

# Gennadii Iakovlev

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## Current position

- 2024-2025 *Postdoctoral Fellow*, South Asia hub of the Global Forum on Democracy and Development, Central European University
- 2024-2025 *Visiting Fellow*, Budapest hub of the Central European University Democracy Institute Forum on Democracy and Development
- 2024-2025 *Visiting Fellow*, HUN-REN Center for Social Sciences, Budapest

## Areas of specialization

Large Language Models, Natural Language Processing, Affective Polarization, Democratic Backslides, Regime Change, Democratization

## Education

- 2016-2021 PHD IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, European University Institute, Florence  
*Thesis: [With whom should they make the pact? Preconditions for pacted transitions](#)*  
Panel: Dorothee Bohle, Vladimir Gel'man, Hanspeter Kriesi, Claudius Wagemann
- 2018-2019 ERASMUS Central European University, Budapest
- 2016-2017 MASTER OF RESEARCH, European University Institute, Florence
- 2014-2016 MA IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, European University at Saint Petersburg
- 2010-2014 BA IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, Higher School of Economics, Saint Petersburg

## Main Publications

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2023 [Iakovlev, Gennadii "Preconditions for Pacted Transitions from Authoritarian Rule"](#) *European Political Science Review* Volume 15, Issue 2 (2023): 254-271. Nominated for the EPSR Early Careers Prize 2025.
- 2023 [Iakovlev, Gennadii "Take Back Control — Over Brexit Narrative"](#) *Review Of Democracy Book Review*
- 2018 Sokolov, Mikhail, Sofia Lopatina, and [Gennadii Iakovlev](#). "From Partnerships to Bureaucracies: The Constitutional Evolution of Russian Universities" *Educational Studies // Voprosy Obrazovaniya* (2018): 120-145 (in Russian; English translation available)
- 2014 Kostenko, Veronica, and [Gennadii Iakovlev](#). "Sostav avtorov zhurnala SOCIS v 1975-1981" [*The authors of the SOCIS journal in 1975-1981*], *SocIs* 9 (2014): 123-130 (in Russian)

## DATA REPOSITORY

- 2024 Iakovlev, Gennadii. *"The Correlates of Democratic Backslides"* Mendeley Data
- 2021 Iakovlev, Gennadii. *"Attempts at Pacts data: the opposition actors in the negotiations on democratization"* Mendeley Data

## ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

- xxxx Iakovlev, Gennadii. *"Does the third wave of autocratization have phases or structural correlates?"* (under review, *Swiss Political Science Review*)
- xxxx Iakovlev, Gennadii. *"The organizational structure of Ukraine's revolutions in 2004 and 2014: a case study"* (under review, *Europe-Asia Studies*)

## ARTICLES IN PROGRESS

- xxxx Iakovlev, Gennadii, *"Elite Affective Polarization in European Parliamentary Speeches: a Novel Measurement Approach Using Large Language Models"* To be submitted in July 2025.
- xxxx Iakovlev, Gennadii, Levente Littvay *"Introducing Inductive Stylometry Techniques in Political Speeches Using Large Language Models"* To be submitted in July 2025.
- xxxx Francesca Chiarvesio, Iakovlev, Gennadii *The Politics of Civil Society State - Funding in Authoritarian Regimes: How Do You Build a Compliant (Civil) Society?"* To be submitted in July 2025.
- xxxx Iakovlev, Gennadii, Murat Somer *"Pernicious Polarization in Elite Speeches: a Novel Measurement Approach Using Large Language Models"*

## Teaching experience

### UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL

- 2025 June - July, Visiting Lecturer *"Using Large Language Models for Political Science"* BARD COLLEGE, OSUN, New York (via Zoom), 40h
- 2024 Guest Lecture *"Use Cases for Artificial Intelligence in Social Sciences"* "Art, Decolonization, and Human Rights in the Era of AI," BARD COLLEGE, OSUN, New York (via Zoom)
- 2019 *"Regime change: democratization and democratic backslide"* course, HEINRICH HEINE UNIVERSITY DÜSSELDORF, 36h

### POSTGRADUATE LEVEL

- 2024 Crash Course *"Applying Artificial Intelligence in Social Sciences"* for senior scholars, SOCIAL SCIENTISTS ASSOCIATION, Colombo, 6 2 hours sessions, 12h
- 2020 *"Regime change: democratization and democratic backslide"* course, TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF DARMSTADT, 32h (via Zoom)
- 2019 *"Democratization" crash course* EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY AT SAINT PETERSBURG, Russia, 12h

### CERTIFICATES

- 2019 TEACHING IN HIGHER EDUCATION CERTIFICATE, EUI

## Public Lectures

- 2023 *"AI for Civil Society Activism"* SOCIAL SCIENTISTS' ASSOCIATION, Colombo, Sri Lanka *"What causes autocratic backsliding?"* CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, Budapest, Hungary
- 2019

*"The pacted transitions from authoritarian rule"* HEINRICH-HEINE-UNIVERSITY DÜSSELDORF, Germany

## Working experience

2023-2024	<i>Postdoctoral Fellow</i> , Democracy Institute, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary
2022-2023	<i>Postdoctoral Fellow</i> , Institute for Advanced Studies, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary
2021	<i>Visiting researcher</i> , ALEKSANTERI INSTITUTE, UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI
2021	<i>Research assistant</i> , SOLID PROJECT, (supervisors Hanspeter Kriesi and Ioana-Elena Oana), EUI, Florence
2019-2020	<i>Research assistant</i> , "MEP TRAJECTORIES" PROJECT, EUI, Florence
2019	<i>Assistant</i> , MIGRATION POLICY CENTER, EUI, Florence
2018	<i>Research assistant</i> , "DICTATORSHIP TEXTBOOKS" PROJECT, (supervisor Prof. Elias Dinas), EUI, Florence
2015	<i>Researcher</i> , "PARTY NATIONALIZATION" PROJECT, (supervisor Prof. Grigory Golosov), EUSP, Saint Petersburg
2015	<i>Researcher</i> , "ACADEMIC POWER" PROJECT, (supervisor Prof. Mikhail Sokolov), EUSP, Saint Petersburg
2013-2014	<i>Research Assistant</i> , HSE LCSR, Saint Petersburg. Research practice with statistical analysis, data collection, newsmaking, website development, translation
2012	<i>Research Assistant</i> , "TOLERANCE" GOVERNMENTAL PROJECT, Bely Dom research agency, Saint Petersburg. Data collecting, database preparation, analytical commentary
2013	<i>Legal Assistant</i> , NEGOTIATIONS IN COURT, PAPERWORK
2013	<i>Trainee</i> , ASSEMBLY OF SAINT PETERSBURG, PR DEPARTMENT. Assistance with report writing, paperwork

## Community service

2012-2016	<i>Member of local Electoral Commission</i> , Yabloko party, SAINT PETERSBURG, RUSSIA
2011-2012	<i>Member of local Electoral Commission</i> , CPRF party, SAINT PETERSBURG, RUSSIA
2011	<i>Electoral Observer</i> , SAINT PETERSBURG, RUSSIA

## Invited talks

2019	Departmental Seminar, Department of Political Science, European University at Saint Petersburg
2019	Departmental Seminar, Department of Social Sciences, University Düsseldorf

## Computer skills

*Proficient:* RStudio  
*Advanced:* Python,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , Stata, SPSS  
*Intermediate:* Adobe Photoshop, Mplus, Inkscape

## Languages

*Russian* (Native)  
*English* (C2)

*Italian* (C1)