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Academic Positions

2021-	University of Southern Denmark, Department of Economics, Marie Skłodowska-
	Curie Fellow.
2020 - 2021	Higher School of Economics (Moscow), History Department, Assistant Professor.
2017 - 2020	New York University in Abu Dhabi (UAE), Social Science Division, Postdoc
	Research Associate.
2019	Nuffield College, Oxford (UK), Academic Visitor.
2014 - 2020	Higher School of Economics (Moscow), Senior Research Associate.
2014 - 2015	Higher School of Economics (Moscow), Acting Director of Center for History
	Sources.
2012 - 2013	Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration
	(Moscow), Postdoc Karamzin Fellow.

Education

2010, October Ph.D. in Russian History (*Kandidat nauk* in Russian). Vladimir State University. Dissertation topic: "Noble self-government in the first half of the 19th 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, Russian Political and Social History, Social History of Eastern Europe, Fiscal Sociology, History of European Elites, Gender Studies, Living Standards in Historical Perspective.

Publications in English-Language Peer-reviewed Journals

1. Peer Pressure: The Puzzle of Tax Compliance of Aristocrats in Early Nineteenth-Century Moscow, *The Economic History Review*, 2021.

(https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/ehr.13114).

- 2. 'Luxury beyond morals': the rise and transformation of the concept in 18th century Russia. *The Journal of the History of Economic Thought*, 2021. (https://osf.io/fbvwk/). With M. Kiselev
- 3. Denmark and Russia: What can we learn from the historical comparison of two great Arctic agricultural empires? Russian Journal of Economics, 2021. No. 7 (2). With P. Sharp
- 4. 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), *Global Environment*, 2020, Vol. 13. No. 3. P. 525-554. With A. Fedotova.
- 5. 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
 - listed within the best 35 papers among published papers for 3 years in Higher School of Economics.
- 6. Karamzin and Money, Cahiers du Monde Russe, 2018, 1. (Vol. 59), pp. 117-140. with A. Zorin
- 7. 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. 1144–59.

Working Papers and Work in Progress.

- 1. Russian Economic Growth during the Eighteenth Century, *University of Oxford Economic and Social History Working Papers*, 2021, 192. With S. Broadberry.
- 2. Income and its distribution under serfdom: Economic inequality in early 19th century Russia in a global perspective. With M. Malinowski.
- 3. Institutions in Russia under the Ancient Regime (1725-1861): Taxation, Property, and Elections.
- 4. Is Serfdom just a lazy explanation for an economic backwardness of Eastern Europe?

Book in progress

The invention of patriarchy in Russia: How the Enlightenment suppressed the economic rights of Russian women?

Publications in Russian-Language Peer-reviewed Journals

- 1. Daily wages of the construction labourers and prices in Moscow and Tobolsk in the 18th century, *Ural Historical Journal*, 2020, 1.
- 2. The structure of noble property of the Moscow gentry in 1812, *Istorya (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.
- 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.
- 5. "Many millions of Russian state money are unknown": poll tax arrears of the 1720-1760s", Rossiiskaia istoria (Russian History), 2013, 5.

6. Relocation of the poorest nobility from Ryazan to Simbirsk region in the 1840-1850s (in Russian), *Izvestija Samarskogo nauchnogo centra Rossijskoj Akademii Nauk*, 2010, vol. 12, 6 (38).

Book Chapters

- What Could the Empress Know About Her Money? Russian Poll Tax Revenues in the Eighteenth Century, in *Information and Empire: Mechanisms of Communication in Russia*, 1600–1850.
 Ed. By S. Franklin and K. Bowers, 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.* Ed. by A. Zorin, A. Schönle, and A. 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. 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.

Grants

- 2022 Co-Investigator. *Carlsberg* Infrastructure grant (22,500 euros), University of Southern Denmark (Denmark).
- 2021 2023 Main Investigator. Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellowship of *EU* (score: 100.0), University of Southern Denmark (Denmark).
- 2020 2021 Main Investigator. Project: 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 Fellow. Project: The Costs of Russian Westernization, *The London School of Economics and Political Science* (UK).
- 2016 2019 Leading Research Fellow. Project: 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. Project: Europeanization of Russian Elite, *The Leverhulme Foundation* (lead Prof. A. Schönle, A. Zorin).
- 2012 2013 Karamzin Fellow. Project: The Emergence of Fiscal Military State in Russia, *The Mikhail Prokhorov Foundation* (lead I. Fedyukin).

Awards

- 2021 *Higher School of Economics*: Reward for contribution to the international reputation of Higher School of Economics.
- 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).

Teaching

Higher School of Economics (Moscow):

"Economic History of the Early Modern and Modern World" (in Russian)

• rated by students as the best course at the History Department, 2021

"Historical demography" (in Russian)

• rated by students as the best course at the History Department, 2020

"Historical Vocabulary (in English), 2020

"Economic History of Russia" (in Russian), 2014 – 2016

"The history of corruption" (in Russian), 2016

New York University Abu Dhabi

Guest lecturer. "State formation in the Middle East in a global perspective" (in English), 2018/2019

Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (Moscow)

"World fiscal history" (in Russian), 2018 – 2021

Supervision

2020 – 2023 PhD Supervisor of a student at Higher School of Economics (Moscow)

2016 – 2021 Supervisor of six BA and MA thesis, two of which were nominated as the best at Higher School of Economics at History Department

Invited talks

2020 Paris School of Economics. Peer-pressure: the puzzle of tax compliance.

2018 Università degli Studi di Milano. At the workshop: "Nobili in affair patrimonio, investment, innovazioni (Secoli XVIII-XX) Noblemen in Business: Wealth, Investments, Innovation (18th-20th Centuries)", Milan, Italy.

Presentations at Conferences

- 2021 Workshop on Russian and Soviet Economic History, Chicago, USA.
- 2020 CEPR-NYUAD Workshop on Economic Divergence and Convergence in History, Abu Dhabi, UAE.
- 2019 Summer Workshop in Madison, USA; Annual Economic History Society, Belfast, UK; Workshop "The Economic Elites of Ukraine and Central-Eastern Europe: A Comparative Historical Perspective", L'viv, Ukraine.

- 2018 The 18th World Economic History Congress, Boston, USA; 10th International Conference on the 50th Anniversary of the Study Group on Eighteenth-Century Russia, Strasbourg, France; the 43rd Annual Economic and Business History Society Conference, Jyvaskyla, Finland; the 12th European Social Science History conference, Belfast, UK; CEPR-NYUAD Workshop on Economic Divergence and Convergence in History, Abu Dhabi, UAE.
- 2017 Second World Congress of Comparative Economics, Saint-Petersburg, Russia.
- 2016 the 11th European Social Science History Conference, Valencia, Spain.
- the 17th World Economic history Congress, Kyoto, Japan; the WEast workshop "Historical sources of development", Budapest, Hungary.
- The European Economic History Summer School, Berlin, Germany; "Information Technologies and Transfer in Russia, 1450-1850", Cambridge, UK.
- 2012 The European Social Science History Conference in Vienna, Austria, Humboldt Colloquium "The Role of Fundamental Sciences in Society", Moscow, Russia.

Media Engagement

- 2021 Interview about Marie Curie project (In English)
 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3f8Hp5jQmxg
- On-line lecture: Comparison of Russian and Denmark (in Russian) (7.5 K views)

 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eiQgz0I_qhA
- 2020 Expert for a documentary series: The Nobles' Money (in Russian) (138 K views) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tay9snBUHMk
- 2020 On-line lecture: The peasant household and serfdom in Russia (in Russian) (18 k views)

 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P_BaBIJLIAA&feature=emb_logo
- 2019 Podcast: How people spent money 150 years ago (in Russian) https://prishli.me/
- 2017 Audio lecture: Moscow VS Petersburg (in Russian)
 https://arzamas.academy/materials/1491
- 2016 On-line course: The Splendor and Misery of the Russian Nobles (in Russian) (350k views) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9DbocU-Cn4c

Other Professional Activities

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

Co-organizer of workshop: "Understanding Economic Growth and Development in Central and Eastern Europe" (Moscow, Russia), 2016.

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

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

Languages

Russian (native), English (fluent), French (advanced), Danish (beginner).

References

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