

# Alexander Tedeschi

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## EDUCATION

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### New University of Lisbon

MSc, 2016. Geospatial Technologies

Honors and Awards: Erasmus Mundus Scholarship

### Harvard University

MA, 2013. Regional Studies of Russia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia,

Honors and Awards: Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS) for Russian language

### St. Lawrence University

BA, 2008. Concentration: Global Studies, History

Semester abroad at DIS Danish Institute (Migrants and Multiculturalism in Europe Program)

## SKILLS

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### Software

Proficiency in R, QGIS, Python, ArcGIS 10, Adobe Illustrator

### Languages

Russian (fluent), German (advanced), Portuguese (intermediate), Uzbek (novice)

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### Habidatum, Moscow, Russia

*GIS Intern*, June 2016 – present

- Analyzed route data from Google Maps Directions API in order to identify traffic patterns in Pune, India
- Wrote scripts to automate text anomaly detection and sentiment analysis of social media posts

### Alfa Fellowship, Moscow, Russia

*Fellow*, August 2015 – May 2016

- Undertook a 10-month professional development program in Moscow with two concurrent placements
- Managed the principal GIS database for *MyStreet*, a large scale urban renewal project at KB Strelka
- Trained two assistants in QGIS, ArcMap, and R at KB Strelka, a Moscow-based urban planning firm
- Designed and created maps and infographics for the Russian issue of *National Geographic*

### NextGIS, Moscow, Russia

*Project Assistant*, July 2014 – December 2014

- Geocoded addresses and designing an interactive web map of victims of Soviet repression in Moscow
- Developed code to extract data from the online database of Russian NGO *Memorial*

### Harvard University, Center for Geographic Analysis, Cambridge, MA

*Research Assistant*, August 2013- May 2014

- Built a geospatial network model of the Russian empire (<http://cga1.cga.harvard.edu/russia/>)
- Digitized and georeferenced raster images of historical maps and assisted in cartographic design

### Independent, Cambridge, MA

*Freelance editor*, February 2014-April 2014

- Translated a documentary about KGB agents discussing Stalinist terror filmed for ABC News
- Added subtitles to footage using Final Cut Pro

### American Councils for International Education, Washington D.C.

*Resident Director*, May 2013-August 2013

- Administered the State Department's Critical Language Scholarship Summer Program in Kazan, Russia

- Served as on-call advisor to students for academic, residential, safety and medical issues

**The Kazan Herald**, Kazan, Russia

*Columnist/Editor*, September 2011- May 2012

- Contributed a monthly column “Tatarshá Belehsezmé” about Tatar language and culture
- Edited articles by other writers before publication

**U.S.-Russia Bilateral Presidential Commission**, Cambridge, MA

*Site Officer*, March 2011

- Organized and recorded a 3-day media conference for editors of major Russian newspapers and American journalists

**Kazan Center of Federalism and Public Policy**, Kazan, Russia

*Translator/Editor*, January 2011

- Translated a special issue of the *Kazan Federalist* journal from Russian to English

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Boren Fellowship**, Department of Geography, Kazan, Russia

Kazan Federal University, June 2011- 2012

Project: “Integrating Religious Education into Russian Public Schools”

- Surveyed opinions of teachers, students, and public officials about moral education in Russian schools
- Translated and analyzed public school textbooks on religious culture and secular ethics

**Fulbright Scholarship**, Department of History, Kazan, Russia

Kazan Federal University, August 2008-2009

Project: “Investigating the Islamic Revival in Russia through the Muslim Press”

- Analyzed contemporary discourses in periodicals and newspaper geared toward Muslims in Russia
- Conducted interviews with 25 representatives of Islamic publishing houses

## FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

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**Alfa Fellowship**, 2015 - 2016

Cultural Vistas

**Social Expertise Exchange Emerging Professionals Fellowship**, 2015

Eurasia Foundation

**Erasmus Mundus Scholarship**, 2014 – 2016

European Commission

**USGIF Graduate Scholarship**, 2014

United States Geospatial Intelligence Foundation

**Boren Fellowship**, 2011-2012

US Department of State

**Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship**, 2010-11, 2012-13

US Department of Education

**Fulbright Scholarship**, 2008-2009

Institute of International Education

**100 Projects for Peace**, Summer 2007

Kathryn Wasserman Davis Foundation