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## CURRENT POSITION

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**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

Instructor: Fall 2023

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

## EDUCATION

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**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

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**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, propaganda, disinformation, and use of digital media for political participation.

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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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*. <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*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/poi3.343>

## BOOK REVIEWS

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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

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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

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

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

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 Telegramsphere.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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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

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

## PUBLIC OUTREACH AND INVITED TALKS

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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

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**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

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**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

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### **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

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**Journal and Conference Reviewer:** *Political Communication, European Journal of Political Science, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, International Communication Association, Political Research Quarterly*

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

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### **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

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**Native language**

Ukrainian

**Foreign language**

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

\*last updated 11/3/2023