

Education

Higher School of Economics University (Moscow, Russia) 2021-2025

Bachelor's Degree in Political Science (GPA 8.80/10.0)

Relevant coursework: Comparative Politics, World Politics and International Relations, Contemporary Revolutions Abroad, Political Regional Studies, Categories of Political Science

Thesis: "Explanatory Power of Structural Factors Theories on Political Destabilization Onset: Cross-Country Perspective"

Lyceum of Financial University under the Government of the Russian Federation (Moscow, Russia)

2019-2021

Secondary Education, Social Sciences and Economics Class (GPA 5.0/5.0)

Research Interests

Comparative Politics of Authoritarian Regimes, Influence of International Sanctions on Political Destabilization, Influence of Structural Factors on Political Destabilization, National Conflicts and Civil Wars in the Greater Middle East region, Political Destabilization in the MENA (Middle East and North Africa) Region

Research Experience

Member of the Project Team "Study of the Economic Consequences of Revolutions Using Quasi-Experimental Methods" Moscow, Russia

Higher School of Economics University

Oct 2024-Jun 2025

- Participated in four seminars (so far) in stating the research problem and reviewing main approaches to studying revolutions and their economic consequences.
- Analyzed a corpus of academic articles and prominent books and presented the summary of the conducted survey to the project team in the second seminar.
- Proposed a significant number of quasi-experimental methods (such as panel data matching, synthetic control analysis and Factor-Augmented approach) and dependent variables (such as GDP per capita, Gini index, interest rates and foreign direct investments) as measures of economic consequences.

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Python

Moscow, Russia

Higher School of Economics University

Jan-Jun 2024

- Conducted over 20 tutorial sessions for Design, Fashion, and Modern Art BA students who required in-depth clarification in Python.
- Developed more than 15 homework assignments from scratch for internal HSE Python exams.
- Assessed homework and Python project exams, providing detailed feedback and explanations to over 120 students from 3 BA programs.

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Probability Theory and Mathematical Statistics

Moscow, Russia

Higher School of Economics University

Feb-Jun 2023

- Conducted advisory and educational sessions for first-year Political Science students, including a dedicated lesson on editing homework in LaTeX.
- Composed and assessed homework assignments, managing a grading table in Excel for over 110 students.
- Led a team of 7 teaching assistants in creating and editing supplementary educational materials and assignments.
- Evaluated the final exam and provided detailed feedback to more than 110 students.

Research Project Participant, Modern Revolutions: Factors, Mechanisms, Forecasts

Moscow, Russia

Higher School of Economics University

Sep 2021-May 2022

- Conducted in-depth theoretical and empirical research on revolutionary processes in the South Caucasus (Azerbaijan, Armenia, and Georgia) since 1991, including an empirical assessment of political destabilization risks in the region.
- Developed and applied a custom methodology for analyzing political destabilization events.
- Authored and published an article with a comparative analysis of revolutionary and "quasi-revolutionary" episodes in the South Caucasus (2020-2021).

Publications

- Guseinov, R. (2025, forthcoming). *Coverage Bias in Main Revolutionary Episodes Datasets: Experience of Quantitative Comparative Analysis*.
- Guseinov, R. (2023). *Factors of Uniting Countries into Military Alliances: Results of an Inferential Network and Logistic Regression Analysis on NATO, the CSTO, and AUKUS*. Author of the logistic regression section, Oral Report with Presentation.
- Guseinov, R. (2021). *Revolutionary and Quasi-Revolutionary Episodes in South Caucasus 2020-2021*.
- Guseinov R. (2021) *Life in Azerbaijan's Digital Autocracy: 'They Want to be in Control of Everything'* (OCCRP article translated to Russian for an independent Meydan.TV media outlet).

Conferences

- Center for Stability and Risk Analysis Seminar “Contemporary Causal Analysis Methods for Panel Data”, 2024.
- Center for Stability and Risk Analysis Seminar “Systematic Review of Researches on Economic Consequences of Revolutions”, 2024.
- International conference “Exporting Russian Education in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities”, Higher School of Economics, 2024.
- Center for Stability and Risk Analysis Seminar “Structural Factors of Armed and Unarmed Revolutionary Regime Change: Implementing Machine Learning Models”, 2022.
- Center for Stability and Risk Analysis Seminar “Kazakh 2022 Revolution: Preliminary Analysis”, 2022.

Volunteering Experience

Social Committee of the HSE Faculty of Social Sciences Student Council Moscow, Russia
Committee Associate Oct 2021-May 2022

- Addressed students' appeals regarding the learning process and student initiatives to the committee, aiming to enhance their experience at the Faculty.
- Assisted Faculty administration in resolving administrative and educational challenges, including improving educational infrastructure.
- Monitored the quality and condition of administrative and educational facilities, such as electrical outlets and WiFi connectivity.
- Coordinated 7 joint projects with municipal cultural organizations to enhance students' preferential access to cultural events.

Campaign Office of Independent Moscow Municipal Legislator A. Bryukhanova Moscow, Russia
Electoral Campaign Coordinator Jun-Sep 2021

- Conducted signature collection for a self-nominated candidate in the 2021 State Duma elections, including verifying the quality and legal compliance of signatures.
- Communicated key election program points to potential voters and actively encouraged Moscow residents to support the candidate.

Work Experience

Social Sciences and History Teacher Moscow, Russia
CPM Private School Sep 2024-present

- Selected to teach classes for schoolchildren of one of the best schools in Russia (ranked 2nd in Russia according to RAEX 2024 ranking and placed in the top 35 schools in Forbes Education ranking).
- Composed over 10 home assignments, tests and curriculum materials and maintained personal communication with the students.
- Mentored the students and made personal recommendations for the school exams and olympiads preparation.

Research Assistant, Center for Stability and Risk Analysis Moscow, Russia
Higher School of Economics University Apr 2024-present

- Participated in regular conferences and seminars at the Center, including events such as “Kazakh 2022 Revolution: Preliminary Analysis” and “Contemporary Causal Analysis Methods for Panel Data”.
- Assisted over 10 Research Fellows with analytical and strategic tasks, including data collection of revolutionary events datasets and their management with the help of merging, concatenating and comparing datasets using Python and R.
- Conducted more than 20 seminars for research projects within the Center for first- and second-year Political Science students who wanted to start their research career in the Center.
- Conducted research and authored an article featuring a quantitative comparative analysis of coverage bias in major revolutionary events datasets.

Political Science Instructor, Social Science Team, All-Russian Schoolchildren Olympiad Ufa, Republic of Bashkortostan

- Developed educational materials from scratch and conducted more than 80 lectures and seminars in political science in topics such as “The Concept of Power”, “Diversity of Political Regimes”, “Models of Democracy”, “Classic Theories of Political Elitism” for over 30 middle and high school students.
- Composed and assessed more than 20 homework assignments in political science, formatted in the style of school Olympiads to evaluate students' knowledge.
- Created original materials and composed tasks for the municipal stage of the All-Russian Olympiad for schoolchildren in social sciences, specifically for 5 middle and high schools in Ufa.

Political Science teacher

Moscow, Russia

“Commonwealth” Online School

Sep 2021-Sep 2024

- Organized and managed a unique political science Olympiad course from scratch: developed the curriculum and materials, hired and trained 1 teacher and 2 teaching assistants, and taught both lectures and seminars. The course has been running for three years, educating over 100 schoolchildren.
- Connected with foreign social science professors for the annual Summer School of the online program. Successfully invited notable scholars, including Sciences Po Provost Sergei Guriev, Jack Goldstone, Branko Milanovic, Oleg Itshoki and Alexander Libman, to deliver lectures for the students.

Professional Development and Awards

- *Political Atlas of the Modern World 2.0*, Summer Methodological School, MGIMO University and HSE University, Moscow, Russia Jul 2023
- *Certificate of Academic Excellence*, courses “Linear Algebra” and “Introduction to Multivariate Statistical Analysis” awarded by the instructors and D. Stukal (HSE Faculty of Social Sciences Dean) Jun 2023
- *Political Processes in Modern Russia*, European University at Saint Petersburg via Stepik Sep 2021
- *Prize Winner*, All-Russian Olympiad of Schoolchildren in Social Sciences May 2021
- *Good Governance*, Summer School, InLiberty, Moscow, Russia Aug 2020