Alex Stephenson

POLITICS AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES (2016-2020)

BIOGRAPHY

I am fascinated by the way technology is shaping our society, with a focus using data to discover underlying patterns. I have experience of living in China and Russia. Most recently I have been working in environmental policy tackling climate change.

SKILLS & ABILITIES

- **Data Analysis (R: tidyverse, STM, rvest, igraph)**: I have writing a paper using classification algorithms and network analysis in order to better understand Kremlin online misinformation.

- **Russian**: I worked on a project analysing networks of politicians, utilising my Russian language skills.

- **Technical writing and research:** I have written a paper for thinktank EUCERS on how the changing structures of environmental movements shape environmental politics

- **Teamwork**: Liaised across a number of departments in preparing for the NSPCC's annual policy report.

- **Leadership**: Organised a team of English volunteers and Russian charity workers on behalf of Russia Red Cross.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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EXPERIENCE

Dr Alena Ledeneva (October 2019 - February 2020)
Research assistant
-Coded survey data in *R* and presented findings to a non-technical audience.
-Liaised with the data gathering team in Russia to refine pilot surveys.
-Contributed to a paper on the cost of informal networking in Russia.

Labour for a Green New Deal (March 2019 - Present)
Policy Team Co-Lead

- Manage a team of volunteers
- Wrote a range of in-depth policy justifications, which was then circulated to the media, party heads and other key stakeholders.
- Liaise between other teams within the organisation and the wider Labour Party.

Red Cross Russia (September 2018 - June 2019)
English Language Coordinator
-Organised a weekly language class for children from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.
- Liaised between the team of UCL volunteers of Red Cross Russia staff.

Ed Miliband MP (June 2018)
Intern

- Selected for the internship through submitting an essay on how to tackle inequality by implementing a carbon tax.
- Provided briefs on upcoming policy agenda.

NSPCC (2016)
Intern

- Worked in preparing the annual policy report 'It's Time' as well as on the annual flagship conference.
- Liaised with a variety of stakeholders - from politicians to charity workers to interested businesses.

EDUCATION
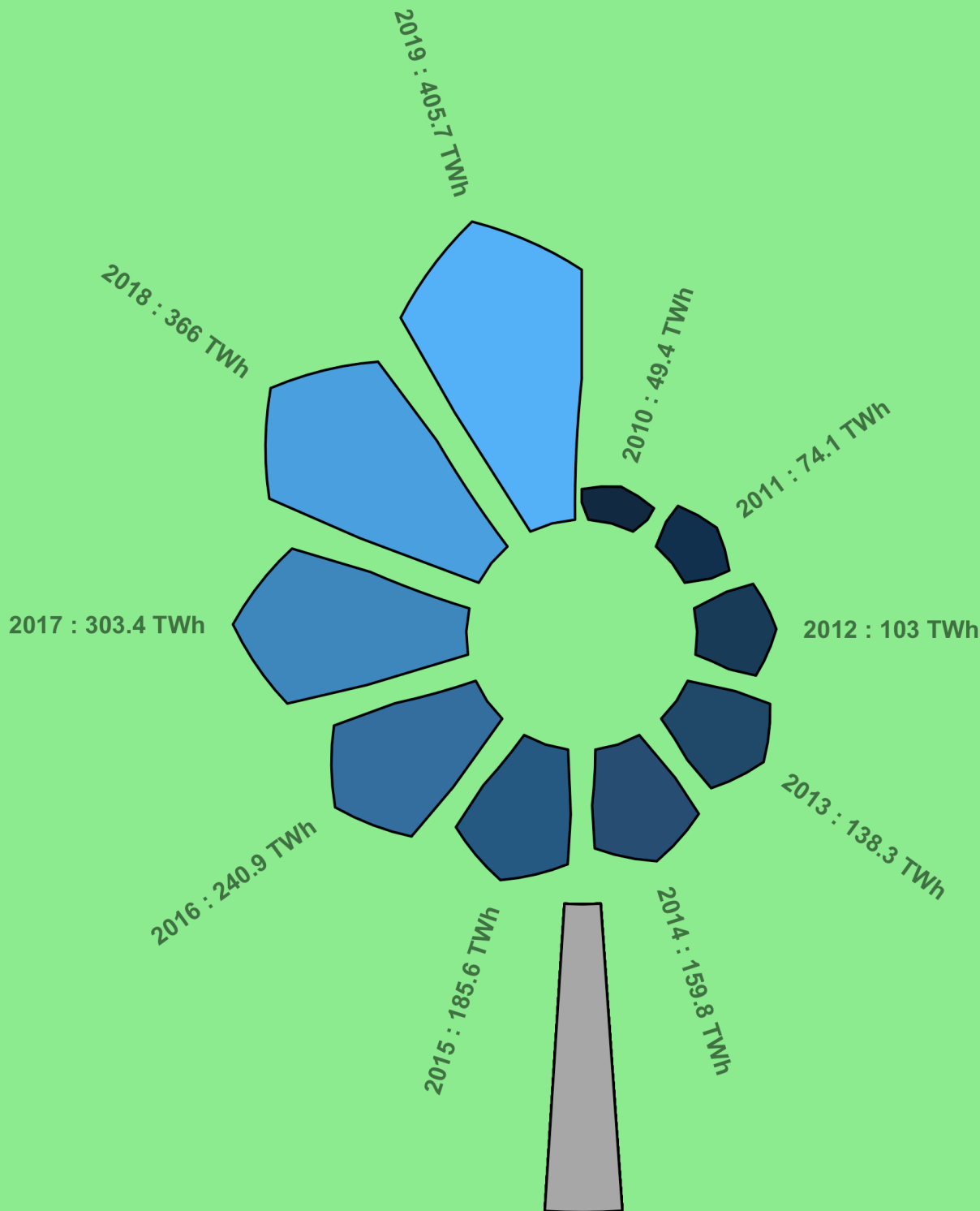
University College London (2016 - 2020)
Politics and East European Studies

- Research specialises in using machine learning to better understand how social media manipulation effects social and political narratives.
- Predicted 1st.

Higher School of Economics, Saint Petersburg (2018-2019)

Sample data visualisation of Ember data, made using R.

Blowing in the Wind:
The Growth of Wind Energy
Production in China

Between the years 2010 and 2020

2019 : 405.7 TWh

2018 : 366 TWh

2010 : 49.4 TWh

2011 : 74.1 TWh

2017 : 303.4 TWh

2012 : 103 TWh

2016 : 240.9 TWh

2013 : 138.3 TWh

2015 : 185.6 TWh

2014 : 159.8 TWh

Code available at: https://rpubs.com/alex_stephenson/dataviz_ember