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Education

University of Rochester, Rochester, NY
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 (with honors)
B.A. Political Science, 2012 (with honors)

Research Interests

Decentralization, local efficiency, public goods provision, institutions in autocracies, political economy of development, historical legacy, causal inference, machine learning

Working Papers

''Indirect Rule and Public Goods Provision: Evidence from Colonial India"
(Under Review);
"How to Provide? Trade-Off of the Local Officials: Evidence from the Russian Cities";
"Decentralization and Ethnic Voting Salience: Evidence from 1917 Elections in Russia"

Work In Progress

"Mayors as Brokers of Regime: Evidence from Inter-Level Budget Transfers in Russia"
"Causes and Consequences of the Governors' Survival: Case of Russia"
(with Randall Stone);
"Burn for Money or Burning Money: Evidence from the Zemstvo Insurance Policy";
"Local Public Goods in India"(with Alexander Lee)

Research Experience

Research Assistant to Professor Randall Stone, 2019
Research Assistant to Professor Anderson Frey, 2018
Research Assistant to Professor Alexander Lee, 2016
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

Additional Fellowships and Grants
- The Harriman Institute, Columbia University, Travel Grant, Summer 2019
- Watson Field Work Grant, University of Rochester, January-February 2019
- Summer Seed Field Work Grant, University of Rochester, Summer 2018
- Second Year Paper Lanni Fellowship, University of Rochester, Summer 2017
- PEPR Research Grant, University of Rochester, Fall 2016
- Oxford Russian Fund Fellowship, Higher School of Economics, 2010-2012

Best Lecturer at Political Science Department Award
National Research University Higher School of Economics, 2013-2014
Golden HSE Award - "Silver Nestling"
National Research University Higher School of Economics, 2012

Conferences
and Talks

APSA 2018, 2019; MPSA 2014, 2015, 2018, 2019;
ICSID Annual Conference, Higher School of Economics (2019);
Summer Workshop in Russian Economic History and Historical Political Economy,
University of Wisconsin-Madison (2019)

Teaching
Experience

University of Rochester
Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Comparative Politics, Fall 2018
Teaching Assistant, The Politics of Terrorism, Fall 2018
Teaching Assistant, Poverty and Development, Spring 2018
Teaching Assistant, Elections in Developing Countries, Fall 2017

Higher School of Economics, Moscow
Instructor, Causal Inference, 2014-2015
Teaching Assistant, Probability and Statistics, 2013-2014
Teaching Assistant, Quantitative Methods in Political Science, 2012-2015

Languages
and Skills

English (fluent), German (intermediate), Russian (native)
R, Python, Stata, SQL, ArcGIS, QGIS, LaTeX, HTML (basic)

Memberships

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association

Department
Service

Coordinator, Women's Working Group, URPSD, 2018-current
Graduate Assistant, UR Internships in Europe Programme, 2017

References

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