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Ph.D. in Russian History (Kandidat nauk equivalent)

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Current Academic Positions and Affiliations

2020 – Higher School of Economics (Moscow), Associate Professor.

Education

2010, October, Ph.D. in Russian History (Kandidat nauk equivalent). Vladimir State University. Dissertation topic: “Noble self-government in the first half of the XIX century. (The case of Ryazan province)”.

1999-2002, BA in Law (cum laude), Ryazan branch of Moscow Academy of Economy and Law.

1995-2000, MA in History (cum laude), Ryazan State Pedagogical University.

Research Interests

Economic History of Early Modern Europe, Social History of Eastern Europe, Fiscal Sociology, History of European Elites

Publications in Peer-review Journals

1. ‘Luxury beyond morals’: the rise and transformation of the concept in 18th century Russia. With M. Kiselev, *The Journal of the History of Economic Thought*, accepted.
2. Denmark and Russia: What can we learn from the historical comparison of two great Arctic agricultural empires? with P. Sharp, *Russian Journal of Economics*, accepted.
3. Cattle pasturing as a traditional form of forest use and conflicts between peasants and forestry administration in the long nineteenth century (The case of Białowieża Forest) with A. Fedotova, *Global Environment*, 2020, Vol. 13. No. 3. P. 525-554.
4. Extralegal payments to state officials in Russia, 1750s–1830s: assessing the burden of corruption, *The Economic History Review*, 2019, 1 (Vol. 72), pp. 156 - 181. With I. Fedyukin (in 2019, the paper was included in the list of 35 papers being recommended for mandatory reading among published researches for the last 3 years in Higher School of Economics)
5. Karamzin and Money, *Cahiers du Monde Russe*, 2018, 1. (Vol. 59), pp. 117-140. with A. Zorin
6. Conceptualising the Notion of “Profit” among the Russian Nobility (Second Half of the 18th – First Half of the 19th Centuries), *Quaestio Rossica*, 2018, 4 (Vol. 6), pp. 1144–1159.

Working Papers

1. Peer Pressure: The Puzzle of Tax Compliance in the Early Nineteenth-Century Russia, *Working Papers 0144, European Historical Economics Society (EHES)*.
2. Russian Economic Growth During the Eighteenth Century, with S. Broadberry

Publications in Russian Refereed Journals

1. Daily wages of the construction labourers and prices in Moscow and Tobolsk in the 18th century, *Ural Historical Journal*, 2020, 1, pp. 57-67.
2. The structure of noble property of the Moscow gentry in 1812, *Istoriya (History)*, 2020, Vol. 3. with R. Konchakov.
3. “... don’t give bribes in honour...” how gifts became bribes in Post-Petrine Russia”, *Rossiiskaia istoria (Russian History)*, 2015, 2. (Impact factor 0.282)
4. “To take more ladies’ votes...” the participation of women in noble elections in Russia in the first half of the 19th century”, *Rossiiskaia istoria (Russian History)*, 2015, 6. (Impact factor 0.282)
5. “Many millions of Russian state money are unknown”: poll tax arrears of the 1720-1760s”, *Rossiiskaia istoria (Russian History)*, 2013, 5. (Impact factor 0.282)

Book Chapters

1. “What Could the Empress Know About Her Money? Russian Poll Tax Revenues in the Eighteenth Century”, in Simon Franklin and Katherine Bowers (eds), *Information and Empire: Mechanisms of Communication in Russia, 1600–1850*. Cambridge, UK: Open Book Publishers, 2017, pp. 287-310.
2. “The Practice of Personal Finance and the Problem of Debt among the Noble Elite in Eighteenth-Century Russia”, in *The Europeanized Elite in Russia, 1762-1825: Public Role and Subjective Self*. Edited by Andrei Zorin, Andreas Schönle, and Alexei Evstratov. NIU Press, 2016, pp. 162 - 192.
3. “Collecting Poll Tax in Mid-Eighteenth Century: Assessing the Effectiveness of Russian State Apparatus in Historical Perspective” (in Russian), *Ekonomicheskaja istorija: Ezhegodnik, 2013*. Moscow, 2014. With I. Fedyukin
4. “Relocation of the poorest nobility from Ryasan to Simbirsk region in the 1840-1850s” (in Russian), *Izvestija Samarskogo nauchnogo centra Rossijskoj Akademii Nauk*, 2010, vol. 12, 6 (38).
5. “The beginning of the 19th century in Russian provinces: the perception of contemporaries” (in Russian) in *Izobretenie veka. Problemy i modeli vremeni v Rossii i Evrope XIX stoletija*. Moscow, 2013.

Academic Positions

2017 – 2020, New York University in Abu Dhabi, Research Associate.

2019, Academic Visitor, Nuffield College, Oxford, UK

2014 – 2020, Higher School of Economics, Senior Research Associate.

2014 – 2015, Acting Director of Center for History Sources, Higher School of Economics (Moscow)

Teaching Experience

2016, co-author of the course “Corruption in Russia” (Higher School of Economics)

2015, author of the course “Economic History of Russia in Comparative perspective” (History Department of Higher School of Economics)

Professional Activity Before PhD

2007 – 2011, Senior Lecturer, Ryazan branch of Moscow State Open University

2002 – 2007, Assistant Lecturer, Ryazan State Agricultural Academy

2000 – 2002, Assistant Lecturer, Ryazan Oil-Chemical College

Grants

2020/ 2021	Main Investigator	“Living Standards in Pre-Industrial Russia”. (9,000 \$)	Higher School of Economics (Russia)
2020	Main Investigator	Seal of Excellence of Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellowship of EU (score: 89.6)	EU
2019	Paulsen Fellowship	“The Costs of Russian Westernization”	The London School of Economics and Political Science (UK)
2016/ 2019	Leading Research Fellow	“Natural Resources in History of Russia: Economic Institutes, Communities of Experts and Infrastructures”.	The Russian Science Foundation (lead Prof. J. Lajus)
2013/ 2015	Research fellow	“Europeanization of Russian Elite”.	The Leverhulme Foundation (lead Prof. A. Schönle, A. Zorin)
2012/ 2013	Karamzin Fellowship	“The Emergence of Fiscal Military State in Russia”	The Mikhail Prokhorov Foundation (lead I. Fedyukin)

Awards

2020	Higher School of Economics: “Reward for academic work” (the quality of international publications)
2019	Higher School of Economics: “Nominated as the Best Teacher in the category of Supervisor”
2016	Higher School of Economics: “Reward for academic work” (the quality of publications)
2015	Higher School of Economics: “Reward for academic work” (the quality of publications)

Presentations at the Key Conferences

- 2020 Invited talk in Paris School of Economics “Peer-pressure: the puzzle of tax compliance”
CEPR-NYUAD Economic History Workshop
- 2019 Annual European Social Science History conference
Summer Workshop on Russian and Soviet Economic History
Annual Conference of Economic History Society
Workshop about elites of Central-Eastern Europe
- 2018 Social Science workshop about European Noblemen in Business
18th World Economic History Congress
10th International Conference of the Study Group on Eighteenth-Century Russia
Annual Economic and Business History Society Conference
Annual European Social Science History conference
CEPR-NYUAD Economic History Workshop
- 2017 World Congress of Comparative Economics

Media Engagement

- 2020 on-line lecture: “Comparison of Russian and Denmark” (5 views)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eiQgz0I_qhA
- 2020 Expert for a documentary series: “The Nobles’ Money”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tay9snBUHMK>
- 2020 on-line lecture: “The peasant household and serfdom in Russia” (5k views)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P_BaBIJLlAA&feature=emb_logo
- 2019 podcast: “How people spent money 150 years ago”.
<https://prishli.me/>
- 2017 audio lecture: “Moscow VS Petersburg”
<https://arzamas.academy/materials/1491>
- 2016 on-line course: “The Splendor and Misery of the Russian Nobles” (300k views)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9DbocU-Cn4c>
- 2016 Interview: “The total corruption in Russia is a myth”
- 2016 Radio programme: “Economic history: lessons for contemporaries”

Other Professional Activities

Referee for *Cahiers du Monde Russe*, *Economic History Review*, *Scandinavian Economic History Review*.

Co-organizer of the workshop “Understanding Economic Growth and Development in Central and Eastern Europe”

Membership: Economic History Society, European Social Science History Society, Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies, Danish Society for Economic and Social History

Languages

Russian (native), English (fluent), French (intermediary)