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Research Interests

Political regimes, authoritarian legacies, political socialization and attitudes, Russian politics and society, quantitative methods, mixed methods

Education

- 2024 **PhD in Political and Social Sciences**
European University Institute, Florence
[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 Tertytchnaya (University of Oxford)
- 2020 **MRes in Political and Social Sciences**
European University Institute, Florence
- 2019 **MSc in Russian Politics and Society**
King’s College London
- 2016-2017 **MSc in Political Science**
European University at Saint Petersburg, Russia
- 2012-2016 **BA in International Relations, Political Science, and Human Rights**
Bard College, USA, and Saint Petersburg State University, Russia. Dual degree.

Academic Positions

- 09/2023 – **Postdoctoral Researcher**
currently
ERC-funded project “Moving Russia(ns): Intergenerational Transmission of Memories Abroad and at Home (MoveMeRU)”. PI: Dr. Félix Krawatzek
- 06/2024 – **Visiting Senior Fellow**
currently
Free University Berlin
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. 2024. 'School Quality under Distinct Political Regimes: The Case of Critical Thinking'. *Draft available upon request.*
- 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. 2024. 'European Mass Attitudes towards Russia's Aggression against Ukraine: It Is Not the Economy'. Under R&R.
- Krawatzek F., Matevosyan H., Rafailova D. 2024. 'Support for Ukraine as a Historical Necessity? A Study of Germany.' *Pre-analysis plan*: <https://osf.io/h9u7e>.
- Rafailova, D. 2025. Democracy Preferences and Russian Background: Intergenerational Focus Group Evidence in Estonia, Germany, and 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 (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)