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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**, PhD in Political Economy 2015

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

**Higher School of Economics, Moscow**, BA in Political science (with distinction) 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

### *Published works*

**"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)

#### *Submitted works*

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

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

#### *Work in progress*

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

**“Can independent media help suppress collective action?”**

## AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

Alumni Academic Fellowship, Higher School of Economics, Moscow (3,000\$)	2017
Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies (5,000\$)	2016
Edwin W. Pauley Fellowship, UCLA (15,000\$)	2017
Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies (5,000\$)	2016
Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies (2,000\$)	2015
Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies (2,000\$)	2014
Edwin W. Pauley Fellowship, UCLA (15,000\$)	2013
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
Oxford-Russia Foundation Fellowship (8,000\$)	2007-10

## PRESENTATIONS

MPSA (2018, 2017, 2014), Moscow Higher School of Economics (2017), APSA (2016, 2014), University of Mannheim (2015), SIOE (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

#### *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 Professor 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, Selenium), SQL, Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

DATA COLLECTION: automated data extraction, automated text processing,

online and field experiments, surveys, interviews

## References

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