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**Current Academic Positions and Affiliations**

August 2021 – University of Southern Denmark, Marie Curie Fellow, Assistant 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. [Peer Pressure: The Puzzle of Tax Compliance of Aristocrats in Early Nineteenth-Century Moscow](https://ideas.repec.org/p/hes/wpaper/0144.html), ***Economic History Review***, accepted***.***
2. ‘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.
3. Denmark and Russia: What can we learn from the historical comparison of two great Arctic agricultural empires? with P. Sharp, ***Russian Journal of Economics,*** 2021. No. 7 (2).
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) with A. Fedotova, ***Global Environment***, 2020, Vol. 13. No. 3. P. 525-554.
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 (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)
6. [Karamzin and Money](https://publications.hse.ru/view/212465443), ***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. 1144–1159.

**Working Papers**

1. Russian Economic Growth During the Eighteenth Century, with S. Broadberry (https://ora.ox.ac.uk/objects/uuid:1f6950b6-f90d-41b4-ae4b-911b345f8804)

**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, ***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. (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**

2020 – 2021, Higher School of Economics, Assistant Professor.

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**

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| 2021/  2023 | Main Investigator | Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellowship of EU (score: 100) | University of Southern Denmark |
| 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**

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| 2021 | Higher School of Economics: Reward for contribution to the international reputation of Higher School of Economics. |
| 2021 | Higher School of Economics: the course ‘Modern and Early Modern Economic History’ was graded by students as best course for new knowledge and skills (I was the author of the course) |
| 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](http://ebhsoc.org/conference/index.php/ebhsoc/jyvaskyla2018/index)

Annual European Social Science History conference

CEPR-NYUAD Economic History Workshop

*2017* World Congress of Comparative Economics

**Media Engagement**

2021 Interview about Mari Curie project (In English)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3f8Hp5jQmxg>

2020 on-line lecture: “Comparison of Russian and Denmark” (6.5 K views)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eiQgz0I_qhA>

2020 Expert for a documentary series: “The Nobles’ Money” (10 K views) <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_BaBlJLlAA&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)