

Otto Kienitz

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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley (Berkeley, CA) *Fall 2017 – Expected 2023*
PhD Candidate in Political Science (ABD)
MA in Political Science with Departmental Distinction *Spring 2019*
Subfields: Comparative Politics, Methodology and Formal Theory, Post-Soviet Studies

European University (St. Petersburg, Russia) *Fall 2016 – Summer 2017*
MA in Russian and Eurasian Studies (IMARES)
Leonard Lauder Fellowship, Dean's List

University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, PA) *Fall 2012 – Spring 2016*
BA in History and Political Science with Honors
Phi Beta Kappa, Summa Cum Laude, Rose Award for Undergraduate Research, Dean's List

RESEARCH

“No Representation, Without Local Taxation”: The Institutional Origins of Democratization and State-Building, *PhD Dissertation*, University of California, Berkeley (Expected 2023)
Committee Members: Jason Wittneberg (Chair), Ruth Collier, Sean Gilmard, Victoria Frede-Montemayor

Comparative Politics in Borderlands: Actors, Identities and Strategies
Annual Review of Political Science, Vol. 25 (May 2022) with Robert Braun

Democratization out of State Capacity: Bureaucracy and Reform in the Russian Empire
MA Thesis, University of California, Berkeley (2019)
Co-Chairs: Jason Wittenberg and Ruth Collier

Engineering Russian Imperial Electoral Law: Minority Representation in the First Duma
MA Thesis, European University at St. Petersburg (2017)
Co-Chairs: Alexey Miller (History) and Vladimir Gel'man (Political Science)

SKILLS

Computational Tools	R, Python, GIS, Digital Data Collection
Foreign Languages	Russian (Advanced), Portuguese (Beginner), English (Native)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award *Awarded 2021*

PS 141C: Politics and Government in Eastern Europe *Fall 2018, Fall 2020*
Head GSI for Professor Jason Wittenberg

PS 2: Comparative Politics *Spring 2019, Spring 2020*
Head GSI for Professor Pradeep Chhibber, GSI for Professor Steven M. Fish

FELLOWSHIPS

Reinhard Bendix and Allan Sharlin Fellowship, Global International and Area Studies (Summer 2021)
Simpson ABD Research Grant in International Studies, Institute of International Studies (Fall 2021)
Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Dissertation Award (Spring 2021)
American Councils, Academic Fellowship in Russia, Carnegie Corporation of New York (DELAYED)
Title VIII Fellowship, University of Indiana, Summer Russian Language Workshop (Summer 2020)
Virtual Summer Research Laboratory, Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center (Summer 2020)
Institute of International Studies, Pre-Dissertation Research Grant, Moscow, Russia (Summer 2019)
Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Graduate Student Training Grant (2019)
Title VIII Fellowship, ASU Critical Languages Institute, St. Petersburg, Russia (Summer 2019)
Hertelendy Graduate Fellowship in Hungarian Studies (Spring 2019)
Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Graduate Student Training Grant (2018)
Russian Studies Workshop, Summer Russian Study Fellowship, University of Indiana (Summer 2018)
Leonard Lauder Fellowship, European University at St. Petersburg (2016 – 2017)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Co-Founder and Graduate Student Organizer, Berkeley Historical Social Science Workshop (2019 –)
Poster Presenter, Summer Workshop in the Historical Political Economy of Russia 2020 (Paris, FR)
Reviewer, *American Political Science Review* (2020 –)
Chair, Presenter, “Imperial Russia in Transition: Social Science Approaches to Imperial Russian History,” ASEES Annual Conference 2019 (San Francisco, CA)
Graduate Student Organizer, Berkeley Comparative Politics Colloquium (2019 – 2020)
Presenter, American Political Science Association Annual Conference 2019 (Washington, D.C.)
Participant, Summer Workshop in the Historical Political Economy of Russia 2019 (Madison, WI)
Participant, American Political Science Association Annual Conference 2017 (San Francisco, CA)
Participant, Critical Issues in the Research of Contemporary Russian Politics 2017 (Helsinki, Finland)
Member, Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ISEES)
Member, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEES)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Foreign Policy Research Institute (Philadelphia, PA)

2015 – 2016

- Eurasia Program (2016), Project on Democratic Transitions (2015)

Global Ties U.S. (San Francisco, CA) U.S. Emerging Leader Award (2015)

Summer 2014