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## Education

- 2020 - Present. PhD Student, The School of Governance, Technical University of Munich, Germany
- Chair of Computational Social Science and Big Data
  - Advisor: [Jürgen Pfeffer](#)
- 2015 - 2018 M.A. Political Science, University of Mannheim, Germany
- MA thesis: Effects of Foreign Propaganda in Democracies: Evidence from a Natural Experiment
  - Advisor: [Nikolay Marinov](#)
- 2013 - 2015 M.A. Sociology, Higher School of Economics (HSE), Russia
- 2007 - 2012 Specialist Diploma, Journalism, Saint-Petersburg State University (SPbU), Russia

## Experience

- *Researcher* Oct. 2018 - Present  
GESIS Leibniz Institute for Social Sciences — Cologne  
Department of Computational Social Science
- Project: [Populism in Europe and the US funded by Volkswagen Foundation](#) in collaboration with Oxford University and SciencesPo.
  - Online experiments and web tracking data to measure political behavior and attitudes.
  - Quasi-experiment to measure biased media effects.
  - Conjoint survey experiments to measure policy preferences.
- *Research Assistant* Aug. 2016 - June 2018  
Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES) — Mannheim
- Project I: European Election Studies, electoral participation and voting behavior in European Parliament elections.
  - Project II: U.S. Congress & Presidential Statements and Actions on Sanctions.

## Research papers

**Populist Attitudes and Selective Exposure to Online News: A Cross-Country Analysis Combining Web Tracking and Surveys**, *International Journal of Press/Politics*, 2020, jointly with Sebastian Stier (GESIS), Caterina Froio (SciencesPo), Ralph Schroeder (University of Oxford). [Link to the paper](#).

**Online News and Protest Participation in a Political Context: Evidence from Self-Reported Cross-Sectional Data** *Forthcoming in Social Media + Society*, 2021, jointly with Olessia Koltsova (HSE). [Link to the paper](#), [code and data](#).

**Bad News for Democracy? Browsing Behavior Can Signal Political Attitudes**, *Working paper*, 2021, jointly with Sebastian Stier (GESIS), Roberto Ulloa (GESIS), and Jürgen Pfeffer (TUM).

**Biased Media and Foreign Policy Preferences: Evidence from a Natural experiment in the European Union** *Working paper*, 2021. [Link to the paper](#), with [code and data](#).

**The (Non)Persistence of Issue Preferences Among Populist Radical Right and Radical Left Voters: Experimental Evidence from Four European Democracies**, *Under review*, 2021. Jointly with Sebastian Stier (GESIS) and Caterina Froio (SciencesPo).

## Research in progress

**What do “the People” Want? Exploring Policy Preferences and Media Diets of Populist Radical Right Voters in Advanced Democracies with Conjoint Experiments and Web Tracking Data**, *In progress*, 2020, jointly with Sebastian Stier (GESIS) and Caterina Froio (SciencesPo). [Link to the pre-analysis plan on EGAP](#).

**Polarizing Effects of Tabloids on Social Media: Evidence From a Randomized Online Experiment on Facebook**, *In progress*, 2020, jointly with Sebastian Stier (GESIS), Jürgen Pfeffer (TUM) and Wienke Strathern (TUM). [Link to the Facebook proposal](#).

## Research Visits

University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Department of Economics  
Visiting Graduate Student, Spring Term 2017  
*Course*: Media and Economics. *Instructor*: [Maria Petrova](#)

Stanford University, the Stanford U.S.-Russia Forum (SURF)  
- Russian Delegate, August, 2013 – May, 2014.  
In collaboration with U.S. delegates, I conducted research on the application of social network analysis to media and foreign policy.  
[Link to the research summery](#).

## Additional Training

*Field Experiments*, ICPSR Summer Course, 2019  
Instructors: Alexander Coppock (Yale), Eline de Rooij (Simon Fraser University), Florian Foos (London School of Economics)

*Mathematics for Social Scientists*, PhD Course, Fall 2016  
Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences, University of Mannheim

*Methods Summer Program*, 2014  
London School of Economics and Political Science, London  
- *Course Title*: Methods for the Online World

## Conference and Workshop Presentations

Digital Democracy Workshop 2020 (University of Zurich)  
European Workshop in Empirical Political Science 2020 (EuroWEPS, Humboldt University Berlin)  
ECPR 2019  
EPSA 2019  
Digital Threats to Democracy Workshop 2019 (SSRC, New York City)  
4th Economics of Media Bias Workshop 2019 (WZB Berlin Social Science Center)  
Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies Conference 2018 (Stanford University)  
ECPR 2015  
International Conference Social Media and Social Movements 2014 (HSE)  
Stanford US – Russia Forum 2014 (Stanford University).

## Skills

*Languages*: Russian, English  
*Programming Languages*: R, Python