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Education	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, U.S. Graduate Student, Department of Political Science				present
	→ Concentrations: Comparative Politics, Quantitative Methodology				
	→ Fields: Computational Political Behavior, Political Communication, Comparative Political Psychology				
	M.A., Political Science, 2022				
Affiliations and Visiting	Authoritarian Politics Lab, UNC Team Member				2019-present
	Data Science Lab at the Hertie School (Berlin, Germany) DAAD Visiting Scholar				2023-2024
	Ronald F. Inglehart Lab for Comparative Social Research, HSE Research Fellow				2014-2019
	Laboratory for Regional Political Studies, HSE Research Fellow				2012-2015
Publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The 2024 Europe report of the Lancet Countdown on health and climate change: towards a climate resilient future. <i>The Lancet Public Health</i> (with Kim R van Daalen et al.) (forthcoming)• How Biased Media Generate Support for the Ruling Authorities: Causal Mediation Analysis of Evidence from Russia. <i>European Journal of Communication</i>. 2020. Vol.36. N.2. P.183-200.• When the Party's Over: Political Blame Attribution under an Electoral Authoritarian Regime. <i>Post-Soviet Affairs</i>. 2020. Vol.36. N.1. P.36-60. (with Margarita Zavadskaya)• A Top-down Movement with Grass-Roots Effects? Alexei Navalny's Electoral Campaign. <i>Social Movement Studies</i>. 2018. Vol.17. N.5. P.618-625. (with Jan Dollbaum and Andrei Semenov)				
Book chapters	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 Stewart, 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

- **Hard to Think Through: Understanding the Role of Crisis Observability in Susceptibility to Political Propaganda in Autocracy**, *Under review*
- **Autocrat versus Challenger: Implicit and Explicit Political Support in Autocracies**, *Under review*
James W. Prothro Student Paper Winner
- Media Choice and Audience Reaction: Evidence from Visual Framing of Immigration in News Stories (with Olga Gasparyan), *Under review*
- The Visual Divide: Democrats and Republicans Look at Political Images Differently, Reflecting Their Attitude (with Olga Gasparyan), *Under review*
- 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), *Under review*
- Decoding Visual Sentiment of Political Imagery (with Olga Gasparyan)
- Decoding Polarization: An Automated Approach to Classifying Politically Charged Visual Content (with Olga Gasparyan)
- Personality Foundations of (Dis)approval of Authoritarianism: Evidence from the Russian 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 & Talks

VWAR, APSA, PolMeth (2023), Columbia/Harriman workshop (2022), PONARS (2019), ASA (2017), ICSID (2017, 2018), ASEES (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 (External)	Horizon Europe (HORIZON-HLTH-2021-ENVHLTH-02-03)	2023-now
	Expenses Support Grant, Institute for Humane Studies (IHS)	2024
	Oxford LLMs 2024 Travel Grant, University of Oxford, UK	2024
	DAAD Travel Grant, Germany	2024
	DAAD Research Fellowship for Doctoral Candidates, Germany	2023-2024
	Humane Studies Fellowship (IHS)	2023, 2024
	Travel Grant, Institute for Humane Studies (IHS) x2	2023
	IHS Junior Fellow, Institute for Humane Studies (IHS)	2023
	Intensive Language Course Award (German), DAAD	2023
	Understanding Modern Russia and Ukraine Grant, ASEEES (<i>declined</i>)	2022
	Gibbs Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies (IHS)	2022
	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
	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
Grants, Awards, Fellowships (Internal)	Dissertation Completion Top-Up, UNC Political Science	2019-2024
	Thomas M. Uhlman Fellowship, UNC Political Science	2019-2024
	Summer Research Fellowship, UNC Political Science	2019-2024
	Assistantship Award, UNC Political Science	2019-2024
	Harold J. Glass USAF Graduate Fellowship, UNC	2022-2023
	Graduate Tuition Incentive Scholarship (GTIS), UNC	2023
	Graduate Student Transportation Grant, UNC	2023
	UNC Priority Candidate for DAAD Research Grant	2022
	James W. Prothro Student Paper Winner, UNC and SAPOR	2022
	UNC Departmental Summer Research Support	2022, 2023
Research Skills	Summer Research Award, UNC Center for Slavic, Eurasian, and East European Studies (CSEEEES)	2020, 2021
	Languages	Russian (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate)
	Software	Python, R, Stan, Java, \TeX
	Reviewer	Comparative Political Studies, Post-Soviet Affairs