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CURRENT POSITION

University of Iowa, PhD candidate

2019 - Present

Department of Political Science

Research Assistant: Spring 2021 - Fall 2022

Teaching Assistant: Fall 2019, Spring 2020

Graduate Instructor: Fall 2020

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

EDUCATION

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

Political Communication - I study how political actors use digital media and information communication technologies with a focus on the role of media in social movements and in challenging authoritarian regimes.

Political Methodology - social network analysis, text analysis, causal inference, maximum likelihood estimation, multi-level modeling, linear regressions, time series, Bayesian statistics.

Additional Research Interests - contentious politics, decentralization policies, local development and politics.

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>

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

Kuznetsova, D. & Tolbert, C.J. Globalizing Information Networks, Social Media and Participation. [Under Review]

Kuznetsova, D. Broadcasting Messages via Telegram: The 2020 Protests in Belarus and 2022 Anti-war Protests in Russia. [Under R&R status at Political Communication]

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

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

Mossberger, K., Cho, S., Cheong P. & **Kuznetsova, D.** The Public Good and Public Attitudes Toward Data Sharing through IoT. [Under R&R status at Policy & Internet]

Kuznetsova, D. & Tolbert, C.J. Modeling Temporal Dynamics: Does Internet Use Fuel Anti-Government Protests? [Under Review]

WORKING PAPERS

Kuznetsova, D. & Kim, J.W. Internet Access and Political Movements: Evidence from Regression Discontinuities and Difference-in-Differences.

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

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

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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 Telegram-sphere. *Southern 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 Post-Comprehensive Research Fellowship (\$10,500) University of Iowa	<i>2023</i>
American Political Science Association (APSA) travel grant (\$300) For the 2021 APSA Annual Meeting	<i>2021</i>
The 5th International Conference on Public Policy Travel Grant The grant covered registration fees and accommodation	<i>2021</i>
Burgess Graduate Scholarship (\$1,000) Iowa State University	<i>2019</i>
Fulbright Foreign Student Program Received Fulbright Scholarship to complete a Master's degree in the US (at Iowa State U)	<i>2017</i>
Golden medal (highest recognition in high school) Granted by the Ukrainian Ministry of Education	<i>2010</i>

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND INVITED TALKS

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>

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

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

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/>

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

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

Reviewer for Graduate and Professional Student Government Grants

2020 - Present

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

Fall 2021 - Present

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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