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**Research interests:** political behavior, migration, authoritarianism, violence, conflict resolution, repres-sions, subjective well-being, nationalism

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## Academic positions

- **Postdoctoral Fellow, 2025-2026**  
Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law, Stanford University
- **Junior Research Fellow, 2020-2021**  
Ronald F. Inglehart Laboratory for Comparative Social Research, Higher School of Economics, Saint Petersburg

## Education

- **PhD in Social and Political Sciences, 2021-2025**  
European University Institute  
Examination Board: Miriam Golden (supervisor, EUI), Elias Dinas (EUI), Dominik Hangartner (ETH Zurich), Joshua A. Tucker (NYU)
- **Global Exchange Student, 2024**  
Department of Politics, New York University  
Supervisor: Associate Professor Arturas Rozenas
- **Master of Research, 2021-2022**  
Department of Political and Social Sciences, European University Institute
- **MA in Sociology with distinction, 2017-2019**  
Department of Sociology, Higher School of Economics in St. Petersburg  
GPA: 8.85/10
- **BA in Economics with distinction, 2005-2010**  
Kama State Engineering and Economics Academy, Naberezhnye Chelny, Russia  
GPA: 5/5.

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

- “Helping to Flee a Political Crisis: How Antiwar Alignment Shapes the Aid Preferences of Wartime Russian Migrants”, with Ivetta Sergeeva. In *Perspectives on Politics* (2025) (Forthcoming)
- “Invisible Costs of Exiting Autocracy: Subjective Well-being and Emotional Burnout Among Russian Wartime Migrants”, with Ivetta Sergeeva, *Post-Soviet Affairs* (2025)
- “Gender Egalitarianism of Recent Emigrants from Russia: The Effect of Emigration or a Trait of a Social Group?”, with Veronica Kostenko and Ivetta Sergeeva, *Communist and Post-Communist Studies* (2025)

- “Voice after Exit? Exploring Patterns of Civic Activism among Russian Migrant Communities in Eurasia after 24 February 2022”, with Ivetta Sergeeva and Margarita Zavadskaya. In *Global Migration and Illiberalism in Russia, Eurasia and Eastern Europe*, Helsinki University Press (2024)

## In Russian:

- “Factors of Mass Support for the Government in the Times of Structural Reforms”. *Political Science (RU)*, with Boris Sokolov, Margarita Zavadskaya (2021)
- “National Pride and Subjective Well-being of Russians”. *Monitoring of Public Opinion: Economic and Social Changes*, with Eduard Ponarin (2020)
- “Subjective Well-being of Migrants in Russia: Effects of Regional Characteristics and Migration Legislation”, *Journal of Economic Sociology*, with Eduard Ponarin (2020)

## Under Review

- “Measuring Intimate Partner Violence in Middle-Income country: Evidence from Series of List Experiments and Self-Administered Surveys”, with Ivetta Sergeeva (R&R at *Sociological Methods & Research*)
- “Unintended Consequences of Transnational Repression: How Opposition Gains Support Abroad in Response to Criminalization by Autocrats”, with Ivetta Sergeeva

## Working Papers

- “Between International and Domestic Politics: Host Country Effects on Russian Post-2022 Emigrant Engagement”
- “How to Maintain a Panel Survey of Political Migrants: Evidence from a Field Experiment”, with Ivetta Sergeeva
- “Reversing Brain Drain from Autocracies: How Autocratic Incentives, Regime Change, and Hostland Conditions Shape the Return of Political Emigrants”. With Ivetta Sergeeva

## Work in Progress

- “How Dependence on Autocratic Homeland Passport Renewal Silences Oppositional Emigrants”, with Ivetta Sergeeva
- “Gendered Response to War: Explaining Gender Gap in Political Activism of Wartime Russian Emigrants, 2022-2023”, with Karolina Nugumanova and Ivetta Sergeeva
- “The Effect of Discrimination on the Political Behavior of Recent Migrants: Evidence from Two Waves of the Panel Survey of New Russian Migrants”, with Ivetta Sergeeva

## Data collection

- **Co-Founder and Co-Lead**, **OutRush**, a panel survey of Russian political migrants, with Ivetta Sergeeva. Funded by European University Institute and U.S. Russia Foundation, 2022 — present. Media references (70+ references):
  - In English:  
The New York Times, Bloomberg, Financial Times, Al Jazeera, Deutsche Welle, CNBC, Fortune, The Moscow Times (1), The Moscow Times (2), The Japan Times
  - In Russian:  
BBC, Deutsche Welle, Voice of America, Meduza (1), Meduza (2), Meduza (3), RBC (1), RBC (2), RBC (3), Forbes Russia, Zhivoy Gvozd, Important Stories, Rasstriga.doc, Paper (1), Paper (2),

- Karèn Shainyan, RTVI, Novaya Gazeta, Sever Real, VC, Feminist Anti-War Resistance, Klops, Vot Tak, Glagol, Grodno 24, Komsomolskaya Pravda, Agents Media,
- In other languages:  
[Jungle.World \(DE\)](#), [Information \(DA\)](#), [Corriere Del Ticino \(ES\)](#), [Ceske Noviny \(CS\)](#), [Pravda \(SK\)](#)
  - **Collaborator**, A Comparative Study of Russian Migrant Communities following the Full-Scale Invasion of Ukraine (DemEx), with Marlene Laruelle, Zuzanna Brunarska, Paul Goode, and Ivetta Sergeeva, 2024. Funded by the National Science Foundation, 2024 - 2026
  - **Co-Investigator**, Building a Commons in the Russian Diaspora, with Professor Regina Smyth, Indiana University, Ivetta Sergeeva, Margarita Zavadskaya, Veronica Kostenko, Michail Turchenko and Andrey Semenov. 2022-2024
  - **Co-Principal Investigator**, [Violence Monitor](#), National Survey of Intimate Partner Violence in Russia, with Ivetta Sergeeva. Funded by Center for Advanced Governance, Moscow, 2021-2022  
 Media References (7+ References):
    - In Russian: [Moskva FM](#), [Paper \(1\)](#), [Paper \(2\)](#), [Holod](#), [Seven days](#), [Burning Hut](#), [Sysblok](#)

## Professional experience

- **Research Assistant**, Online survey of legislators in Italy, Brazil and Pakistan (Professor Miriam Golden), European University Institute, Italy, November 2021 - June 2022
- **Visiting Lecturer**, European University in Saint Petersburg, Saint Petersburg, September 2020 - May 2021
- **Visiting Lecturer**, Higher School of Economics, Saint Petersburg and Moscow, September 2019 - May 2021
- **Research Assistant**, Ronald F. Inglehart Laboratory for Comparative Social Research, Higher School of Economics, Saint Petersburg, September 2019 - August 2020

## Policy Briefs and Media Columns

- [Should I Stay or Should I Go? Russian Emigration in Flux](#), *Carnegie Politika*, 2024, with Ivetta Sergeeva
- Policy brief, [Far from Home: Russians Relocating to Latin America](#), *Ponars Eurasia*, with Svetlana Ruseishvili and Ivetta Sergeeva
- Research report, [A Year and a Half in Exile: Progress and Obstacles in the Integration of Russian Migrants](#), *SocArXiv*, 2024, with Ivetta Sergeeva
- Policy brief, [In their Own Voice: Supporting Russia's Wartime Migrants](#), *Ponars Eurasia*, with Regina Smyth, Ivetta Sergeeva, Margarita Zavadskaya, Veronica Kostenko, Michail Turchenko, Andrey Semenov
- Research report, [Six Months in Exile: A New Life of Russian Emigrants](#). *SocArXiv*, 2023, with Ivetta Sergeeva, Veronica Kostenko, Margarita Zavadskaya
- Policy brief, [New Russian Migrants Against the War: Political Action in Russia and Abroad](#). *Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung*, 2023, with Ivetta Sergeeva, Margarita Zavadskaya, Veronica Kostenko
- Research report, [Studying Public Opinion Among Migrants: Challenges and Opportunities](#). *Russian Analytical Digest*, 2023, No. 292, with Ivetta Sergeeva, Margarita Zavadskaya, Veronica Kostenko
- [The Russian Rhizome: a Social Portrait of New Immigrants](#). *Re-Russia*, 2023, with Ivetta Sergeeva, Veronica Kostenko, Margarita Zavadskaya
- [New Activists or New ‘Common Folk?’ The Evolution of Political Activism Among Russian Anti-war Emigrants](#). *Russia.Post*, 2023, with Ivetta Sergeeva, Margarita Zavadskaya, Veronica Kostenko
- [Abuse, Slapping, Control: More than 20 Million Russians have Experienced Partner violence](#). *Forbes Russia*, 2023, with Ivetta Sergeeva (in Russian)
- Research report, [Partner Violence in Russia: Results of a Series of Surveys](#), *Violencemonitor.org*, 2023, with Ivetta Sergeeva (in Russian)

- Research report, [The Great Exodus: A Portrait of New Migrants from Russia. Report on the results of the March 2022 survey](#). *OutRush*, 2022, with Ivetta Sergeeva, Veronica Kostenko, Margarita Zavadskaya
- Policy brief, [Russia's 2022 Anti-War Exodus: The Attitudes and Expectations of Russian Migrants](#). *Ponars Eurasia*, 2022, with Ivetta Sergeeva, Veronica Kostenko, Margarita Zavadskaya

## Teaching Experience

- Instructor, Intermediate Quantitative Methods in Social Sciences (Master's level), European University in Saint Petersburg, Russia, 2021
- Instructor, [Research Seminar: Quantitative Methods in Political Research](#) (Master's level), Higher School of Economics, Russia, 2021
- Instructor, [Methodology of Contemporary Asian Studies](#) (Master's level), Higher School of Economics, Russia, 2020-2021
- Instructor, [Introduction to Statistics with R](#) (Master's level), Yandex & European University in Saint Petersburg, 2020
- Instructor, R-Crash Course (Master's level), European University in Saint Petersburg, Russia, 2020
- Instructor, [Methodology for Sociopolitical Research in East Asia](#), Higher School of Economics, Russia, 2019-2020

## Grants and Scholarships

- Grant, Trajectories of Russian Anti-War Migrants: panel survey, Early Stage Research grant, European University Institute, 2023
- Exchange Grant, European University Institute, 2024
- PhD Grants for Foreigners, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 2021-2024
- Grant, Survey on Intimate Partner Violence Prevalence in Russia, Center for Advanced Governance, with Ivetta Sergeeva, Moscow, 2021
- Grant, Survey on Healthcare Reform in Russia, Center for Advanced Governance, with Boris Sokolov, Margarita Zavadskaya and Ivetta Sergeeva, Moscow, 2020
- Scholarship, Oxford Russia Fund, 2020-2021
- Increased State Academic Scholarship, Higher School of Economics, Russia, 2018-2019
- FIRST+ Scholarship, Finnish scholarship for exchange students, 2018

## Selected Conferences and Workshops

- CEMIR Junior Workshop for Migration Research, Munich 2025. Paper presented: "Reversing Brain Drain from Autocracies: How Autocratic Incentives, Regime Change, and Hostland Conditions Shape the Return of Political Emigrant."
- European Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Madrid 2025. Paper presented: "Reversing Brain Drain from Autocracies: How Autocratic Incentives, Regime Change, and Hostland Conditions Shape the Return of Political Emigrants."
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September, 2024. Paper presented: "How to Maintain a Panel of Political Migrants: Evidence from a Field Experiment."
- European Political Science Association conference, July, 2024. Paper presented: "Can Migrant Organizations Evade the Long Arm of Autocrats? A Conjoint Experiment on Donation Preferences Among Russian Exiles."
- Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Convention, December, 2023. Paper presented: "Can Migrant Organizations Evade the Long Arm of Autocrats? A Conjoint Experiment on Donation Preferences Among Russian Exiles".

- European Commission working group on mapping the New Russian Diaspora in Europe and the Neighbourhood, November, 2023. Paper presented: “Year and a Half in Exile: What Changed in the Lives of Russian Emigrants”.

## Skills

- **Languages:** Russian (native), English (C1)
- **Software:** R, Python (basic), Latex, Qualtrics, Git
- **Research Skills:** statistical modeling, experimental and quasi-experimental design, transparent and reproducible research, survey design, panel surveys, interviews