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Education	**University of Rochester** Ph.D., Political Science, 2015-current 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	- *"Decentralization and Public Goods Provision: Persistence of Colonial Differences in the Contemporary Karnataka"* ; - *"Decentralization and Public Goods Provision: Evidence of the Municiple Reform in the Russian Empire" (with D.Stukal)*;
Teaching	**University of Rochester** 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 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 Fellowships	**University Fellowship** University of Rochester, 2015–present **PEPR Research Grant** University of Rochester, 2016
Languages and Skills	English (fluent), German (intermediate), Russian (native) R, Stata, Python (basic), HTML (basic), ArcGIS, LaTeX
Department Service	Graduate Assistant, UR Internships in Europe Programme, 2017–now