

# Noah Dasanaike

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## Education

- (current) Ph.D., *Political Science*, Harvard University
  - Committee: Grzegorz Ekiert, Ryan Enos, Torben Iversen, Gary King
- B.A. (2022), M.A. (2024), *Political Science*, Harvard University
  - Passed doctoral general examination with excellence (highest distinction)

## Employment

- Consultant, Two Sigma, 2025-
- Quantitative Research Intern, Two Sigma, New York, Summer 2025, 2026

## Publications

- Ekiert, Grzegorz, and Noah Dasanaike. “The Return of Dictatorship.” *Journal of Democracy* (2024). <https://doi.org/10.1353/jod.2024.a937742>
- Dasanaike, Noah. “Businessperson Deputies and Party Cohesion: Evidence from the Russian State Duma.” *Party Politics* 28, no. 5 (2021): 879-888. <https://doi.org/10.1177/13540688211025176>.

## Teaching Experience

### Harvard University

- Gov 2020: The Hidden Curriculum (PhD-level, methods), Teaching Fellow for Gary King, 2024, 2025
- Math Refresher (PhD-level, methods), Instructor, 2024, 2025
- STAT 186: Causal Inference (undergraduate), Teaching Fellow for Susan Murphy, 2025
- GOV 97: Political Geography (undergraduate), Instructor, 2025
- Gov 2002: Quantitative Social Science Methods II (PhD-level, methods), Grader for Matthew Blackwell, 2023
- Gov 50: Data (Undergraduate, methods), Course Assistant for Adeline Lo, 2022

## Major Grants

- Bloomberg Center for Cities Grant (with Ryan Enos), \$40,000, 2025
- Deakin-Royce Graduate Research Fellowship, Harvard University Committee on Australian Studies, \$10,000, 2025
- Graduate Prize Fellowship, Harvard University, 2022-24

## Grants / Fellowships / Awards

- Mid-Dissertation Grant, Harvard Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, 2025
- Graduate Research Grant, King's Graduate Research Funding, 2025
- Graduate Research Grant, Victor and William Fung Foundation, 2024
- Research Grant, Harvard Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, 2024
- Jens Aubrey Westerngard Scholarship, 2023
- Best Poster, Harvard Government Graduate Student Poster Session, 2023
- Seed Grant, Harvard Center for American Political Studies, 2023
- Graduate Research Grant, Harvard Center for European Studies, 2022, 2023
- Conference Travel Grant, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, 2022
- President's Doctoral Fellowship, Princeton University, 2022 (declined)
- Doctoral Fellowship, Stanford University, 2022 (declined)

- Fulbright Fellowship, University of Bergen, Norway, 2022 (declined)
- Eric Firth Prize, Harvard Department of Government, 2022
- Thesis Research Grant, Harvard Center for European Studies, 2021
- Research Experience for Undergraduates (NSF REU), Columbia University, 2020 (declined)

## **External Presentations**

- Paper Panel, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2025
- Graduate Student Poster Session, Society for Political Methodology, 2024
- Paper Panel, International Conference of Europeanists, 2024
- Graduate Workshop on Comparative Historical Research on Europe, 2022, 2023
- Political Geography Workshop, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, 2023
- Harvard Working Group in Political Psychology and Behavior, Fall Graduate Student Session, 2022
- Saint Louis Area Methods Meeting, 2021

## **Affiliations**

- Fung Scholar, Victor and William Fung Foundation
- Member, Society for Political Methodology
- Graduate Student Affiliate, (Harvard) Weatherhead Center for International Affairs (2025-2026)
- Graduate Student Affiliate, (Harvard) Center for European Studies (2023-)
- Graduate Student Affiliate, (Harvard) Center for American Political Studies (2023-)
- Graduate Student Affiliate, (Harvard) Institute for Quantitative Social Science (2022-)
- Graduate Student Affiliate, (Harvard) Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies (2022-)

## **Service**

- Referee: American Political Science Review, Nature Scientific Data
- Harvard Government Department: Concentration Advisor, Graduate Peer Advisor