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

• Ph.D. Data Science Intern, Two Sigma, 2025

Working Papers

• Why Urban-Rural Political Cleavages Do Not Generalize. (accessible here).

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 Prefresher (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

Grants / Fellowships / Awards

- Mid-Dissertation Grant, Harvard Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, 2025
- Graduate Research Grant, Victor and William Fung Foundation, 2024
- Research Grant, (Harvard) Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, 2024
- Graduate Prize Fellowship, Harvard University, 2022-24
- 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