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CURRENT POSITION

Lecturer, University of Canterbury
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2024 - Present

EDUCATION

PhD in Political Science, University of Iowa

2023

Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Methodology (Quantitative), Mass Communication

Dissertation: *The Weaponization of Digital Communication Spaces: How Authoritarian Regimes Use Information Control to Suppress Contention*

Dissertation committee:

William M. Reisinger, University of Iowa, chair

Elizabeth Menninga, University of Iowa

Caroline Tolbert, University of Iowa

Bryce Dietrich, Purdue University

Holli Semetko, Emory University

MA, Political Science, University of Iowa

2020

MCRP, Community and Regional Planning, Iowa State University

2019

Thesis: *Impact of The Decentralization Reform on The Quality of Local Public Services in Ukraine*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

I study how political actors in authoritarian regimes use digital communication spaces to control, exploit, and manipulate information creation, dissemination, and consumption. In my dissertation, I investigated the effects of digital media, particularly the messaging app Telegram, on the protests in Belarus in 2020 and the 2022 anti-war protests in Russia. I use computational (text analysis and network analysis) and conventional econometric methods.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Kuznetsova D., & Tolbert, C. (2023). Modelling temporal dynamics: Does internet use fuel anti-government protests? *Democratization*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13510347.2023.2268019>

Kuznetsova D. (2023) Broadcasting Messages via Telegram: Pro-government Social Media Control During the 2020 Protests in Belarus and 2022 Anti-war Protests in Russia. *Political Communication*. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/10584609.2023.2233444>

Kuznetsova, D., & Tolbert, C. J. (2023). Globalizing information networks, social media, and participation. *Social Science Quarterly*. 104(4), 505-520. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.13287>

Mossberger, K., Cho, S., Cheong, P. H., & Kuznetsova, D. (2023). The public good and public attitudes toward data sharing through IoT. *Policy & Internet*. 15, 370–396. <https://doi.org/10.1002/poi3.343>

BOOK REVIEWS

Kuznetsova D. (2020). Russia, the Former Soviet Republics, and Europe Since 1989: Transformation and Tragedy: by Katherine Graney, New York, NY, Oxford University Press, 2019, xxviii + 439 pp., \$99 (hardback), ISBN 9780190055080, \$37.95 (paperback), ISBN 9780190055097. *Democratization*, 28(2), 462–464. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13510347.2020.1798404>.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Tolbert, C.J., & Kuznetsova, D. (2021). Editor's Introduction: The Promise and Peril of Ranked Choice Voting. *Politics and Governance*, 9(2). <https://doi.org/10.17645/pag.v9i2.4385>

Kuznetsova D. (2019). "Impact of The Decentralization Reform on The Quality of Local Public Services in Ukraine." Graduate Theses and Dissertations. <https://lib.dr.iastate.edu/etd/17491>

WORKING PAPERS

Kuznetsova D. Political Participation and Digital Media Use during Wartime: The Case of Ukraine

Kuznetsova, D. Network of Telegram Channels: Interactions of communities in Russian Telegramsphere.

Kuznetsova, D. & LaSpisa, C. Disentangling The Party from The Leader: Public Approval of Authoritarian Leaders and Their Parties.

Kuznetsova, D. Sovereign Internet through Ownership: The Case of Russia and China.

Kuznetsova, D. Combining Decentralization and Amalgamation: The Effects of Reforms on The Quality of Public Services in Ukraine.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Kuznetsova D. Firehose of Falsehood: Russian disinformation narratives on Telegram public channels. *WAPOR Asia Pacific 2023*

Kuznetsova D., & Tolbert, C. Modelling temporal dynamics: Does internet use fuel anti-government protests? *International Communication Association Conference 2023*

Kuznetsova, D. & Tolbert, C.J. Globalizing Information Networks, Social Media and Participation. *International Communication Association Conference 2022, WAPOR Asia Pacific 2022, Southern Political Science Association Conference 2023*

Kuznetsova, D. Broadcasting Messages via Telegram: The 2020 Protests in Belarus and 2022 Anti-war Protests in Russia. *American Political Science Association Conference 2022, WAPOR Asia Pacific 2022*

Kuznetsova, D. Network of Telegram Channels: Interactions of communities in Russian Telegramsphere. *Southern Political Science Association Conference 2023, Midwest Political Science Association Conference 2023*

Kuznetsova, D. Sovereign Internet through Ownership: The Case of Russia and China. *The International Association for Media and Communication Research Conference 2022, ICA Preconference 2022: Sovereignty and The Return of Governance for Digital Platforms*

Kuznetsova, D. & LaSpisa, C. Disentangling The Party from The Leader: Public Approval of Authoritarian Leaders and Their Parties. *Midwest Political Science Association Conference 2022*

Kuznetsova, D. & Kim, J.W. Internet Access and Political Movements: Evidence from Regression Discontinuities and Difference-in-Differences. *Midwest Political Science Association Conference 2022*

Kuznetsova, D. Combining Decentralization and Amalgamation: The Effects of Reforms on The Quality of Public Services in Ukraine. *International Public Policy Association Conference 2021*

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND GRANTS

Graduate College Summer Fellowships (\$5,000) University of Iowa	2023
Graduate Student Senate Research Grant (Small Grants Program) (\$1,000) University of Iowa, grant to purchase survey data from Ukraine	2023
Graduate and Professional Student Government Research Grant (\$1,000) University of Iowa, grant to purchase survey data from Ukraine	2023
Graduate and Professional Student Government Travel Grant (\$500) University of Iowa, to cover travel expenses to participate in SPSA 2023	2023
Graduate College Post-Comprehensive Research Fellowship for Fall 2023 (\$10,500) University of Iowa	2022
American Political Science Association (APSA) travel grant (\$300) For the 2021 APSA Annual Meeting	2021
The 5th International Conference on Public Policy Travel Grant The grant covered registration fees and accommodation	2021
Burgess Graduate Scholarship (\$1,000) Iowa State University	2019
Fulbright Foreign Student Program Received Fulbright Scholarship to complete a Master's degree in the US (at Iowa State U)	2017
Golden medal (highest recognition in high school) Granted by the Ukrainian Ministry of Education	2010

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND INVITED TALKS

Broadcasting Messages Via Telegram: State Media Control Strategies During Protests In Belarus And Russia. *Bowling Green State University, Ohio*. February 2023.

Ukrainian UI professor, Student Reflect on Media Use During Wartime. *The Daily Iowan*. April 2022. <https://dailyiowan.com/2022/04/03/ukrainian-university-of-iowa-professor-student-reflect-on-media-use-during-wartime/>

Discussion on Current Events in Ukraine. *Corruption, The Rise of Populism, and The Future Of Democracy Symposium*. April 2022

War in Ukraine, *University of Iowa Center for Human Rights*. March 2022. <https://uicr.uiowa.edu/guest-speakers-current-events/war-ukraine>

Ukraine and Russia: Deciphering The Current Situation - An Obermann Conversation. *University of Iowa and Iowa City Public Library*. February 2022. <https://www.icpl.org/video/ukraine-and-russia-deciphering-current-situation-obermann-conversation>

GUEST LECTURES

Introduction to Stata: Data wrangling, analysis, and data visualization. University of Iowa, Graduate level methods seminar. September 2022

How to find reputable sources. Lecture for an upper-level undergraduate student seminar. University of Iowa, September 2022

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, University of Iowa

Spring 2021 - Fall 2022

Under the supervision of Professor Caroline J. Tolbert (University of Iowa) evaluated the role of digital micro-businesses on local economies and economic development (US counties) using data on 20+ million GoDaddy customers in the US. This research is a part of the GoDaddy Ventures Forward research initiative.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, University of Iowa

POLI 3450 Problems in Comparative Politics: Media and Politics
(17 students, independent course)

Fall 2023

Graduate Instructor, University of Iowa

POLI 1601 Introduction to Social Media and Politics (80 students, online course)

Fall 2020

Teaching Assistant, University of Iowa

POLI 1400 Introduction to Comparative Politics (4 sections of 20 students)

Fall 2019, Spring 2020

Teaching Assistant, Iowa State University

CRP 293 Environmental Planning

Fall 2017, Fall 2018

CRP 301 Planning Methods Studio

Spring 2018, Spring 2019

SERVICE

Journal and Conference Reviewer: *American Political Science Review (APSR)*, *Political Communication*, *European Journal of Political Science (EJPS)*, *Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC)*, *International Communication Association (ICA)*, *Political Research Quarterly (PRQ)*, *Swiss Political Science Review*

Reviewer for Graduate and Professional Student Government Grants

2020 - 2022

UE Local 896, Campaign to Organize Graduate Students (COGS) representative
for Graduate Students in Political Science

2021 - 2022

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Consultant, Representation of Danish Refugee Council in Ukraine

2019

Developed methodology for data collection (demographics and economic characteristics of communities, interviews with local stakeholders) and analysis for assessment of local economies of conflict-affected communities in Eastern Ukraine. Prepared a report underlining specific investment proposals based on the assessment findings.

Planning Intern, Community and Economic Development Department

Summer 2018, 2019

Assisted in developing strategies to attract new businesses to the community and identifying expanding opportunities for existing companies. Prepared maps and marketing materials for potential businesses.

LANGUAGES

Native language

Ukrainian

Foreign language

Russian (fluent), English (fluent), Belarusian (reading proficiency)

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