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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles, PhD in Comparative Politics and Government 2019
Topic: *"Dictators in the Spotlight: What Do They Do When They Cannot Do Business as Usual?"*
Committee: Prof. Daniel Treisman (chair), Prof. Barbara Geddes,
Prof. Chad Hazlett, Prof. Daniel Posner, Prof. Jeniffer Pan (Stanford)

University of California, Los Angeles, MS in Statistics 2018

Higher School of Economics, Moscow, MA in Political Science (with Honors) 2011

Higher School of Economics, Moscow, BA in Political Science (with Honors) 2009

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Teaching Fellow, Anderson School of Business, UCLA 2018

Teaching Fellow, Department of Political Science, UCLA 2014-18

Research Fellow, Department of Political Science, UCLA 2015-16

Research Fellow, Center for the Study of Institutions and Development,
Higher School of Economics, Moscow 2013-14

Visiting Research Fellow, Russian & East European Institute, Indiana University 2012

Lecturer, Political Science Department, Higher School of Economics, Moscow 2010-13

Research Fellow, Laboratory for Political Studies, Higher School of Economics, Moscow 2008-13

PUBLICATIONS

"Civic and Political Activism in Russia" in *The New Autocracy: Information, Politics, and Policy in Putin's Russia*, 2018, 249-276, Brookings Institution Press (with Alexei Zakharov)

"Defining Common Ground: Collective Identity in Russia's Post-Election Protests and Rallies" in *The Systemic and Non-Systemic Opposition in the Russian Federation*, 2015, 51-76, Ashgate Publishing (with Regina Smyth and Irina Soboleva)

"Trial by Fire: a Natural Disaster's Impact on Support for the Authorities in Rural Russia," in *World Politics*, 2014, 66(4), 641-668 (with Egor Lazarev, Irina Soboleva, and Boris Sokolov)

"Means of Production VS Means of Coercion: Can Russian Business Limit the Violence of Predatory State?," in *Post-Soviet Affairs*, 2014, 30(1), 171-194 (with Andrei Yakovlev, and Anton Kazun)

"Social and Economic Policy Trade-Offs in the Russian Regions: Evidence from Four Case Studies," in *Europe-Asia Studies*, 2013, 65(10): 1855-1876 (with Tom Remington, Irina Soboleva, and Mark Urnov)

"Well-Organized Play: Symbolic Politics and the Effect of the Pro-Putin Rallies," in *Problems of Post-Communism*, 2013, 60(2): 24-39 (with Regina Smyth and Irina Soboleva)

CURRENT RESEARCH

“Recurrent Revolutions: Technological Foundations of Political Instability” (with Dmitry Dagaev and Natalia Lamberova)

“Leaderless Protests?” (with Dmitry Dagaev, Natalia Lamberova, and Konstantin Sonin)

“Fantastic Beasts and Whether They Matter: How Pro-Government “Trolls” Influence Online Conversations in Russia”

“Can independent media help suppress collective action?”

GRANTS

External

The Harriman Institute, New York, Travel Grant	2018
Institute for Humane Studies, Arlington, Travel Grant	2018
Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Alumni Academic Fellowship	2017
Institute for Humane Studies, Arlington, PhD Fellowship	2014,2015,2016,2017,2018
Oxford-Russia Foundation, Research Fellowship	2007-10

Internal (at UCLA)

Dissertation Year Fellowship	2018-19
Dissertation Research Fellowship, the Center for European and Russian Studies	2018
Edwin W. Pauley Fellowship	2017
Edwin W. Pauley Fellowship	2013

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

Higher School of Economics Award for Academic Achievements	2012
“The Best Lecturer of Political Science Department - 2012” Award	2012
High Distinction for Honors Thesis, Higher School of Economics	2011
High Distinction for Honors Thesis, Higher School of Economics	2009

PRESENTATIONS

APSA (2016, 2014), MPSA (2018, 2017, 2014), European Economic Association Annual Conference (2015), Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics Annual Conference (2013), April International Academic Conference On Economic and Social Development (2013, 2012, 2010, 2011), Moscow Higher School of Economics (2017, 2013), Indiana University (2012)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of California, Los Angeles, *Anderson School of Business*

Technology Analytics (MBA), with Prof. Keith Chen

Competitive Analytics (MSBA), with Prof. Keith Chen

University of California, Los Angeles, *Department of Political Science*

Politics and Government of Post-Communist Russia, with Prof. Daniel Treisman

Diversity, Disagreement, and Democracy, with Prof. Susanne Lohmann

Data Analysis, with Prof. Erin Hartman

Politics and Strategy, with Prof. Michael Chwe

World Politics, with Prof. David Wilkinson

Higher School of Economics, Moscow, *Department of Political Science*

Models of Risk in Politics and Economics (MA), Lecturer,

with Prof. Konstantin Sonin and Prof. Irina Khovanskaya

Political Theory, Lecturer

SKILLS

SOFTWARE: R (keras, selenium, rvest, tm, ggplot2, tidyverse, sp, raster),

Python (TensorFlow, keras, nltk, Selenium, sklearn, pandas), SQL, Stata, SPSS, L^AT_EX

DATA COLLECTION: automated data extraction, automated text processing,

online and field experiments, surveys, interviews

References

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