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| EMPLOYMENT | Hertie School, Berlin, Germany Postdoctoral Associate, Data Science Lab, 2021-current Postdoctoral Associate and Academic Coordinator of Data and Methodology Center, SCRIPTS Cluster of Excellence, 2021-current | |
| EDUCATION | University of Rochester, Rochester, New York, USA Ph.D., Political Science, 2020 M.A., Political Science, 2018 Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Methodology Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia M.A., Political Science, 2014 (with honors) B.A., Political Science, 2012 (with honors) | |
| RESEARCH INTERESTS | Decentralization, local politics, local efficiency, public goods provision, institutions in autocracies, political economy of development, historical legacy, causal inference, deep learning, image-as-data and computer vision | |
| PUBLICATIONS | “The Importance and Peculiarities of Archival Work in Political Science”, <i>Comparative Politics Newsletter</i> , Fall 2019, XXIX(2) 5-11. | |
| WORKING PAPERS | “Local Elections, Efficiency, and Resource Allocation: Evidence from Russian Cities” “Indirect Rule and Public Goods Provision: Evidence from Colonial India” “Finding and Accounting for Separation Bias in Strategic Choice Models” (with Casey Crisman-Cox, Curtis Signorino) (invited to revise and resubmit at <i>Political Analysis</i>) “Mayors’ Resource Allocation Choices: Evidence from Topic Models of Procurement Contracts Information” (Available Upon Request) “Self-Governance and Regional Voting Salience: Evidence from 1917 Elections in Russia” (Available Upon Request) | |
| WORK IN PROGRESS | “The trump of discord: visual information and affective polarization of media” (with Elena Sirotkina and Michelle Torres) “Climate Change and Health Issues: Evidence from the Public Discussion” (Lancet Countdown Working Group) “Mirror mirror on the wall, what satisfies them all? Using social media to analyze citizen’s satisfaction” (with Slava Jankin and Marc Esteve) “When States Debate: The UN General Debate and the Use of Text Analysis in Interna- | |

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| | <p>tional Relations” (with Niheer Dasandi, Slava Jankin, and Neil Mitchell)</p> <p>“Regions in time of plague”: the COVID-19 challenge to Russian regional healthcare systems” (with Elena Sirotkina)</p> <p>“Causes and Consequences of the Governors’ Survival: Evidence from Russian Regions” (with Randall Stone)</p> |
| RESEARCH EXPERIENCE | <p>Research Assistant to Professor Randall Stone, 2019-2020</p> <p>Research Assistant to Professor Anderson Frey, 2018</p> <p>Research Assistant to Professor Alexander Lee, 2016</p> <p>Research Fellow at the Laboratory of Quantitative and Qualitative Methods for Political Regimes Research, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, 2014-2015</p> <p>Junior Research Fellow at the Laboratory of Political Studies, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, 2012-2014</p> |
| FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS | <p>2022 Horizon Europe (HORIZON-HLTH-2021-ENVHLTH-02-03) “<i>Climate Action To Advance Healthy Societies in Europe</i>” (CATALYSE). Working group on development of innovative health surveillance and forecasting tools that facilitate effective policy response to environmental health hazards caused by climate change.</p> <p>- Total funding requested EUR 10 354 000. Hertie component EUR 975 000. Co-Investigator</p> <p>SCRIPTS Small Grants, 2022 (EUR 40 000) “<i>The Not-So-Universal Declarations: Types and Effects of Human Rights Rhetoric in the UN General Assembly</i>” (Co-Investigator)</p> <p>Hertie School Faculty Activity Fund, AY 2021/22 (EUR 14 550) “<i>The trump of discord: How nontextual information grows affective polarization in democratic and non-democratic world</i>”</p> <p>- Supervised by Slava Jankin, collaboration with Elena Sirotkina and Michelle Torres</p> <p>Dean’s Post-Field Research Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2020-2021 (Spring 2021 - declined) (\$20 000)</p> <p>Carnegie/Harriman Research Grant, Columbia University, 2020 (\$16 000)</p> <p>Beck Research Grant, University of Rochester, 2019 (declined)</p> <p>The Harriman Institute, Columbia University, Travel Grant, 2019 (\$2 250)</p> <p>Watson Field Work Grant, University of Rochester, 2019 (\$1 600)</p> <p>Summer Seed Field Work Grant, University of Rochester, 2018 (\$3 000)</p> <p>Second Year Paper Lanni Fellowship, University of Rochester, 2017 (\$1 100)</p> <p>PEPR Research Grant, University of Rochester, 2016 (\$1 100)</p> <p>Oxford Russian Fund Fellowship, Higher School of Economics, 2010-2012</p> <p>Best Lecturer at Political Science Department Award, National Research University Higher School of Economics, 2013-2014</p> <p>Golden HSE Award - “Silver Nestling”, National Research University Higher School of Economics, 2012</p> |
| CONFERENCES AND TALKS | <p>APSA 2018-2020, 2022 (scheduled); MPSA 2014, 2015, 2018-2022, 2020 (canceled); EPSA 2021, 2022 (scheduled); ASEES 2021, ISA 2022</p> <p>2022: University of Bremen Economic Colloquium, PolMeth-Europe (scheduled), PolMeth (scheduled)</p> <p>2021: Wisconsin Russia Project Young Scholars Conference, ICSID Annual Conference (Higher School of Economics), Political Economy Lunch Seminar (Hertie School), Women</p> |

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| | <p>in Political Methodology Speaker Series</p> <p>2019: Joint Harriman Institute (Columbia) and Jordan Center (NYU) Graduate Student Research Workshop, ICSID Annual Conference (Higher School of Economics), Summer Workshop in Russian Economic History and Historical Political Economy (University of Wisconsin-Madison)</p> |
| TEACHING EXPERIENCE | <p>University of Rochester, Rochester, New York, USA</p> <p>Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Comparative Politics (Fall 2018), The Politics of Terrorism (Fall 2018), Poverty and Development (Spring 2018), Elections in Developing Countries (Fall 2017)</p> <p>Higher School of Economics, Moscow</p> <p>Instructor: Causal Inference, 2014-2015</p> <p>Teaching Assistant: Probability and Statistics (2013-2014), Quantitative Methods in Political Science (2012-2015)</p> |
| LANGUAGES AND SKILLS | <p>English (fluent), German (intermediate), Spanish (beginner), Russian (native)</p> <p>R, Python, Stata, SQL, ArcGIS, QGIS, L^AT_EX, HTML₅/CSS and JavaScript (basic)</p> |
| MEMBERSHIP | <p>APSA, MPSA, EPSA, PolMeth, ASEES, ISA</p> |
| DEPARTMENT SERVICE | <p>Coordinator from Hertie School, CIVICA Data Science Seminar Series, 2021-</p> <p>Organizer and Coordinator, Data Science Summer School, Hertie School & SCRIPTS, 2021</p> <p>Coordinator, Women's Working Group, URPSD, 2018-2019</p> <p>Graduate Assistant, UR Internships in Europe Programme, 2017</p> |

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| REFERENCES | <p>Randall W. Stone Professor of Political Science Department of Political Science University of Rochester randall.stone@rochester.edu</p> <p>Alexander M. Lee Associate Professor Department of Political Science University of Rochester alexander.mark.lee@rochester.edu</p> <p>Slava Jankin Professor of Data Science and Public Policy Data Science Lab Hertie School jankin@hertie-school.org</p> | <p>Gretchen Helmke Professor of Political Science Department of Political Science University of Rochester gretchen.helmke@rochester.edu</p> <p>Anderson Frey Assistant Professor Department of Political Science University of Rochester anderson.frey@rochester.edu</p> |
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