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Education	DPhil in Politics 2024 – Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford
	Funded by an Economic and Social Research Council Studentship. Supervised by Dr Katerina Tertychnaya.
	MPhil in Politics (Comparative Government) 2022 – 2024 Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford
	Grade: <i>Distinction</i> . Funded by an Economic and Social Research Council Studentship. Thesis: ‘Subnational governance, patronage, and political careers in Kazakhstan,’ supervised by Dr Katerina Tertychnaya.
Selected Scholarships and Awards	BA in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics 2019 – 2022 Lincoln College, University of Oxford
	Grade: <i>First Class</i> . Finals examinations in politics and economics. Thesis: ‘Changing the rules of autocracy: the politics of electoral reform in competitive authoritarian Ukraine,’ supervised by Dr Jody LaPorte.
	Grand Union Doctoral Training Programme Studentship , Economic and Social Research Council, 2022–2026.
	Competitively awarded doctoral studentship, covering fees and stipend for the MPhil in Politics followed by the DPhil (PhD) in Politics, both at Oxford. Value: \approx £145,000.
Work in Progress	‘Subnational governance, co-optation, and political careers in Kazakhstan’. <i>Working paper</i> .
	‘Local elections and elite management in authoritarian regime: evidence from Kazakhstan’. With Eleonora Minaeva and Kirill Melnikov. <i>Data collection</i> .
Professional Experience	Consultant Researcher Ridgeway Information, London June 2024 – present
	Occasional consultancy supporting the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)’s nuclear non-proliferation work. I provide open source methods and Russian-language support, especially on projects related to the former Soviet Union.

**Research
Experience**

Research Assistant on Non-Violent Repression in Electoral Autocracies
Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford
September 2024 – present

Research assistance to Dr Katerina Tertytchnaya's ESRC-funded project on administrative and bureaucratic repression.

Research Assistant on AUTHLIB (PI: Stephen Whitefield)
Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford
September 2023 – January 2024

Part of the joint UKRI/Horizon Europe funded project 'neo-authoritarianisms in Europe and the liberal democratic response' (<https://www.authlib.eu/>), led at Oxford by Stephen Whitefield, Spyros Kosmidis, and Zofia Stemplowska. Coding tweets to train a natural language processing model.

Research Assistant to Dr Lenka Bušíková
Oxford School of Global and Area Studies, University of Oxford
May – September 2023

Data collection for projects on illiberalism and irregular armed groups' political role in Ukraine.

Research Assistant on the Oxford University Economic Recovery Project
Smith School of Energy and Enterprise, University of Oxford
February – November 2021

Research assistance, using government and media sources to track state spending in response to Covid-19.

**Voluntary
Experience**

Election Observer, Samarqand region, Uzbekistan
OSCE ODIHR Election Observation Mission
October 2024

**Other
Experience**

Intern
Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford
Summer 2021

Copywriting and data entry for the faculty's website.

**Conferences
and Workshops**

'Shuffling to co-opt: Subnational governance, patronage, and political careers in Kazakhstan.' *ESRC Grand Union DTP Annual Conference*. 4 June 2024. Grand Union Doctoral Training Programme, University of Oxford.

'Shuffling to co-opt: Subnational governance, patronage, and political careers in Kazakhstan.' *Emerging Scholars Workshop on the Study of Challenges in*

Eurasian Politics and Society. 24 May 2024. Center for Slavic, Eurasian, and East European Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Presented Online.

International Experience

Intensive Russian language training in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, Summer 2022.

Travel in Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, Georgia.

Languages

Native English. Intermediate Russian.

Computer Skills

Advanced R: Modelling. Managing/wrangling large datasets. `tidyverse`. Visualisation with `ggplot2`. Web scraping with `rvest`, `R Selenium`, `Chrome DevTools`. R Markdown/Quarto. Basic machine learning with `tidymodels` and hosted LLM fine-tuning. GIS with `SF`.

Basic Python: Scraping (`Selenium/SeleniumWire`). Data management.

Other: Advanced \LaTeX . Functional use of Git (and GitHub), SSH, Azure (VMs and pipelines).

Additional Training

Comprehensive E-learning Course for OSCE/ODIHR Observers, September 2024.

Fieldwork Safety Overseas, University of Oxford Safety Office, June 2023.

Advanced R for the Social Sciences, Social Sciences Division, University of Oxford, February 2023.

References

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