

Otto Kienitz

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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley (Berkeley, CA) *August 2017 —*
PhD Candidate in Political Science (QE: 05/29/20, ABD: 11/13/20)
MA in Political Science with Departmental Distinction *May 2019*
Subfields: Comparative Politics, Post-Soviet Studies, Methodology and Formal Theory

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

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

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Local Self-Government under Autocracy
PhD Dissertation, University of California, Berkeley
Committee Members: Jason Wittneberg (Chair), Ruth Collier, Sean Gailmard, Victoria Frede-Montemayor

Democratization out of State Capacity: Bureaucracy and Reform in the Russian Empire
MA Thesis, University of California, Berkeley
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
Co-Chairs: Alexey Miller and Vladimir Gel'man

Research Assistance
Robert Braun and Otto Kienitz, "Borders and Borderlands in Comparative Politics" (2020-2021)
Andrew Little and Ryan Hubert, "Kompromat" (2019)
Jason Wittenberg, "Interwar Poland" (2019)

SKILLS

Computational Tools	R, Python, QGIS
Languages	Russian (Advanced), 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

American Councils, Academic Fellowship in Russia, Carnegie Corporation of New York (Spring 2022)
Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Dissertation Award (Spring 2021)
Title VIII Fellowship, University of Indiana, Summer Russian Language Workshop (Summer 2020)
Summer Research Laboratory Fellow for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (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, 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)
Title VIII Fellowship, University of Indiana, Summer Russian Language Workshop (Summer 2018)
Leonard Lauder Fellowship, European University at St. Petersburg (Academic Year 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)	<i>2015 - 2016</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eurasia Program (2016), Project on Democratic Transitions (2015)	
Global Ties U.S. (San Francisco, CA)	<i>Summer 2014</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2015 U.S. Emerging Leader (Washington, D.C.)	
Smilow Center for Epigenetic and Translational Research (Philadelphia, PA)	<i>2013 - 2015</i>