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Education

2019 - Exp. 2022 PhD in Political Science
- The School of Governance, Technical University of Munich, Germany
- The Lab of Computational Social Science and Big Data
- Advisor: [Prof. 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: [Prof. Nikolay Marinov](#)

2013 - 2015 M.A. Sociology, Higher School of Economics (HSE), Moscow, Russia
2007 - 2012 Specialist Diploma, Journalism, Saint–Petersburg State University (SPbU)

Experience

- *Graduate Researcher*   Oct. 2018 - Sep. 2021
GESIS Leibniz Institute for Social Sciences — Cologne
Department of Computational Social Science
- Using 19 million URLs, built a machine learning model to predict policy preferences and ideology of users in Germany. [Link to the paper](#).
- Conducted large-scale conjoint experiments with 5,000 users to identify their policy preferences on immigration, housing, law enforcement, and climate change
- Using machine learning methods, managed to conduct a natural experiment with limited and incomplete data to predict biased media effects.
- Data-processing, feature engineering, and model testing for the project on political behavior in the EU and the US: ["Online Populism in Europe and the US"](#) funded by Volkswagen Foundation in collaboration with Oxford University and SciencesPo.
- Managed a team of junior researchers to organize data collection and develop a data collection pipeline.

- *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. Data-processing (50 countries and 50,000 observations) and descriptive analysis of panel and social media data.
- **Project II**: U.S. Congress & Presidential Statements and Actions on Sanctions. Conducted analysis of survey and aggregate level data. Labelling of large datasets for text analysis. Advisor: [Nikolay Marinov](#).

Research papers

The (Non)Persistence of Issue Preferences Among Populist Radical Right and Radical Left Voters: Experimental Evidence from Four European Democracies, *R&R* in *European Journal of Political Research*, 2022. Jointly with Sebastian Stier (GESIS) and Caterina Froio (SciencesPo).

Online News and Protest Participation in a Political Context: Evidence from Self-Reported Cross-Sectional Data, *Social Media + Society*, 7(1), 2021, jointly with Olessia Koltsova (HSE). Link to the paper, and link to the code and data.

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.

Research in progress

Can Web Browsing Histories Predict Users' Attitudes Towards Immigrants, Climate Change, and Democracy?, *Submitted*, 2021, jointly with Sebastian Stier (GESIS), Roberto Ulloa (GESIS), and Jürgen Pfeffer (TUM). Link to the paper

Biased Media and Foreign Policy Preferences: Evidence From a Natural Experiment *Working paper*, 2021. Link to the preprint, with replication materials.

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.

Instagram, Self-Control, and Well-being, *In progress*, 2020, Finalist for Facebook Fellowship Program 2020.

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.
Project Title: Text Mining and Social Network Analysis: Case Study of the US and Russian Media Coverage of Civil War in Libya (jointly with Stanislav Budnitsky [Carleton University], Reagan Thompson [Stanford University]). Link to the research summary.

Additional Training

The Summer Institutes in Computational Social Science (SICSS), June 13-19, 2021
Organized by: Chris Bail (Duke University) snd Matt Salganik (Princeton University)
Instructors: Elizaveta Sivak (HSE), Sofia Dokuka (HSE),
Ivan Smirnov (RWTH Aachen University)

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

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

Conference and Workshop Presentations

PolMeth Europe 2021 (*virtual*)
Digital Democracy Workshop 2020, University of Zurich, (*virtual*)
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).

References

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