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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

The University of Western Australia
Lecturer (Assistant Professor)

Sep 2025 – Present

EDUCATION

Cornell University

Sep 2019 – Jun 2025

PhD in Economics

Thesis: Polarization under biased argument sharing

Committee: Kaushik Basu (chair), Lawrence Blume, Suraj Malladi

New Economic School, Russia, Moscow

Sep 2017 – Jun 2019

Master of Arts in Economics

Thesis: Media manipulation on a network with knowledgeable agents

Thesis advisor: Sergei Izmalkov

Higher School of Economics, Russia, Moscow

Sep 2013 – Jun 2017

Bachelor of Applied Mathematics and Information Science

Faculty of Computer Science

Thesis: Logic of Existentialism in Fiction

Thesis advisor: Ilya Makarov

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Information Economics, Game Theory, Networks, Artificial Intelligence, Political Economy

WORKING PAPERS

Shared Beliefs, Divergent Expression: Strategic Disclosure and Political Polarization. *Job Market Paper*

The Good, the Bad, and the Hulk-like GPT: Analyzing Emotional Decisions of Large Language Models in Cooperation and Bargaining Games with Mikhail Mozikov, Nikita Severin, Maria Glushanina, Mikhail Baklashkin, Andrey V. Savchenko, Ilya Makarov.

Information Aggregation in Presence of Media Bias on a Network with Experts.

Sovereign Rating Changes and FDI to Emerging Markets: Fear over Greed with Kaushik Basu (Cornell) and Supriyo De (IMF).

PUBLICATIONS

The Motivation and Consequence of Fact-checking Behavior: An Experimental Study with Dongfang Gaozhao (Dayton) and Pengfei Zhang (UT Dallas). *PLoS One* (2025), 20(5):e0323105.

EAI: Emotional Decision-Making of LLMs in Strategic Games and Ethical Dilemmas with Mikhail Mozikov, Nikita Severin, Maria Glushanina, Mikhail Baklashkin, Ivan Nasonov, Daniil Orekhov, Ivan Makovetskiy, Vasily Lavrentyev, Vladislav Pekhotin, Akim Tsvigun, Denis Turdakov, Tatiana Shavrina, Andrey V. Savchenko, Ilya Makarov. *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 37 (NeurIPS 2024)*.

Logic of Existentialism in Fiction with Ilya Makarov. *Proceedings of the Thirtieth International Florida Artificial Intelligence Research Society Conference (FLAIRS 2017)*. AAAI Press, 2017.

Adapting First-Person Shooter Video Game for Playing with Virtual Reality Headsets with Ilya Makarov, Oleg Konoplia, Pavel Polyakov, Maxim Martynov, Peter Zyuzin, Olga Gerasimova. *Proceedings of the Thirtieth International Florida Artificial Intelligence Research Society Conference (FLAIRS 2017)*. AAAI Press, 2017.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Competition over a Network under Voter Fraud and Stubborn Agents.

Information Sharing and Fact-Checking Alignment in Large Language Models.

Statistical Discrimination Induced by The Rumors with Kalie Pierce (Cornell).

CONFERENCE & SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2024: Southern Economic Association (SEA) Annual Conference (upcoming), Eastern Economic Association (EEA) Annual Conference, Cornell Work in Progress Seminar (TWIPS)

2023: Southern Economic Association (SEA) 93th Annual Conference, Cornell Work in Progress Seminar (TWIPS)

2022: Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession (CSWEP) workshop, Cornell Work in Progress Seminar (TWIPS)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

ECON 3280: Introduction to Political Economy for Public Policy,

Teaching Assistant

Spring 2025

Prof. Milena Djourelouva, Cornell University

ECON 3801: Introduction to Game Theory and Strategic Thinking, Fall 2024, 2021, 2020

Teaching Assistant

Prof. Kaushik Basu, Cornell University

ECON 6100: Microeconomic Theory II (PhD sequence),

Teaching Assistant

Spring 2023

Prof. Lawrence Blume, Cornell University

ECON 2040: Networks, Teaching Assistant

Fall 2022

Prof. David Easley, Prof. Jon Kleinberg, Cornell University

ECON 4020: Game Theory I, Teaching Assistant

Spring 2022

Prof. Tommaso Denti, Cornell University

ECON 1110: Introductory Microeconomics, Teaching Assistant

Spring 2021

Prof. Jennifer Wissink, Cornell University

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Sage Graduate Fellowship, Cornell University	2019-2024
Graduate School Conference Grant, Cornell University	2023-2024
Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession (CSWEP) Travel Grant	2022
Computer Science Department Travel Grant, Higher School of Economics	2016

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Mentor, Graduate Student Association For Economics, Cornell University	2021-2024
Voting Member, Diversity in Cornell Economics Association (DICE), Cornell University	2022-2024
Research Intern, Hydrometeorological Centre of Russia, Moscow	2016
Research Intern, Sberbank CIB, Moscow	2015

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Computer Skills	Python, Stata, R, Matlab, SQL
Languages	Russian (native), English (fluent)

REFERENCES

Kaushik Basu (Dissertation Chair)
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