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## Education

### Political Science Department, Columbia University

New York, NY, US

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Sep. 2014 - PRESENT

- Major: *Comparative Politics*
- Minor: *Political Economy*

### LAAISC (CInSt), NRU Higher School of Economics

Moscow, Russia

CANDIDATE OF SCIENCES (PHD EQUIVALENT)

Nov. 2011 - Nov. 2014

- Thesis Topic: *Taming the (not so) Stationary Bandit: Property Rights and Political Competition in Non-democratic Setting*
- Candidacy Program: *Theoretical Economics*
- Advisor: Professor Leonid I. Polishchuk

### Department of Economics, NRU Higher School of Economics

Moscow, Russia

MASTER OF ECONOMICS

Sep. 2009 - Jul. 2011

- Thesis Topic: *Property Rights and Political Competition: Economic Analysis*
- Area of Study: *Political Economy, Endogenous Property Rights, Institutional Economics*
- Advisor: Professor Leonid I. Polishchuk

### Department of Economics, NRU Higher School of Economics

Moscow, Russia

BACHELOR OF ECONOMICS

Sep. 2005 - Jul. 2009

- Concentration: *Risk-management* (with emphasis on stochastic methods of actuarial analysis)

## Publications

### REFEREED

#### Investment Climate and Turnover of Power in Russian Regions

*Voprosy Ekonomiki (in Russian)*

G. SYUNYAEV, L. POLISHCHUK

Vol. 2, pp. 88–117, 2014

#### Ruling Elites' Rotation and Asset Ownership: Implications for Property Rights

*Public Choice*

L. POLISHCHUK, G. SYUNYAEV

Vol. 162(1), pp. 159–182, 2015

#### How (not) to Measure Russian Regional Institutions

*Russian Journal of Economics*

L. POLISHCHUK, A. BARANOV, E. MALKOV, M. ROCHLITZ, G. SYUNYAEV

Vol. 1(2), pp. 154–181, 2015

#### Property Rights without Democracy: The Role of Elites' Rotation and Asset Ownership

*Book Chapter*

L. POLISHCHUK, G. SYUNYAEV

- In C. Dahlstrom et al. (eds.), *Elites, Institutions and the Quality of Government*, Palgrave Macmillan UK, 2015

### NON-REFEREED

#### New Institutional Economics: A State-of-the-Art Review for Economic Sociologists

*Economic Sociology (Electronic)*

R. MENYASHEV, T. NATKHOV, L. POLISHCHUK, G. SYUNYAEV

Vol. 13(1), pp. 12–21, 2011

### WORKING PAPERS

#### Encouraging Collective Action in Homeowners Associations: Evidence from Russia

*Draft*

E. BORISOVA, T. FRYE, G. SYUNYAEV

2016

## Skills

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| <b>Substantive</b> | Comparative Politics, Political Economy, Institutional Economics, Authoritarian Regimes   |
| <b>Methodology</b> | Formal Political Economy, Experimental Research, Bayesian Statistics, Causal Inference, Reproducible Research   |
| <b>Mathematics</b> | Game Theory, Graph Theory, Stochastic Calculus, Networks, Differential Equations, Mathematical Analysis   |
| <b>Software</b>    | [R] ( <i>advanced</i> ), Stata SE/ME ( <i>advanced</i> ), MATLAB ( <i>intermediary</i> ), Mathematica ( <i>intermediary</i> ), RStan ( <i>intermediary</i> ), Python ( <i>basic</i> ), Julia ( <i>basic</i> ), $\text{\LaTeX}$ ( <i>advanced</i> ), R Markdown ( <i>advanced</i> ), MS Office |
| <b>Languages</b>   | Russian ( <i>native</i> ), English ( <i>fluent</i> ), German ( <i>basic</i> )   |

## Software Development

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| <b>beninrep</b>      | [R] package for the replication of Benin study from Metaketa Initiative.  |
| <b>replication</b>   | [R] package which provides set of functions for declaration and summary of research replication.  |
| <b>DeclareDesign</b> | [R] package to aid researchers in characterizing and diagnosing research designs (Blair et al. 2016).<br>( <i>Research Assistant during Summer 2016</i> ) |
| <b>BIQQ</b>          | [R] package for Bayesian Integration of Qualitative and Quantitative Research (Humphreys, Jacobs 2015).<br>( <i>Research Assistant during Fall 2016</i> ) |

## Experience

### Laboratory for Applied Analysis of Institutions and Social Capital, NRU HSE

Moscow, Russia

RESEARCH FELLOW

Jul. 2013 - Aug. 2014

- Project: Property Rights Protection and Turnover of Ruling Elites: Cross-country and Russian Regional Study
- Supervisor: Professor Leonid Polishchuk
- Affiliations: Center for Institutional Studies

### Harriman Institute for Russian, Eurasian, and East European Studies, CU

New York, NY, US

VISITING SCHOLAR

Jan. 2013 - Jun. 2013

- Project: Property Rights Protection and Turnover of Ruling Elites: Russian Regional Study
- Supervisor: Professor Timothy Frye

### Development Research Group, The World Bank

Washington, DC, US

VISITING EXPERT

Jun. 2013 - Jun. 2013

- Project: Property Rights Protection and Turnover of Ruling Elites: Cross-country Study
- Supervisor: Philip Keefer

### Laboratory for Applied Analysis of Institutions and Social Capital, NRU HSE

Moscow, Russia

RESEARCH FELLOW

Jul. 2012 - Dec. 2012

- Project: Property Rights Protection and Turnover of Ruling Elites: Cross-country Study
- Supervisor: Professor Leonid Polishchuk

### Laboratory for Applied Analysis of Institutions and Social Capital, NRU HSE

Moscow, Russia

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Jul. 2010 - Jun. 2012

- Project: Property Rights Protection and Turnover of Ruling Elites: Cross-country and Russian Regional Study
- Supervisor: Professor Leonid Polishchuk

## Grants & Awards

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| 2014 | <b>Dean's Fellowship</b> , Columbia University  | New York, NY, US |
| 2011 | <b>Research Grant of the Department of Economics (with Leonid Polishchuk)</b> , NRU HSE | Moscow, Russia   |

## Teaching

### Design and Analysis of Sample Surveys

New York, NY, US

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Spring 2016

- Instructor: Andrew Gelman
- Responsible for 2-hour bi-weekly sections
- Graded 40 homeworks per week

### Economics of Reform

Moscow, Russia

FACULTY OF ECONOMIC SCIENCES, NRU HSE

Fall 2011, Fall 2013

- Course taught to last year bachelor or master degree students
- Responsible for 2-hour seminar on Endogenous Constitutional Design
- Graded over 40 exams and class assignments

## Institutional Economics I

Moscow, Russia

FACULTY OF ECONOMIC SCIENCES, NRU HSE

Spring 2012

- Course taught to 3rd year bachelor degree students
- Responsible for three 1-hour seminars each week
- Graded over 100 exams and class assignments
- Supervised over 10 course papers
- Authored several exam tasks

## New Political Economy

Moscow, Russia

FACULTY OF ECONOMIC SCIENCES, NRU HSE

Fall 2012

- Course taught to the last year bachelor or master degree students
- Responsible for one 2-hour seminar each week
- Graded over 50 exam and class assignment papers

## Conferences

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### Ruling Elites' Rotation and Asset Ownership: Implications for Property Rights

AUTHORS: G. SYUNYAEV, L. POLISHCHUK

- **SCW 2014**: The 12th Meeting of the Society for Social Choice and Welfare, Boston, USA, June 18–21, 2014
- **EEA-ESEM 2012**: European Economic Association and the Econometric Society European meeting, Malaga, Spain, August 27–31, 2012
- **PET 2012**: 13th Annual Conference of The Association of Public Economic Theory, Taipei, Taiwan, June 12–14, 2012
- **ESNIE 2012**: 11th session of the European School on New Institutional Economics (ESNIE), Cargese, France, May 21–25, 2012
- **RSSIA 2011**: Russian Summer School for Institutional Analysis, Moscow, Russian Federation, July 5–11, 2011
- **ISNIE 2011**: 15th Annual Conference of The International Society for New Institutional Economics, Stanford, USA, June 16–18, 2011
- **RCI 2010**: Shanghai Workshop on Institutional Analysis, Shanghai, China, December 12–18, 2010

### Turnover of Ruling Elites and Property Rights Protection: Evidence from Russian Regions

AUTHORS: G. SYUNYAEV, L. POLISHCHUK

- **EACES-HSE 2014**: Political Economy of Development: A Comparative Perspective, Pushkin, Russian Federation, May 29–31, 2014
- **RSSIA 2013**: Russian Summer School for Institutional Analysis, Moscow, Russian Federation, June 29 – July 5, 2013
- **IACESD 2012**: XIII April International Academic Conference on Economic and Social Development, Moscow, Russian Federation, April 3–5, 2012
- **IACESD 2011**: XII April International Academic Conference on Economic and Social Development, Moscow, Russian Federation, April 5–7, 2011

### Encouraging Collective Action in Homeowners Associations: Evidence from Russia

AUTHORS: E. BORISOVA, T. FRYE, G. SYUNYAEV

- **SSDS 2016**: Seminar for the Study of Development Strategies (Internal Weeks), New York, USA, April, 2016
- **APSA 2016**: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, USA, September 1–4, 2016

## Referee Service

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**Economics** Voprosy Ekonomiki (*in Russian*)

## Personal Information

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**Nationality** Russian  
**Marital Status** Single