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EDUCATION

Stanford University, Stanford, CA, USA

Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science

exp. 06/2026

M.A. in Economics

09/2024

Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Methodology, Economic History

Committee: Stephen Haber (*chair*), Vasiliki Fouka, Saumitra Jha

Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia

M.A. in Sociology

06/2019

B.A. in Political Science, *with honours*

06/2017

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Economy of Ideas, Institutional Development, Culture and Social Norms, Authoritarian Politics, Historical Political Economy

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

“Reading Orwell in Moscow”

“Establishing a Parliament: the Political Economy of Elections in Late Imperial Russia” (with [Eugenia Nazrullaeva](#))

“Was Weber Right? Calvinism, State Building, and Economic Growth in Germany” (with Nikita Savin)

WORKING PAPERS

“Peasant Commune and the Demand for Land Titling in Imperial Russia,” 2025

“Immigrant Knowledge and the Growth of American Agriculture: the Case of Russian Germans” (with Jennifer Kowalski), 2024

PUBLICATIONS

“Ethnic-Specific Infant Care Practices and Infant Mortality in Late Imperial Russia.” *Economic History Review* 76, no. 3 (2023): 783–806 (with [Timur Natkhov](#))

“Skilled Immigrants and Technology Adoption: Evidence from the German Settlements in the Russian Empire.” *Explorations in Economic History* 81 (2021): 101399 (with [Timur Natkhov](#))

PUBLICATIONS IN RUSSIAN

“State and Society as Co-Production Partners: Theory and Russian Evidence.” *Obshchestvennye Nauki i Sovremennost’* 2 (2019): 35–53 (with Leonid Polishchuk and Igor Shagalov)

“Who Is in Charge of Security? Division of Labor between Public and Private Security Producers.” *Voprosy Ekonomiki* 3 (2018): 102-129 (with [Alex Yarkin](#))

CONFERENCES AND TALKS

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| SPSA (scheduled) | 2026 |
| Second Annual HPE Conference, University of Southern California (scheduled) | 2025 |
| Public Governance Workshop, University Paris-Dauphine – PSL (scheduled) | |
| EHA (scheduled), MPSA | |
| Virtual Workshop in Historical Political Economy | 2024 |
| Lewis Lab Graduate Student Workshop, University of Manchester, UK | |
| MPSA, SIOE, EPSA | |
| APSA | 2023 |
| Summer Workshop in the Economic History and Historical Political Economy of Eurasia, Paris, France | |
| Online Summer Workshop in the Economic History and Historical Political Economy of Russia (Poster) | 2020 |
| Baltic Connections: Conference in Social Science History, Helsinki, Finland | 2019 |
| The Second Ghent Russia Colloquium, Ghent, Belgium | 2018 |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Stanford University

Graduate-Level Courses

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| Math Camp for Political Scientists | Summer 2023, 2024 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taught daily sections over a three-week period to newly admitted graduate students, covering topics in linear algebra, real analysis, optimization, and probability theory. | |
| POLISCI 450C: Political Methodology III: Model-Based Inference | Spring 2022, 2023 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taught one weekly section, covering topics in estimation theory, non-linear models, and text analysis to approximately 15 students, earning an average student evaluation score of 4.8/5.0. | |

Undergraduate-Level Courses

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| POLISCI 150/355A: Data Science for Politics | Fall 2024 |
| DATASCI/POLISCI 154: Solving Social Problems with Data | Spring 2024 |
| POLISCI 153: Strategy: Introduction to Game Theory | Winter 2023 |

Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia

Undergraduate-Level Courses

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| Probability and Statistics for Political Science | Spring 2019, 2020 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taught three weekly sections to a total of approximately 70 first-year students, earning an average student evaluation score of 4.8/5.0. | |

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| Mathematical and Statistical Methods in Psychological Research | Fall, Spring 2019 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taught two weekly sections and labs in SPSS and R to a total of approximately 50 first-year students, earning an average student evaluation score of 4.7/5.0. | |
| Game Theory | Fall 2018, 2019 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taught three bi-weekly sections to a total of approximately 90 third-year students, earning an average student evaluation score of 4.5/5.0. | |

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Stanford University

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| Student Projects for Intellectual Community Enhancement Grant (\$1,400) | 2026 |
| SIEPR Dixon and Carol Doll Graduate Fellowship (\$14,550) | |
| IRiSS Dissertation Fellowship (\$11,000) | |
| King Center on Global Development's Graduate Fellowship (\$14,550) | 2025 |
| George P. Shultz Dissertation Support Grant (\$2,670) | |
| The Europe Center Graduate Student Research Grant (\$610) | |
| CREES Graduate Conference Travel Grant (\$500) | |
| King's Center for Global Development Exploratory Grant (\$2,200) | 2021 |

External Awards

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| Conference Travel Grant, Institute for Humane Studies (\$700) | 2024 |
| Larry Neal Prize for the Best Article in <i>Explorations in Economic History</i> (\$500) | 2022 |

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| Best Instructor Award (\$6,500, declined) | 2020 |
| Student Academic Fellowship (\$1,500) | 2017, 2019 |
| Political Science Class Salutatorian | 2017 |

EMPLOYMENT

Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia

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| <i>Teaching Fellow</i> | 2018–2020 |
| Department of Higher Mathematics | |
| <i>Research Assistant</i> | 2017–2020 |
| Center for Institutional Studies | |
| <i>Faculty Administrative Assistant</i> | 2014–2018 |
| Department of Higher Mathematics | |

SERVICE

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| Co-Organizer: Historical Social Science Workshop , Stanford University | 2023–2025 |
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MEMBERSHIP

APSA, EHA, EPSA, MPSA, SIOE

SKILLS

Programming Languages and Software: R, Python, QGIS, Stata, SPSS, L^AT_EX
Archival Data Collection

Languages: German (advanced), Spanish (beginner), Russian (native)