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I am a policy analyst specializing in civil-military relations and security sector reforms. My reports were published in CSIS, RUSI, Meduza, Kennan Institute, Riddle, The Moscow Times, Novaya Gazeta, and Echo of Moscow. The core of my work is to conduct evidence-based analysis using quantitative (panel data, quantitative text analysis, quasi-experiments, big data and machine learning in R, Python, and Stata) and qualitative (text analysis, QCA, process tracing) methods. I am a member of the Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society and listed as an expert on Russia in Chatham House's roster of scholars. I have a hypertrophied sense of commitment, speak Russian, English and learn German and French.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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- 2022**      **Researcher, PPMI**  
I conduct policy-oriented research as a consult for EU institutions and international organizations. I do the full range of analytical work: design policy research projects, collect and analyze quantitative (surveys, socioeconomic datasets) and qualitative data (interviews, focus groups), formulate data-informed conclusions and recommendations. I write research reports using various social science methodologies and present findings to clients, colleagues and the public at large.
- 2021**      **Consultant, Center for Strategic and International Studies**  
I wrote a report about Russian military leadership and identified key policy changes and personnel priorities in the Russian military and their impact on civil-military relations.
- 2021 – present**      **Project Coordinator & Area Studies Consultant, Middlebury Institute of International Studies**  
I supported the operational planning and implementation of the Monterey Summer Symposium on Russia; assisted the senior staff in liaising with approximately 51 experts and 15 fellows; represented the Institute with officials and experts; updated online teaching pages; and drafted a formal report. I later contributed to the US-Russia Relations website: <https://usrussiarelations.org>
- 2018 – 2018**      **Intern, UNICEF**  
I worked as a monitoring and Evaluation team intern focusing on the program assessment and documenting at the UNICEF office in Astana, Kazakhstan. I prepared a report documenting the development of UNICEF-supported strategies, initiatives, and models; contributed to the revision of a theory of change for UNICEF's universal progressive home visiting services in Kazakhstan; and provided recommendations and roadmap on horizontal cooperation in support of the universal progressive home visiting services reform.
- 2017 – present**      **Contributing Editor, Riddle**  
I write and edit articles about Russia's policies, politics, and military development submitted in Russian and English. I also assist the Director and Editor-in-Chief with grant report drafting.

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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**Forthcoming:** The Russian Power Ministries and Security Services // Routledge Handbook of Russian Politics and Society (with Professor Bettina Renz)

**2022:** Civil-Military Relations and Russia's Post-Soviet Military Culture: A Belief System Analysis // Armed Forces & Society, 2021 (in print), URL: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0095327X211062932>

**2021:** Understanding Senior Leadership Dynamics within the Russian Military, *CSIS report*, URL: <https://bit.ly/3lONMsd>

**2020:** So Different, Yet So Similar: Civil-Military Relations in the United States and Russia, *Kennan Institute*, URL: <https://bit.ly/3apfNDQ>

**2019:** In Russia, Politics is Always About National Security, *Riddle*, URL: <https://bit.ly/2KYhHk9>

## EDUCATION

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- 2018 – 2022 **Central European University**, PhD candidate (ABD) in Public Policy. Social Science Methodology minor  
**Title:** “Your Assembly is Abolished: Civil-Military Relations and Public Policies”  
**Supervisor:** Christopher D. LaRoche  
My project studies the role of Russian armed forces in national defense policymaking. I invented and tested a novel framework for studying civil-military relations focusing on domestic policymaking. I conducted 37 interviews, analyzed more than 5000 parliamentary speeches, traced legal changes in federal laws and regulations from 2000 to 2016, assessed biographies of senior politico-military elites, and reviewed 360 written materials.
- 2017 – 2018 **Central European University**, School of Public Policy, MA in Public Policy with Merit and Security diploma  
**Thesis:** “Self-made Policy: The Influence of Armed Forces on Military Policy Development”  
**Supervisor:** Thilo Bodenstern. Grade: A-  
I won a highly competitive *CEU Master’s Excellence Scholarship* to pay for the tuition fee, health insurance, monthly stipend, and a single room at CEU Residence Center.
- 2013 – 2017 **Higher School of Economics**, Department of Applied Political Science, BA in Political Science with Distinction.  
**Thesis:** “Political Factors of Military Draft Reform: Why Nations Move to Professional Armies (1945-2010)”  
**Supervisor:** Ivan Grigoriev. Grade: 9/10.

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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- 2022 **Advanced PhD Student Award, Rector’s List Award, Central European University**
- 2021 **Excellence in Teaching Assistantship Award, School of Public Policy, Central European University**
- 2021 **Innovations in Teaching Award, Schools of Social Sciences and Oriental Studies, Higher School of Economics**
- 2019 **Conflict Prevention and Resolution through Arms Control, Disarmament and Non-proliferation in the OSCE area, OSCE and UNODA, full scholarship**
- 2016 – 2017 **“The Silver Nestling”, Rector’s list award of the “Golden HSE” contest, Higher School of Economics**

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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- 2021 **Visiting Researcher, University of Nottingham**  
I worked with Dr Bettina Renz on a project studying the role of civil-military relations in Russia’s policymaking and Ukraine’s defense reforms.
- 2020 - 2022 **Junior Research Fellow, Higher School of Economics**  
I work as a junior research fellow at the Center for Comparative Governance Studies studying multilevel governance and security sector reforms in the post-Soviet space. I write analytical reports for think tanks and the media, publish standalone research projects, manage databases, and participate in research seminars and conferences.
- 2020 – 2021 **Visiting Lecturer**, teaching Policy Analysis at *Higher School of Economics (undergraduates) and European University in Saint Petersburg (graduate students)*. Average SET: 9.7.
- 2018 – 2019 **Research Assistant, Central European University**  
I worked as a research assistant for a project studying the large-scale targeting of poor households in SSA and tackling intrahousehold inequality in Bangladesh. Worked with World Bank’s LSMS datasets in Stata, IFPR’s BIHS and CRU TS v.4.02 in R. Matching GIS and climate/weather data.
- 2016 – 2021 **Teaching Assistant**, nine positions at *Higher School of Economics, Central European University, and European Consortium for Political Research*. Average SET: 9.5/10.  
Courses: *Contemporary Russian Politics, World Politics and International Relations, Comparative Case Study Research, Qualitative Comparative Analysis, Introduction to Inferential Statistics, Research Design and Methods*.

## MAJOR CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

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- 2022 **Academic conference**, *BASEES Annual Conference 2022*, Cambridge, UK
- 2021 **Academic presentation**, *Your Assembly is Abolished: Civil-Military Relations and Public Policies*, Manchester Metropolitan University, UK
- 2021 **Presentation at Islamabad Policy Research Institute**, *The Role of Armed Forces in Russia's National Development*, URL: [https://youtu.be/t-r\\_sHIsKF4?t=560](https://youtu.be/t-r_sHIsKF4?t=560)
- 2021 **Presentation at International Nevsky Forum (World Bank, RANEPa)**, *Evidence-based Policymaking in Russia: Is There Life on Mars (in Russian)*, URL: <https://youtu.be/1Shl4DhsoVs?t=7516>
- 2021 **Academic Workshop**, *GSISE: Graduate Students in International Security, etc. Workshop*, New York University
- 2021 **Academic conference**, *Annual Doctoral Conference*, Central European University, Vienna, Austria
- 2019 **Academic conference**, *International Conference on Inequality and Diversity*, Higher School of Economics, Saint Petersburg, Russia
- 2019 **Columbia University, Daniel Morgan Graduate School of National Security**, Security Analysis Workshop
- 2019 **Academic conference**, *The 2019 International Biennial Conference of the Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society*, Reston, USA

## SELECTED MEDIA PRESENCE

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- 2022 Putin had a "grand strategy". And it failed, **Meduza** (Russia), URL: [shorturl.at/psQT8](https://shorturl.at/psQT8)
- 2021 **Live TV**: Navalny, Donbass, and hackers. What Biden and Putin can (not) agree on, **Current Time** (Czechia), URL: <https://www.currenttime.tv/a/biden-putin-meeting/31309723.html>
- 2021 **Live TV**: The trial of Alexei Navalny. Verdict. TV show on TV Rain, **TV Rain** (Russia), URL: [https://youtu.be/Jwno\\_6dog8s?t=2955](https://youtu.be/Jwno_6dog8s?t=2955)
- 2020 **Live TV**: Radical Unemployment: How the International Crisis Will Affect the Rise of Extremism, **RTVI** (USA/Russia), URL: <https://bit.ly/2YRw2DU>
- 2021 **Podcast**: Not only in Russia, but also in the West, the police at rallies are often incredibly brutal. Why do they do it? Or are the *siloviki* the same everywhere? **Meduza** (Russia), URL: <https://bit.ly/3anHRaI>
- 2020 **Podcast**: Krai and Punishment, **Foreign Policy Research Institute** (USA), URL: <https://bit.ly/3bfhd2W>
- 2020 **Public Lecture**: Evidence-based Policymaking – in Russian (Evidence-based Policymaking), **Libertarian Party of Russia**, URL: <https://youtu.be/Xbk8sjDWEro>
- 2021 En Russie, l'opposition panse ses plaies, **La Croix** (France), URL: <https://bit.ly/2NASMF1>
- 2021 25 Tage Haft für einen Witz: In Russland geht das. **Kurier** (Austria), URL: <https://bit.ly/3bdzrSy>
- 2021 'This is the road to dictatorship' Here's what some of Russia's top experts expect in the aftermath of Alexey Navalny's imprisonment, **Meduza** (Russia), URL: <https://bit.ly/3pkQNSA>
- 2020 Why the anti-Putin protests in Russia's eastern city are something new, **The New Statesman** (USA), URL: [shorturl.at/josGK](https://shorturl.at/josGK)
- 2020 Il Coronavirus e l'ultima operazione di influenza della Russia sull'Italia, **La Stampa** (Italy), URL: <https://bit.ly/3eTXEhu>
- 2019 All the Tsar's Men: Who Leads Russia's Regions?, **The Moscow Times** (Russia), URL: <https://bit.ly/2LOzAPT>
- 2019 What Can We Learn from Hungary and Soros? International Fight for Academic Freedom, **Novaya Gazeta** (Russia), URL: <https://bit.ly/3inYu8s>