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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Applied Microeconomics, Political Economy, Media Economics, Economics of Culture, Public Economics

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## SUMMARY

I am a Research Fellow at the Melbourne Institute: Applied Economic & Social Research, University of Melbourne, specializing in applied microeconomics and political economy. My research on the topics of social trust, identity, political institutions, and media was published in leading journals such as the *Economic Journal*, *World Development*, *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*. I have a strong methodological background combining economics, political science, and statistics. I am an active contributor to policy research through engaged projects with Australian foundations and agencies.

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## CURRENT ACADEMIC POSITION

University of Melbourne	2019 - now
Melbourne Institute: Applied Economic & Social Research	
Research Fellow (Level B)	

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## PREVIOUS ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of California, Los Angeles	2018 - 2019
Lecturer (teaching only)	

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## EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles, United States	2012 - 2018
Ph.D. Political Science	
M.S. Statistics	
New Economic School, Moscow, Russia	2010 - 2012
M.A. Economics	
Novosibirsk State University, Novosibirsk, Russia	2003 - 2009
M.S. Physics	
B.S. Physics	

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## ACADEMIC INDICATORS (AS OF DECEMBER 2024)

**Google Scholar** : Citations: 402, H-index: 8. <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=HdFHhHQAAAAJ>  
**CitEc: Citations in Economics**: Citations: 119, H-index: 4. <https://citec.repec.org/p/a/pan327.html>  
**Scopus**: Citations: 105, H-index: 6. <https://www.scopus.com/authid/detail.uri?authorId=57204892822>

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## PUBLICATION DASHBOARD

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ABDC A\* articles: 2  
 ABDC A articles: 4  
 Scopus Q1 articles: 1

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## PUBLISHED AND FORTHCOMING ARTICLES

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Ananyev, Maxim, and Ekaterina Volkova. "Media ownership and ideological slant: evidence from Australian newspaper mergers." **PLoS ONE**, *forthcoming* [SJR Q1, Multidisciplinary]

Ananyev, Maxim, and Michael Poyker. "Identity and conflict: Evidence from Tuareg rebellion in Mali." **World Development** 161 (2023): 106108. ([URL](#)) [ABDC2022 A]

Ananyev, Maxim. "Political economy of cross-border income shifting: A protection racket approach." **Journal of Comparative Economics** 50, no. 4 (2022): 1087-1102. ([URL](#)) [ABDC2022 A]

Ananyev, Maxim, and Michael Poyker. "Do dictators signal strength with electoral fraud?." **European Journal of Political Economy** 71 (2022): 102075. ([URL](#)) [ABDC2022 A]

Ananyev, Maxim, and Michael Poyker. "Christian missions and anti-gay attitudes in Africa." **Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization** 184 (2021): 359-374. ([URL](#)) [ABDC2022 A\*]

Ananyev, Maxim, Michael Poyker, and Yuan Tian. "The safest time to fly: Pandemic response in the era of Fox News." **Journal of Population Economics** 34 (2021): 775-802. ([URL](#)) [ABDC2022 A]

Ananyev, Maxim, and Sergei Guriev. "Effect of income on trust: Evidence from the 2009 economic crisis in Russia." **The Economic Journal** 129, no. 619 (2019): 1082-1118. ([URL](#)) [ABDC20022 A\*]

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## PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

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Turitsyn, Konstantin, Scott Backhaus, Maxim Ananyev, and Michael Chertkov. "Smart finite state devices: A modeling framework for demand response technologies." In 2011 50th IEEE Conference on Decision and Control and European Control Conference, pp. 7-14. IEEE, 2011. ([URL](#))

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## BOOK CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

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Ananyev, Maxim. "Inside the Kremlin: The Presidency and Executive Branch." In *The New Autocracy: Information, Policy, and Politics in Putin's Russia*, edited by Daniel Treisman, Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press, 2018.

Ananyev, Maxim, and Kirill Rogov. "Public Opinion and Russian Politics." In *The New Autocracy: Information, Policy, and Politics in Putin's Russia*, edited by Daniel Treisman, Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press, 2018.

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## INVITED REVIEW ARTICLES

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Ananyev, Maxim, Michael Poyker, and Yuan Tian. "Covid-19 and the Media." *Handbook of Labor, Human Resources and Population Economics*. Cham: Springer International Publishing, 2022. 1-18. ([URL](#))

Ananyev, Maxim, and Michael Poyker, "Economic and Political Impacts of Evangelical Christianity", book chapter, in Nirvikar Singh ed., *Handbook of Religion, Economics, and Public Policy*, to be published by World Scientific.

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## WORKING PAPERS AND DRAFTS

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Ananyev, Maxim, and Michael Poyker. “Prisons norms and society beyond bars.” IZA Discussion Paper No. 17138, July 2024. ([URL](#)) (Reject & Resubmit, Journal of European Economic Association)

Ananyev, Maxim, and Antonia Settle. “Household insurance and financial stress: do households maintain coverage on their most important assets?.” Melbourne Institute Working Paper No. 24/23, November 2023. ([URL](#)) (Revise & Resubmit, Socio-Economic Review)

Ananyev, Maxim, and Michael Poyker. “Impact of prison experiences on anti-gay sentiments.” IZA Discussion Paper No. 17137, July 2024. ([URL](#))

Ananyev, Maxim, and Antonia Settle. “Absorbing shocks by accumulating risk: Do financially stressed households take on underinsurance risk to manage liquidity constraint?.” Melbourne Institute Working Paper No. 16/23, November 2023. ([URL](#))

Ananyev, Maxim, Ferdi Botha, Natalia Lamberova, and Kyle Peyton. “The causal effect of pet ownership on health and well-being.” Unpublished manuscript, December 2024

Ananyev, Maxim, Jongsay Yong, and Yuting Zhang. “Effects of private health insurance on the substitution of private-public hospital care: evidence from a natural-experiment in Australia.” Unpublished manuscript, December 2024

Ananyev, Maxim, and Natalia Lamberova. “Patent protection, funding Access, and resilience of software Startups: analyzing the impact of the Alice decision.” Unpublished manuscript, November 2024

Ananyev, Maxim, Dimitrios Xefferis, Galina Zudenkova, and Maria Petrova, “Information and Communication Technologies, Protests, and Censorship.”, Unpublished manuscript, 2019. ([URL](#))

## SELECTED ENGAGEMENT (CONSULTING PROJECTS)

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Evaluation of place-based initiatives with synthetic control method (2023 - 2025, The Paul Ramsay Foundation)

- A series of impact evaluations of the interventions by NGOs partnered with the Paul Ramsay Foundation
- Foundation Fellow training program (2020-2023, The Melbourne Institute, with Dr. Rajeev Samarage).
- Training program for Level A staff of the Melbourne Institute which emphasises language-independent good coding practices and data management with Stata.

Impact evaluation with synthetic control modelling (2023, The Paul Ramsay Foundation)

- A two-day training course prepared and delivered for The Paul Ramsay Foundation and their partnered NGOs.

Understanding and analysing financial stress, financial wellbeing & financial capability in the Australian HILDA with R (2021, Australian Securities and Investment Commission, with Dr. Ferdi Botha and Prof. John de New)

- A software package and a set of training sessions delivered to ASIC.

## POLICY REPORTS

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Payne, Abigail, Rajeev Samarage, and Maxim Ananyev. “Shepparton: Snapshot Report Prepared for the 2024 Greater Shepparton Philanthropic Summit.” May 2024 ([URL](#))

Ananyev, Maxim, Abigail Payne, Roger Wilkins, and Federico Zilio. “Prevalence of, and Recovery from, Negative Earnings Shocks: Evidence from Three Decades of Longitudinal Tax Data.”, Breaking Down Barriers Report No 6, 2023, Melbourne Institute: Applied Economic & Social Research, The University of Melbourne. ([URL](#)) (*Funder: The Paul Ramsay Foundation*)

Ananyev, Maxim, Abigail Payne, Roger Wilkins, and Federico Zilio. “Individual Earnings Changes and the Business Cycle: An Analysis of Australian Longitudinal Tax Data.” Breaking Down Barriers Report No 7, 2023, Melbourne Institute: Applied Economic & Social Research, The University of Melbourne.([URL](#)) (*Funder: The Paul Ramsay Foundation*)

Ananyev, Maxim, Abigail Payne, and Rajeev Samarage. “Measuring Individual Poverty: Correlates and Variation Over Time”, Breaking Down Barriers Report No 3, 2020, Melbourne Institute: Applied Economic & Social Research, The University of Melbourne.([URL](#)) (*Funder: The Paul Ramsay Foundation*)

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

International Relations of Post-Communist Russia (UCLA, Winter 2019)

Government and Politics of Post-Communist Russia (UCLA, Fall 2018)

Introduction to Data Analysis (UCLA, Summer 2018)

Introduction to Data Analysis (UCLA, Summer 2017)

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## RESEARCH FUNDING

University of Melbourne Early Career Researcher Grant, 2022 (24,408 AUD)

University of Melbourne Covid-19 Recovery Grant, 2021 (5,000 AUD)

Institute for Humane Studies Ph.D. Fellowship, 2017

Columbia University Harriman Institute Award, 2017

UCLA Center for Global Management Global Research Graduate Award, 2013-2014

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## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2025 Gender Economics Workshop (Wollongong, paper accepted)

2024 Australian Conference of Economists (Adelaide)

2024 Melbourne Money & Finance Conference (Melbourne)

2023 Australian Conference of Economists (Brisbane)

2022 Annual Congress of International Institute of Public Finance (Linz, Austria)

2021 8th Australasian Cliometrics Workshop (Melbourne)

2021 International Health Economics Association World Congress (online)

2020 7th Annual Workshop on Natural Experiments in History: Development, Health, Labour (online)

2020 North East Universities Development Consortium (online)

2019 Asian & Australasian Society of Labour Economics Conference (Singapore)

2019 6th Australasian Cliometrics Workshop (Sydney)

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## REFeree SERVICE

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, PLoS One, The Economic Journal, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Comparative Economics, Economics of Transition and Institutional Change, World Development, Journal of Population Economics

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## COMMITTEE SERVICE

University Human Ethics Committee (2024-)

MI-Roy Morgan TTPN Steering Committee (2024)

FBE Research and Industry Committee (2022-2024)

MI Seminars and Socials Committee (2022-2023)

MI Professional Development Committee (2021)

FBE Research Databases User Group Committee (2020-2021)

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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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The Life Course Centre, Research Fellow (since 2024)  
 Global Labor Organization (GLO) Fellow (since 2021)  
 Monash Business School SoDa Labs Affiliate (since 2020)

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## PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

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The University of Melbourne Faculty of Business and Economics Dean's Award for Research and Partnership, 2021

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## MEDIA COVERAGE

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Evans, Alice. "What Explains The Great GAY Divergence?" The Great Gender Divergence, June 28, 2024. ([URL](#))

"New Research Makes Grim Revelation About How Women Survive Earnings Shock." News.com.au, October 18, 2023. ([URL](#))

"Most Workers Will Have an Earnings Shock and Many Will Take Years to Recover." The Australian, October 16, 2023. ([URL](#))

"Vaccine Holdouts Distrust Government and Political Parties: Study." The Australian Financial Review, November 8, 2021. ([URL](#))

"Pension Has Elder Poverty Falling." The Australian, December 6, 2020 ([URL](#))

"Studies Link Viewership of Fox News to Reduced Pandemic Precaution." The Hollywood Reporter, October 14, 2020. ([URL](#))

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## STATISTICAL SOFTWARE PACKAGES

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**bayestable**: R package for summarizing and presenting results of MCMC inference in plain text/Latex/HTML tables ([Github link](#))

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## SHORT CONTRIBUTIONS FOR GENERAL AUDIENCE (RESEARCH INSIGHTS, INVITED BLOG POSTS)

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Ananyev, Maxim, Ujjwal KC, Abigail Payne, and Rajeev Samarage. "Breaking Down Barriers Community Profiles." Research Insights/Breaking Down Barriers Rapid Analysis No. 07/23 (2023), The Melbourne Institute ([URL](#))

Ananyev, Maxim, and Antonia Settle. "Household insurance and financial stress: Securing the family home in a changing climate," Research Insights No. 06/23 (2023), The Melbourne Institute. ([URL](#))

Ananyev, Maxim. "Is there an ideological divide in willingness to get vaccinated?" Research Insights No 16/21 (2021), The Melbourne Institute. ([URL](#))

"Homophobia and Colonial Christian Missions in Sub-Saharan Africa." Broadstreet, August 13, 2021. ([URL](#))

Ananyev, Maxim, Michael Poyker, and Yuan Tian. "Exposure to Fox News hindered social distancing in the US." VoxEU, October 20, 2020. ([URL](#))

Ananyev, Maxim, and Sergei Guriev. "Crises and Trust." VoxEU, February 8, 2015 ([URL](#))

Ananyev, Maxim, and Sergei Guriev. "Crisis and Trust." FREE Policy Briefs, January 26, 2015 ([URL](#))

## MEDIA INTERVIEWS

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- “What is poverty line and how it is determined in Australia.” SBS Russian, July 11, 2024. ([URL](#))
- “Decisions and risks: How Daniel Kahneman and Amos Tversky changed social science.” SBS Russian, April 18, 2024. ([URL](#))
- “Well-being index: What it is and why we need one.” SBS Russian, July 21, 2023. ([URL](#))
- “Single mothers and migrants: Measuring poverty in Australia.” SBS Russian, May 5, 2023. ([URL](#))
- “Salaries and taxes: What are the key differences between state and federal elections?” SBS Russian, March 22, 2023. ([URL](#))
- “State support: one for all and all for one?” SBS Russian, April 28, 2022, ([URL](#))
- “A crisis of trust Economist Maxim Ananyev on the subtle consequences of war and sanctions for Russia.” Meduza, March 25, 2022. ([URL](#))

## ACADEMIC REFERENCES

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