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Education University of Rochester

Ph.D., Political Science, 2015-current

M.A., Political Science, 2018

Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Methodology

Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia

M.A. Political Science, 2014

B.A. Political Science, 2012 (with honors)

Research Interests

Decentralization, fiscal federalism, self-governance, efficiency of public goods provision, state capacity, political economy of development, historical origins, colonial heritage, institutions in autocracies, autonomy and separatism, political methodology, causal inference.

Work In Progress

- "Indirect Rule and Public Goods Provision: Evidence of Colonial Differences in the Contemporary India";
- "Decentralization and Local Development: Long-Term Effects of Zemstvo Reform;
- "Local Public Goods in India" (with Alexander Lee);

Teaching University of Rochester

Teaching Assistant, Poverty and Development, Spring 2018 Teaching Assistant, Elections in Developing Countries, Fall 2017

Higher School of Economics, Moscow

Teaching Assistant, Causal Inference, 2014-2015

Teaching Assistant, Probability and Statistics, 2013-2014

Teaching Assistant, Quantitative Methods in Political Science, 2012-2015

Research Experience

Research Assistant to Professor Anderson Frey, 2018–present Research Assistant to Professor Alexander Lee, 2016–present

Research Assistant at Laboratory of Quantitative and Qualitative Methods for Political Regimes Research, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, 2014-2015

Awards and University Fellowship

Fellowships University of Rochester, 2015-present

Second Year Paper Lanni Fellowship University of Rochester, Summer 2017

PEPR Research Grant

University of Rochester, Fall 2016

Languages and Skills

English (fluent), German (intermediate), Russian (native)

R, Stata, Python (basic), HTML (basic), ArcGIS, QGIS, LATEX

Department Service

Graduate Assistant, UR Internships in Europe Programme, 2017–now