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Education

2018 - Present. PhD Student, Computational Social Science, TU Munich, Germany
2015 - 2017 M.A. Political Science, University of Mannheim, Germany
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](#).
- Online experiments and web tracking data to measure political behavior and attitudes.
- Quasi-experiment to measure biased media effects
(balance tests, OLS and kernel regularized least squares (KRLS),
linear models with interaction effects, fixed effects models);
- Analysis of web tracking data to identify peoples' political attitudes
(using ML techniques to predict anti-democratic attitudes,
visualisation of data with ggplot);
- Conjoint survey experiments to measure people's policy preferences
(identifying most important features in multidimensional decision-making);

- *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.
- Analysis of survey and aggregate level data in R.
- Coding data for a project on computational analysis of text.
- Analysis of aggregate-level data in R for ongoing projects.
- Data labeling for ML models for text analysis.

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](#).

Biased Media and Foreign Policy Preferences: Evidence from a Natural experiment in the European Union *Working paper*, 2019. [Link to the paper](#), with [code and data](#).

Online News and Protest Participation in a Political Context: Evidence from Self-Reported Cross-Sectional Data *Accepted in Social Media + Society*, 2019, jointly with Olessia Koltsova (HSE). [Link to the paper](#), [code and data](#).

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, 2020, jointly with Sebastian Stier (GESIS). [Link to the pre-analysis plan on EGAP](#).

Measuring Political Attitudes and Polarization with Web Tracking Data, *In Progress*, 2020, jointly with Sebastian Stier (GESIS), Roberto Ulloa (GESIS), and Jürgen Pfeffer (TUM).

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 analysis.

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