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## EDUCATION

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<b>Cornell University</b> PhD in Economics Thesis: Polarization under biased argument sharing Committee: Kaushik Basu (chair), Lawrence Blume, Suraj Malladi	Sep 2019 – 2025 (expected)
<b>New Economic School</b> Master of Arts in Economics Thesis: Media manipulation on a network with knowledgeable agents Thesis advisor: Sergei Izmalkov	Sep 2017 – Jun 2019
<b>Higher School of Economics</b> Bachelor of Applied Math and Computer Science Thesis: Logic of Existentialism in Fiction Thesis advisor: Ilya Makarov	Sep 2013 – Jun 2017

## RESEARCH FIELDS

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Economic Theory, Information Economics, Networks, Artificial Intelligence

## WORKING PAPERS

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**Polarization under Biased Argument Sharing.** *Job Market Paper*

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

**Motivated Reasoning is Key to Fact-checking Behavior, And Money is Not** with Dongfang Gaozhao (Dayton) and Pengfei Zhang (UT Dallas). *Under review*

**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.

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

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Peer-Reviewed Conference Proceedings:**

**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. *Neural Information Processing Systems Proceedings (NeurIPS 2024)*, forthcoming

**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

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**Competition over a network with node theft 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

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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

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**ECON 3801: Introduction to Game Theory and Strategic Thinking**, Fall 2024, 2022  
Teaching Assistant

*Prof. Kaushik Basu, Cornell University*

**ECON 6100: Microeconomic Theory II (PhD sequence)**, Spring 2022  
Teaching Assistant

*Prof. Lawrence Blume, Cornell University*

**ECON 2040: Networks**, Teaching Assistant Fall 2022

*Prof. David Easley, Prof. Job 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

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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

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Mentor, Graduate Student Association For Economics, Cornell University	2022-2023
Voting Member, Diversity in Cornell Economics association, Cornell University	2023
Research Intern, Hydrometeorological Centre of Russia, Moscow	2016
Research Intern, Sberbank CIB, Moscow	2015

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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<b>Computer Skills</b>	Python, Stata, R, Matlab, SQL, JavaScript
<b>Languages</b>	Russian (native), English (fluent)

## REFERENCES

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### **Kaushik Basu (Dissertation Chair)**

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### **Suraj Malladi**

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