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**Research interests:** political behavior, migration, authoritarianism, gender studies, gender gap

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## Education

- **PhD Candidate** (*defense expected 2027*)  
*Department of Political Science and Sociology*, Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence  
Supervisors: Martín Portos García, Lorenzo Zamponi
- **MA in Sociology**, *European University at St. Petersburg*, Russia (2020–2022)  
GPA: 4.6 / 5
- **BA in Sociology**, *Novosibirsk State University*, Russia (2016–2020)  
GPA: 4.3 / 5

## Visiting Positions

- **Visiting Research Fellow**, *Institute of Social Science*, The University of Tokyo (upcoming 2026)  
Supervisor: Masaaki Higashijima
- **Exchange Student**, *Globalisation Program*, Venice International University (2021)  
GPA: 8.8 / 10

## Publications

- *Micromobilising Emotion: How Feminist Anti-War Resistance Builds Affective Infrastructure in Exile.*  
In *Communist and Post-Communist Studies* (2025)
- *'Great, Great Sorrow and Eternal Silence': An Experiment in Sociological Dream Interpretation after the 24th of February 2022.* In *The February Journal* (2023)
- *Men's Words, Women's Work: Exploring the Reverse Gender Gap in Post-2022 Russian Emigration.*  
In *Russian Analytical Digest (RAD)* (2024)

## Work in Progress

- *Reverse Gender Gap in Transnational Activism: War-Driven Political Engagement Among Russian Post-2022 Emigrants*, with Emil Kamalov and Ivetta Sergeeva
- *Destination Preferences in Secondary Migration Among Politically Induced Migrants from Authoritarian States: Evidence from Conjoint Experiment*, with Emil Kamalov and Ivetta Sergeeva
- *The Gendered Opportunity Structure of Exile: How Host-Country Contexts Shape Migrant Political Participation*
- *Two Percent of Trust: Methodological Innovations for Retaining Fearful Respondents in Panel Surveys*, with Emil Kamalov and Ivetta Sergeeva

- *New Russian Migration to Latin America: Mobile Middle Classes, Flight from Illiberalism, and the Formation of New Urban Communities*, with Svetlana Ruseishvili, Emil Kamalov, and Ivetta Sergeeva

## Data Collection

- **Investigator**, [OutRush](#) — Panel survey of Russian political migrants (2022–present).  
Funded by *European University Institute* and *U.S. Russia Foundation*.  
Media references (70+ references):
  - In English:  
[Bloomberg](#), [Financial Times](#), [Al Jazeera](#), [Deutsche Welle](#), [CNBC](#), [Fortune](#), [The Moscow Times \(1\)](#), [The Moscow Times \(2\)](#), [The Japan Times](#)
  - In Russian:  
[BBC](#), [Deutsche Welle](#), [Voice of America](#), [Meduza \(1\)](#), [Meduza \(2\)](#), [Meduza \(3\)](#), [RBC \(1\)](#), [RBC \(2\)](#), [RBC \(3\)](#), [Forbes Russia](#), [Zhivoy Gvozd](#), [Important Stories](#), [Rasstriga.doc](#), [Paper \(1\)](#), [Paper \(2\)](#), [Karèn Shainyan](#), [RTVI](#), [Novaya Gazeta](#), [Sever Real](#), [VC](#), [Feminist Anti-War Resistance](#), [Klops](#), [Vot Tak](#), [Glagol](#), [Grodno 24](#), [Komsomolskaya Pravda](#), [Agents Media](#),
  - In other languages:  
[Jungle.World \(DE\)](#), [Information \(DA\)](#), [Corriere Del Ticino \(ES\)](#), [Ceske Noviny \(CS\)](#), [Pravda \(SK\)](#)
- **Principal Investigator**, *The Science of Dreams* —  
National Survey of Dreams of Russians During the War (2022–present).
- **Co-Investigator**, *Feminist Anti-War Resistance* — With Regina Smyth et al. (2023–2024)

## Academic Positions

- **Principal Investigator**, *The Science of Dreams Project* - *A research on dreams of Russians during the war* (2022–present)
- **Co-Investigator**, *OutRush Project* - *Online survey of Russian post-2022 emigrants*, with Emil Kamalov (PI) and Ivetta Sergeeva (PI). EUI/Stanford (2022–present)
- **Co-Investigator**, *A Comparative Study of Russian Migrant Communities following the Full-Scale Invasion of Ukraine (DemEx Project)*, with Marlene Laruelle et al. NSF-funded (2024–2026)
- **Co-investigator**, *A Study on Feminist Antiwar Resistance in Exile*, with Regina Smyth et. al. Funded by University of Oslo (2023–2024)
- **Research Assistant**, *Building a Commons in the Russian Diaspora*, with Regina Smyth et al. (2022–2024)

## Research Reports and Media Columns

- *On the Move: Mobility, Integration, and Dynamics of Russian Emigration in 2022–2024*, with Emil Kamalov and Ivetta Sergeeva, 2025
- *From Russia to Latin America: Integration, Challenges, and Aspirations of Russian Post-2022 Emigrants*, with Emil Kamalov and Ivetta Sergeeva, 2025
- *Mapping and Gathering Russian Artists and Cultural Workers in Exile*, 2024
- *One and a Half Years Later: Progress and Barriers in the Integration of Russian Emigrants*, 2024
- *How do you sleep during the war?*, *Posle Media*, 2023
- *I had a dream about Putin. What war-time dreams tell us about reality*, *Republic*, 2023 (in Russian)

## **Grants and Scholarships**

- *Democracy in Exile (DemEx)* — NSF Grant, with Marlene Laruelle et al (2024–2026)
- *Mapping Opportunities for Social Infrastructure of Russian Anti-War Migration in Latin America* — USRF Grant, with Vladimir Rouvinski, Emil Kamalov, and Ivetta Sergeeva (2024)
- *PhD Grant* — PNRR, 2023–2027
- *Exchange Student Grant* — SNS, 2025
- *MA Scholarship* — European University at St. Petersburg, 2020–2022
- Twice winner, *National Sociology Olympiad Grant* — HSE & Yandex (2021, 2022)

## **Selected Conferences**

### **2025**

- *European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)* — Thessaloniki — Paper Presenter
- *ASEEES Annual Convention* — Washington DC — Roundtable Invited Speaker & Panel Discussant
- *Gens Conference – International Conference on Gender Studies (ISA, ESA, AIS)* — Stintino — Paper Presenter
- *International Business Conference, Kovcheg Business.Network*
- *Academic Bridges International Conference* — Online — Report Presenter, Invited Expert

### **2024**

- *ASEEES Annual Convention* — Boston — Paper Presenter
- *Aleksanteri Conference “Resisting Authoritarianism in Eurasia,”* — Helsinki — Paper Presenter
- *European Graduate Network (EGN)* — Zurich — Paper Presenter & Discussant
- *New Russian Exodus and Host Societies: Impacts and Responses* — Yerevan — Paper Presenter, Invited Expert
- *International Academic Conference “(In)Visible Russian (Anti-)War Migration”* — Warsaw — Paper Presenter

### **2023**

- *Aleksanteri Conference “Decolonizing Space in the Global East,” University of Helsinki* — Helsinki — Paper Presenter
- *International Conference “Problematizing Migration: Mobility and Vulnerabilization in an Age of Abandonment and Inequalities,”* — Palermo — Paper Presenter

## **Academic Workshops and Invited Talks**

### **2025**

- *Gender, Peace and Security: Resistance and Resilience* — BIEA, Nairobi — Paper Presenter & Panel Discussant & Chair

- *Mobility and Diversity: War-Induced Russian Migration since February 2022* — ZOIS, Berlin — Paper Presenter, Invited Speaker
- *Russia's Outlook in the New Geopolitical Reality, Russia Expert Seminar* — EUI, Florence — Report Presenter, Invited Expert

## 2024

- *Migration Working Group* — EUI, Florence — Paper Presenter
- *LCSR International Workshop “Recent Advances in Comparative Study of Values”* — Moscow (online) — Paper Presenter
- *Cross-border voices: emigration, gender, and activism in the wake of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. EDRAM Workshop, Ilia State University* — Tbilisi — Paper Presenter, Invited Expert
- *Cross-Border Repression and Solidarity: Navigating Threats, Discrimination, and Civic Engagement among Russian Exiles* — Riga — Paper Presenter, Invited Expert

## Skills

- **Languages:** Russian (native), English (advanced), Italian (intermediate)
  - **Software:** R, LaTeX, Qualtrics, MAXQDA, Git
  - **Research:** statistical modeling, reproducible research, survey design, panel surveys, qualitative interviews
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