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## Education

- 2018 - Exp. 2021. PhD in Computational Social Science
- The School of Governance, Technical University of Munich, Germany
  - Chair of Computational Social Science and Big Data
  - Advisor: [Prof. Jürgen Pfeffer](#)
- 2015 - 2018 M.A. Political Science (Quantitative)
- 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

- *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

**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*, 2021. 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

**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** *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](#).

**Issue Frustration, Ideology, and the Limit of the Populist Radical Right Support in Europe**, *In progress*, 2021, jointly with Sebastian Stier (GESIS). Prepared for a panel on “Experimental Approaches to Democratic Backsliding” at APSA 2021.

## 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 summary](#).

## Additional Training

*The Summer Institutes in Computational Social Science* (SICSS), June 13-19, 2021  
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).

## Skills

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

## Contacts for Recommendations

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