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Education	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, U.S. prese Graduate Student, Department of Political Science	ent	
	Concentrations: Comparative Politics, Quantitative Methodology Fields: Computational Political Behavior, Political Communication, Comparative Political Psychology Region of Specialization: Post-Soviet Space		
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	Moscow State Linguistic University, Moscow, Russia B.A. in Political Science	009	
Academic Affiliation	Authoritarian Politics Lab, UNC Team Member 2019-prese	ent	
	Data Science Lab at the Hertie School (Berlin, Germany) 2023-20 DAAD scholar)24	
	Ronald F. Inglehart Laboratory for Comparative Social Research, HSE Research Fellow 2014-20)19	
	Laboratory for Regional Political Studies, HSE Research Fellow 2012-20)15	
Research Interests	computational political behavior, public opinion in autocracies, contentious politics, moral politics, political cognition, text-as-data, images-as-data, audio-as-data		
Publications	 How Biased Media Generate Support for the Ruling Authorities: Causal Mediation Analysis of Evidence from Russia. European Journal of Communication. 2020. Vol.36. N.2. P.183-200. 		
	• When the Party's Over: Political Blame Attribution under an Electoral Authoritari Regime. Post-Soviet Affairs. 2020. Vol.36. N.1. P.36-60. (with Margarita Zavadskaya)	an.	
	• A Top-down Movement with Grass-Roots Effects? Alexei Navalny's Electoral Capaign. Social Movement Studies. 2018. Vol.17. N.5. P.618-625. (with Jan Dollbaum a Andrei Semenov)		
Book chapters	• Active Urbanites in an Authoritarian Regime. In: Regina Smyth, Jeremy Morris, Andrei Semenov (eds.): <i>Urban Activism in Contemporary Russia</i> , Bloomington: Indiana University Press. (with Jan Dollbaum and Andrei Semenov), 2023.		
	• Varieties of Russian Activism: State-society Contestation in Everyday Life. Katie Ste		

art, Madeline McCann, Carola Neugebauer, Irina Shevtsova, Daniela Zupan, Irina

Meyer-Olimpieva, Katherine Hitchcock, John P Burgess, Anna Zhelnina, Anna A Dekalchuk, Ivan S Grigoriev, Eleonora Minaeva, Jan Matti Dollbaum, Guzel Yusupova, Elena Sirotkina. Indiana University Press, 2023.

- Working papers Observability Obstructs Motivated Reasoning in Autocracy
 - Autocrat versus Challenger: Implicit and Explicit Political Support in Autocracies James W. Prothro Student Paper Winner
 - Media Choice and Audience Reaction: Evidence from Visual Framing of Immigration in News Stories (with Olga Gasparyan and Michelle Torres)
 - The Moral Foundations of Approving Political Coercion in Autocracy
 - Visual political polarization: How people look at political images and what they see (with Olga Gasparyan)
 - Using Visual Sentiment Labeling to Address Annotator Bias (with Olga Gasparyan)
 - Personality Foundations of Supporting War against Ukraine (with Graeme Robertson)

- Work in progress Costly Collective Action and Persistent Protesting in Autocracy
 - COVID-19 and Healthcare Bureaucracy in Autocracies: Evidence from Street-Level Bureaucrats in Russian Regions (with Olga Gasparyan)
 - Emotions Recognition (with Olga Gasparyan)
 - Informational Ecosystems and Political Knowledge in Autocracies
 - Personality and Support for Political Coercion in Autocracies
 - A Theory of Guided Propaganda
 - Autocratic Mobilization at Subnational Level: Inter-Elite Conflicts and Governors' Political Machines. Evidence from Russia

Conferences and Talks

VWAR, APSA, PolMeth (2023), Columbia/Harriman workshop (2022), PONARS (2019), ASA (2017), ICSID (2017, 2018), ASEEES (2016), Tartu Conference on Russian and East European Studies (2016), VDNKH at European University at St. Petersburg (2016), EBES-LCSR training workshop (2015), ECPR Graduate Conference (2014), April International Academic Conference at HSE (2013-2019)

Grants, Awards, **Fellowships**

Thomas M. Uhlman Fellowship, UNC Political Science	2019-2024
Summer Research Fellowship, UNC Political Science	
Assistantship Award, UNC Political Science	
DAAD Research Fellowship for Doctoral Candidates	
Horizon Europe (HORIZON-HLTH-2021-ENVHLTH-02-03), project member	
Harold J. Glass USAF Graduate Fellowship, UNC	2022 - 2023
Graduate Tuition Incentive Scholarship (GTIS), UNC	2023
Humane Studies Fellowship (IHS)	
Graduate Student Transportation Grant, UNC	
Travel Grant, Institute for Humane Studies (IHS) x2	
IHS Junior Fellow, Institute for Humane Studies (IHS)	
Intensive Language Course Award (German), DAAD	
Understanding Modern Russia and Ukraine Grant, ASEEES (declined)	
James W. Prothro Student Paper Winner, UNC and SAPOR	
UNC Priority Candidate for DAAD Research Grant	
Gibbs Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies (IHS)	
UNC Departmental Summer Research Support	2022, 2023

Hertie School Faculty Activity Fund Award (Germany), Co-PI	2021-2022
Carnegie Corporation/Harriman Institute Research Grant	2021, 2022
Mercatus Center Research Grant, George Mason University	2021
Adam Smith Fellow, Mercatus Center at George Mason University	2021-2022
Summer Research Award, UNC Center for Slavic, Eurasian,	
and East European Studies (CSEEES)	2020, 2021
Russian Academic Excellence Project '5-100', Lab Research Grant	2014-2019
Russian Foundation for Humanities (RFH), Group Research Grant	2016-2018
Center for Basic Research Program, HSE, Group Research Grant	2012-2014

Research Skills Languages Russian (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate)

Software R, Python, Stan, Java, TEX, Octave, STATA

Reviewer Post-Soviet Affairs (in English), Polis (in Russian)