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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- BEHAVIOURAL & EXPERIMENTAL ECONOMICS: motivated reasoning, (mis)information, social & moral preferences;
- GAME & DECISION THEORY: information (complexity), motivated beliefs, (in)attention, social choice;
- POLITICAL ECONOMY: propaganda, democratisation, transitional justice, autocracy, corruption, education.

EDUCATION

DOCTORAL EDUCATION

2023 – p.t.	PhD Candidate <i>in Economics</i>	Maastricht University [Maastricht, NLD] School of Business and Economics Doctoral Degree in Behavioral Economics <i>Thesis:</i> 'Essays on Motivated Reasoning and (Mis)Information' <i>Academic advisor:</i> Alexander Vostroknutov <i>Academic co-advisors:</i> Elias Tsakas & Matthias Wibral
2025, spring [Accepted]	Visiting PhD Candidate <i>in Behavioural Economics</i>	University of Amsterdam [Amsterdam, NLD] Amsterdam School of Economics Visiting Doctoral Degree Candidate <i>Hosting professor:</i> Joël van der Weele

PRE-DOCTORAL EDUCATION

2021 – 2023	MRes <i>in Economics</i>	Utrecht University [Utrecht, NLD] Utrecht School of Economics, Faculty of LEG Master of Research in Multidisciplinary Economics <i>Thesis:</i> 'You Are What You Listen To, Until You Choose To Stop' <i>Academic advisors:</i> Karlijn Morsink & Kris De Jaegher
2023, spring	Visiting MRes Student <i>in Behavioural Economics</i>	Tilburg University [Tilburg, NLD] Tilburg School of Economics and Management Courses in Behavioural Economics (Economics track)
2022, fall	Visiting MRes Student <i>in Behavioural Economics</i>	Tilburg School of Social and Behavioral Sciences Courses in Behavioural Economics (Psychology track)
2015 – 2019	BSc, magna cum laude <i>in Economics</i>	Financial University [Moscow, RUS] Faculty of International Economic Relations Bachelor of Science in Economics <i>Thesis:</i> 'Essays on Gold and World Financial Crises' <i>Academic advisor:</i> Svetlana Tsvirko
2003 – 2015	Diploma of Gymnasium	Moscow International Gymnasia [Moscow, RUS] Member of UNESCO Associated Schools Project Network

RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

2025, spring [Accepted]	Visiting Researcher	University of Amsterdam [Amsterdam, NLD] Center for Research in Experimental Economics and Political Decision Making (CREED) <i>Hosting professor:</i> Joël van der Weele
2024 – 2025	Menger Fellow	George Mason University [Fairfax, USA] Mercatus Center Carl Menger Virtual Fellowship
2023 – p.t.	Doctoral Researcher	Maastricht University [Maastricht, NLD] School of Business and Economics Department of Microeconomics and Public Economics

2023	Research Assistant	Harvard University [Cambridge, USA] Department of Economics, Faculty of Arts and Sciences Professor: Benjamin Enke
2022 – 2023	Research Assistant	Utrecht University [Utrecht, NLD] Utrecht School of Economics, Faculty of LEG Professor: Karlijn Morsink
2022, summer	Research Assistant	University of Vienna [Vienna, AUT] Vienna Centre for Experimental Economics Professors: Jean-Robert Tyran & Christian Koch
2018 – 2021	Research Assistant	Higher School of Economics (HSE University) [Moscow, RUS] Int. Lab for Experimental and Behavioural Economics Professor & Lab Director: Alexis Belianin
2018, summer	Research Intern	
2017 – 2018	Intern	Transparency International (TI) Russia [Moscow, RUS] Laboratory for Anti-Corruption Policy Head: Elena Panfilova, TI Ex-Vice-President

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS [pbp]

2024 – p.t.	BITSS Catalyst	University of California, Berkeley [Berkeley, USA] Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences
2024 – p.t.	Affiliate	Indiana University Bloomington [Bloomington, USA] Ostrom Workshop
2023 – p.t.	Research Replicator	Institute for Replication [INT] Reproduction and replication of findings in the leading journals
2023 – p.t.	Fellow	Dissernet [RUS] Fighting plagiarism in Russian doctoral and habilitation theses
2022 – 2023	Research Affiliate	University of Vienna [Vienna, AUT] Vienna Centre for Experimental Economics

TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

2022 – p.t.	Adjunct Professor, pbp	Free University of Moscow (Brīvā Universitāte) [RUS&LVA] Free School of Science · 'Introduction to Behavioural Economics', BSc; · 'Behavioural Decision Theory', MRes [expected];
2023 – p.t.	Tutor	Maastricht University [Maastricht, NLD] School of Business and Economics · 'Economic Psychology', 3 rd yr. BSc; · 'Institutional Economics', 2 nd yr. BSc; · 'Economy Game', 1 st –3 rd yr. BSc;
2023 – p.t.	Tutor	University College Venlo · 'Economic Psychology', 1 st –3 rd yr. BSc;
2024 – 2025	Visiting Lecturer, pbp	Moscow School of Social & Economic Sciences [Moscow, RUS] (Shaninka University) Department of Political Science, Faculty of Arts · 'Introduction to Game Theory and Social Choice', 1 st yr. MA;
2023 – 2024	Visiting Lecturer, pbp	Department of Applied Psychology, Faculty of Psychology · MA thesis supervisor;
2023 – 2024	Visiting Lecturer, pbp	European University at Saint Petersburg [St.Petersburg, RUS] Department of Economics · 'Behavioural Economics Reading Group', 2 nd yr. MA;
2021 – 2022	Junior Lecturer	Utrecht University [Utrecht, NLD] Utrecht School of Economics, Faculty of LEG · 'Statistics', 1 st yr. BSc; · 'Strategy and Organisation', 1 st yr. BSc;

2020 – 2022	Lecturer	Higher School of Economics (HSE University) [<i>Moscow, RUS</i>] International College of Economics and Finance (ICEF) · 'Behavioural and Experimental Economics', 4 th yr. BSc; · 2 nd & 3 rd yr. BSc term-papers Supervisor; · 'Microeconomics I', 2 nd yr. BSc (Grader only); · 'Linear Algebra', 2 nd yr. BSc (Grader only);
2019 – 2020	Junior Lecturer	School of Psychology, Faculty of Social Sciences · 'Behavioural Economics', 3 rd yr. BSc;

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE [*pbp*]

2024 – p.t.	Seminar Co-organiser	Maastricht University [<i>Maastricht, NLD</i>] Department of Micro- and Public Economics, SBE Brown-bag Research Seminar Series (with Till Vater)
2024 – p.t.	Member	Free University of Moscow (Brīvā Universitāte) [<i>RUS&LVA</i>] University Board Permanent (3-year term) School of Science representative
2023 – p.t.	(Co-)Coordinator	School of Science · '(Mis)Information: Multidisciplinary Summer School' [Accepted] · Minor in Behavioral Economics, MRes level; [in progress]

ACADEMIC SCHOOLS & ADDITIONAL EDUCATION & REPLICATIONS

2024	Tilburg University (AI Replication Games); University of Zurich & University of Fribourg (10 th Swiss Summer School in Democracy Studies on Democratic Backsliding); Erasmus University Rotterdam (EEA-ESEM Rotterdam Replication Games); University of Chicago (The Chicago School in Experimental Economics [online]); Maastricht University (16 th M-BEES, 9 th M-BEPS);
2023	Erasmus University Rotterdam (BEHnet/EsCHER Summer School on Behavioral and Experimental Health Economics), Queensland University of Technology (Winter School Evolutionary Foundations of Economic Behaviour [online]), Maastricht University ('Problem-based Learning');
2022	Max Plank Institute for Human Cognitive and Brain Sciences ('Computational Models in Neuroscience' [online]), University of Bergen ('Economic Experiments in Developing Countries' Bergen Summer Research School [online]), KU Leuven ('Social Behavior and Public Policy' ECORES Summer School), Elsevier Researcher Academy ('Fundamentals of Peer Review');
2019	Carleton University (12 th Experimental Economics Summer School in Macroeconomics), Bank of Canada (10 th Workshop on Theoretical and Experimental Macroeconomics), HSE University (1 st Summer School 'Experimental Economics: purposes, design, tools');
2018	Bloomberg (Bloomberg Market Concepts), HSE University (5 th Int. School 'Active and Passive Methods of Brain Research & Autumn School 'Current Trends in Decision-Making Analysis');
2017	HSE University (4 th Summer School for Anti-Corruption Policy), New Economic School (HCEO Summer School on Socioeconomic Inequality), PWC (Tax Academy);

RESEARCH TALKS

2024	University of Cologne (C-SEB Early Ideas Workshop), Maastricht University (BEELab Meeting);
2023	Utrecht University (USE Research Institute Seminar), Shaninka University ('Vectors' Conference);
2022	KU Leuven ('Social Behavior and Public Policy' Summer School);
2021	HSE University (1 st FES Workshop for Junior Economists);
2020	HSE University (Int. Lab. for Experimental and Behavioral Economics, XXII April Int. Conference);
2019	Carleton University (12 th Experimental Economics Summer School in Macroeconomics), HSE University (Int. Lab. for Experimental and Behavioral Economics);

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, & PRIZES

2024	[<i>Expected</i>] Institute for Replication: Grant for Primary (Lab) Data Recollection [\$5,000]
2024 – 2025	Carl Menger Fellowship, Mercatus Center, George Mason University [\$2,000]

2024, March	Birmingham University Business School Small Research Grant [£2,600] (with Michalis Drouvelis)
2023, May	Research Institute (Utrecht School of Economics) Small Research Grant [€3,000] for MRes Thesis
2021 – 2023	Utrecht Excellence Scholarship [€56,000]: 100% coverage of MRes tuition fee & living expenses
2021, June	Yandex.Toloka 1 st Degree Small Research Grant [\$500] (with Varvara Ushakova)
2021, April	Yandex.Toloka 1 st Degree Small Research Grant [\$500]: (with Philipp Chapkovski)
2019, June	Full Scholarship [\$1,000] for 12 th Experimental Economics Summer School in Macroeconomics
2016 – 2019	Increased National Academic Scholarship [~€2,000]
2015 – 2016	National Academic Scholarship [~€450]
2015 – 2019	Federal National-funded Grant [~€22,000]: 100% coverage of BSc tuition fee
2017, July	1 st Prize at project competition at 4 th Summer School for Anti-Corruption Policy
2015, March	Winner of Moscow Olympiad in Social Sciences

DIGITAL SKILLS

Programming: R, Stata, Python, HTML, SQL | Frameworks: oTree, Qualtrics, zTree, L^AT_EX

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Russian (C2: native), English (C1: CAE₂₀₁₈), French (~A2)

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK REVIEWS & BOOK NOTES

- Book Review of 'Game Theory and Behavior' by Jeffrey Carpenter & Andrea Robbett, *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics*, 2024, *forthcoming*. [\[HTML\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#)
- Book Review of 'Principles of Statistical Analyses: Learning from Randomized Experiments' by Ery Arias-Castro, *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series A*, 2024, *forthcoming*. [\[HTML\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#)
- Book Review of 'After Authoritarianism: Transitional Justice and Democratic Stability' by Monika Nalepa, *Democratization*, 2024, *forthcoming*. [\[HTML\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#)
- Book Review of 'The Effect: An Introduction to Research Design and Causality' by Nick Huntington-Klein, *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series A*, 2024, vol. 187, no. 3, pp. 853. [\[HTML\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#)
- Book Note on 'Why Humans Fight: The Social Dynamics of Close-Range Violence' by Siniša Malešević, *Journal of Peace Research*, 2024. [\[online only\]](#) [\[HTML\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#)
- Book Review of 'The Power of Experiments' by Michael Luca and Max H. Bazerman, *Personnel Psychology*, 2023, vol. 76, no. 4, pp. 1219–1221. [\[HTML\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#)
- Book Review of 'Voicing Politics: How Language Shapes Public Opinion' by Efrén Pérez & Margit Tavits, *Democratization*, 2023, vol. 30, no. 8, pp. 1628–1630. [\[HTML\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#)
- Book Review of 'Social Preferences: An Introduction to Behavioural Economics...' by Michalis Drouvelis, *Journal of Economic Methodology*, 2023, *forthcoming*. [\[HTML\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#)
- Commissioned Book Review of 'Spin Dictators: ...' by Sergei Guriev & Daniel Treisman, *Political Studies Review*, 2023, vol. 21, no. 4, pp. np7–np8 [\[HTML\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#)
- Book Review of 'The Voltage Effect: How to Make Good Ideas Great and Great Ideas Scale' by John List, *Public Choice*, 2023, vol. 194, pp. 229–230. [\[HTML\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#)
- Book Review of 'Rationality: What It Is, Why It Seems Scarce, Why It Matters' by Steven Pinker, *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics*, 2022, vol. 101, pp. 951. [\[HTML\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#)
- Book Review of 'Noise: A Flaw in Human Judgment' by Cass Sunstein, Olivier Sibony, & Daniel Kahneman, *Journal of Behavioral Economics for Policy*, 2022, vol. 6, no. 1, pp. 53–54. [\[HTML\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#)
- Book Review of 'How We Misunderstand Economics and Why It Matters' by David Leiser & Yhonatan Shemesh, *Journal of Behavioral Economics for Policy*, 2019, vol. 3, no. 1, pp. 46–47. [\[HTML\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#)

WORKING PAPERS

RESEARCH PAPERS

- *(Politically) Motivated Information Acquisition: A Minimal Formal Framework* (Oct., 2024);

REVIEW PAPERS & REVIEW ESSAYS

- *Dissernet: Overcoming Scientific Misconduct in Post-Soviet Academia* (May, 2024),
with Andrey Rostovtsev;

WORK IN PROGRESS [*selected*]

RESEARCH PAPERS

- *Motivated Efforts* (Oct., 2024);
- *Convenience over Conviction* (Oct., 2024);
- *(De)Motivating Sentiments: The Effects of Induced Emotions on Asymmetric Belief Updating* (Oct., 2024),
with Michalis Drouvelis;
- *Breaking Through the Information Bubble: The Role of U.S. (Non-)Partisanship in Polarization* (Oct., 2024),
with Alexander Vostroknutov, Kaj Thomsson, and Elias Tsakas;
- *Wartime Preferences: The Effect of Violence Exposure on Time and Risk Attitudes* (Oct., 2024),
with Hannes Rusch;
- *The Vaguer—The Clearer: How Interpretability Shapes (Errors in) Information Processing* (Oct., 2024),
with Sebastian J. Goerg;
- *Moral Rigidity vs. Justice Efficiency: Analyzing Backfire Effects of Transitional Justice* (Oct., 2024),
with Monika Nalepa;
- *Deontology in Sequential Games* (Oct., 2024),
with Andrés Perea;
- *The Dynamics of Social Beliefs in a Polarized Society* (Oct., 2024),
with Alexander Vostroknutov, Kaj Thomsson, and Elias Tsakas;
- *The Origins of Categorical Thinking* (Oct., 2024),
with Rahul Bhui, and Peiran Jiao;
- *Affective Decision Making* (Oct., 2024),
with Alexander Vostroknutov, Reza Vaezi, and Karakostas Alexandros;

REVIEW PAPERS & REVIEW ESSAYS

- *Unmasking Postmodern Autocratic Propaganda: What We Know About It And What We Don't* (Jan., 2024),
World Politics : Proposal Approved;
- *Randomized Experiments vs. Observational Studies: A Review of Two Introductory Texts to Causal Inference* (2024),
Structural Equation Modeling: A Multidisciplinary Journal : Pre-submission Approved;

REPLICATIONS

- *Replication Report on 'A Road to Efficiency through Communication and Commitment'* (Oct., 2024),
with Lachlan Deer and Cristina Figueroa;

MASS MEDIA APPEARANCES

Troitskiy Variant (TrV Science) [in Russian] :

- *Daniel Kahneman and Prospect Theory* (Apr., 2024) [[THIS-NOTE PDF](#)] [[FULL-ISSUE PDF](#)] [[HTML](#)];

London School of Economics (LSE) European Politics and Policy (EUROPP) [in English]:

- *How European Universities Can Counter Russia's Intellectual Isolation* (Oct., 2023) [[HTML](#)];

London School of Economics (LSE) Review of Books [in English]:

- *Review of 'Wellbeing: Science & Policy' by R. Layard and J.-E. De Neve* (Sept., 2023) [[HTML](#)];
- *Review of 'A Research Agenda for Experimental Economics' by A. Chaudhuri* (Sept., 2022) [[HTML](#)];

Echo of Moscow [Blocked by the Russian authorities in March 2022] [in Russian] :

- *Coronavirus Vaccination in Russia: the Effect of Political Propaganda* (Nov., 2021) [[HTML](#)];

OTHER PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENTS

Ad-hoc Refereeing:	<i>American Political Science Review, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Political Economy Microeconomics, PNAS Nexus, Theory and Decision, Voprosy Ekonomiki;</i>
First / Co-Supervisor:	Aleksandr Vysokikh (MA thesis, FoPsycho, Shaninka, 2024; Anton Ilchuk (BSc term paper, ICEF, HSE, 2022);
Theses Co-Reader:	'Human Decision Science' Master program, SBE, Maastricht University [2024];
Discussant:	10 th Swiss Summer School in Democracy Studies, Universities of Zurich & Fribourg [2024]; ECORES Summer School, KU Leuven [2024];
References (Placement):	Stepan Aleinikov (European University at St. Petersburg) [2024];
Conference Secretary:	Society for the Advancement of Behavioral Economics (SABE) [2020 – 2021]; Yasin/April International Conference, HSE University [2018 – 2021];
Societies Member:	Royal Statistical Society (RSS) [2024 – p.t.]; Society for Experimental Finance (SEF) [2023 – p.t.];
Networks Member:	The Replication Network (TRN) [2023 – p.t.]; Behavioural Environmental Economics Network (BEEn) [2022 – p.t.]; Tilburg Behavioral and Experimental Economics Reading Group [2022 – p.t.]; Canadian Experimental and Behavioural Economics Research Group [2022 – p.t.]; India Behavioural Economics Network [2022 – p.t.]; Young Scholars Initiative (YSI), Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET) [2017 – p.t.];
Seminar Series:	CREED/TI Seminar, University of Amsterdam & Tinbergen Institute [2024 – p.t.]; Interdisciplinary Brownbag Seminar of Behavioral Sciences (Theory and Empirics), Maastricht University [2023 – p.t.]; Learning and Work Hybrid Seminars, Maastricht University [2023 – p.t.]; Int. Lab. for Experimental and Behavioural Economics, HSE University [2018 – 2020];
E-Seminar Series:	Centre for Experimental Social Science (CESS) Seminar, University of Oxford [2024 – p.t.]; Formal Theory Virtual Workshop, American Political Science Association [2024 – p.t.]; Virtual East Asia Experimental and Behavioral Economics Seminar Series [2024 – p.t.]; Virtual Market Design Seminar [2024 – p.t.]; Virtual Digital Economy Seminar [2024 – p.t.]; briq & Institute for Applied Microeconomics, University of Bonn [2023 – p.t.]; Behavioural and Economic Science Cluster, University of Queensland [2023 – p.t.]; Middlebury Experimental Economics Laboratory, MiddExLab [2023 – p.t.]; International Association for Research in Economic Psychology [2023 – p.t.], Choice Group Seminar, Department of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method, LSE, [2022 – p.t.]; Int. Lab. for Experimental and Behavioural Economics, HSE University [2019 – p.t.];
Signed Letters:	<i>No more tolerance to Putin's regime!</i> An appeal from scholars of the world: [Link, 2024]; Open Letter on the Murder of Alexei Navalny: <i>Nothing is Ambiguous</i> [Link, 2024]; Open Letter by Russian-speaking Academic Economists: <i>Stop the War!</i> [Link; 2022]; Open Letter <i>On Putin's War in Ukraine & the Future of Int. Academic Cooperation</i> [Link; 2022]; Open Letter in Support of Andrey Zayakin and Leonid Gozman [Link; 2022];