MoveMeRU)". PI: Dr. Félix Krawatzek
06/2024 – currently	<b>Visiting Senior Fellow</b> <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*  
                    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. [Title redacted for peer review]. Under evaluation at *Political Studies*.
- Rafailova D. ‘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. Socialisation and History: Understanding attitudes towards the war in Ukraine. *Draft available upon request*.
- Rafailova D. Preferences for Democracy among Russian Immigrants: Intergenerational Focus Group Evidence in Canada. *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
- Dec 2025      Guest Contribution, methods course by Prof. Gwendolyn Sasse, *Humboldt University, Berlin*
- Dec 2024      [Seminar Series in Social and Political Science](#), *Collegio Carlo Alberto, Torino, Italy*

## Conferences

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| - European Political Science Society (EPSS) Inaugural Meeting                                 | June 2026  |
| - American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting                                | 2025       |
| - The Future of Democracy? 1st Annual Interdisciplinary WZB Conference, Berlin                | 2025       |
| - Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Annual Convention, USA | 2024, 2025 |
| - Aleksanteri Conference "Resisting Authoritarianism in Eurasia", Helsinki, Finland           | 2024       |
| - European Political Science Association (EPSA) Annual Conference                             | 2022, 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

## Tools and Software

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

## Languages

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