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Current position

- 2024-2025 *Postdoctoral Fellow*, South Asia hub of the Central European University Democracy Institute Forum on Democracy and Development
- 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?"* (sent to reviewers, EJPR-2025-0067)
- xxxx Iakovlev, Gennadii. *"The organizational structure of Ukraine's revolutions in 2004 and 2014: a case study"* (under review, Demokratizatsiya)

ARTICLES IN PROGRESS

- xxxx Iakovlev, Gennadii, Emil Kamalov *"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"*
- xxxx To be submitted in July 2025. 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"*

Conferences

- 2019 Iakovlev, Gennadii. *"With whom should they make the pact?"* Developing Scholar Workshop at the APSA Annual Meeting (13–15 August 2019, Washington, DC, USA)
- 2014 Kostenko, Veronica, and Gennadii Iakovlev. (2014), *"Socis journal authors"* Constructing the "Soviet"? Political attitudes, daily practices, new identity: materials for 8th crossnational student and intern conference (18–19 April 2014, Saint Petersburg, Russia)

Teaching experience

UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL

- 2025 June - July, Visiting Lecturer *"Using Large Language Models for Political Science"* BARD COLLEGE, 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, 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 pactured transitions from authoritarian rule" HEINRICH-HEINE-UNIVERSITY DÜSSELDORF, Germany

Working experience

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

Community service

2012-2016 *Member of local Electoral Commission*, Yabloko party, SAINT PETERSBURG, RUSSIA
2011-2012 *Member of local Electoral Commission*, CPRF party, SAINT PETERSBURG, RUSSIA
2011 *Electoral Observer*, 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, L^AT_EX, Stata, SPSS

Intermediate: Adobe Photoshop, Mplus, Inkscape

Languages

Russian (Native)

English (C2)

Italian (C1)