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*I am a political scientist working on media, political communication, propaganda, and the mechanisms of authoritarian rule. I also study legacies of authoritarianism and contemporary political institutions in post-communist countries. My research primarily relies on survey and experimental methods.*

## Education

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### University of Wisconsin-Madison

PHD IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (FIELDS: COMPARATIVE POLITICS, METHODS)

*In progress*

- Dissertation: The Credibility of Biased Media: Evidence From Autocracies

### University of Wisconsin-Madison

MA IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

2016

### Moscow State Institute of International Relations

CANDIDATE OF SCIENCES IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

2007

### European University at St. Petersburg

MA IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

2005

## Publications

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2020. “**Eurasia and Post-Communism: Weasel Words?**” *East European Politics and Societies & Cultures*. With Yoshiko M. Herrera and Dmitrii Kofanov, forthcoming.

2018. “**Sovereignty and Regionalism in Eurasia.**” In: Paasi, Anssi, John Harrison, and Martin Jones (eds.). *Elgar Handbook on the Geographies of Regions and Territories*. Edward Elgar Publishing. With Dmitrii Kofanov and Yoshiko M. Herrera.

2013. “**Public Administration in Russia.**” In: Liebert, Saltanat, Stephen E. Condrey, and Dmitry Goncharov (eds.). *Public Administration in Post-Communist Countries: Former Soviet Union, Central and Eastern Europe, and Mongolia*. Routledge. With Dmitry Goncharov.

2010. *Anatomiya Bezdeistviya. Politicheskiye Instituty i Konflikty v Budgetnom Processe Regionov Rossii* [The Anatomy of Inaction. Political Institutions and Conflicts in the Budget Process of Russia's Regions] (in Russian). Saint-Petersburg: EUSP Press.

## Working Papers

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“Who Trusts State-Run Media? Source Cues, Bias, and Credibility in Autocracies”

“Is Trust in Media Decreasing? Evidence from the World Values Survey”

“Legacies of Communism and Confidence in Media”

“A Model of Censorship and Propaganda” (with Scott Gehlbach and Dmitriy Vorobyev)

“Preventing Predation: Oligarchs, Obfuscation, and Political Connections” (with John Earle, Scott Gehlbach and Solomiya Shpak)

“Smart Ways to Use a Postcommunist Dummy” (with Dmitrii Kofanov and Yoshiko M. Herrera)

“Legislatures and Executive Recruitment in Autocracies: Does Parliamentary Behavior Matter?”

## Conferences and Workshops

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### Studying Russia and the Postcommunist World

HARRIMAN INSTITUTE

2019

### The Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies

SAN FRANCISCO

2019

### The Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association

CHICAGO

2019

### The Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies

BOSTON

2018

### Wisconsin Russia Project Young Scholars Conference

UW-MADISON

2018

### Regime Evolution, Institutional Change, and Social Transformation in Russia: Lessons for Political Science

YALE UNIVERSITY

2018

### The Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association

CHICAGO

2018

### The Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies

CHICAGO

2017

### The Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology

UW-MADISON

2017

### Eighth Annual Workshop on Research Design for Causal Inference

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

2017

## Research Experience

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### Research Assistant for Scott Gehlbach

UW-MADISON

2016-2018

### Research Fellow

EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY AT ST. PETERSBURG

2005-2006

## Teaching

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### Lab and tutoring for PS919: Intro to Machine Learning

UW-MADISON

2020

- Instructor: Adeline Lo

### Math Camp for incoming graduate students in political science

UW-MADISON

2019

### Teaching assistant for PS120: Politics Around the World

UW-MADISON

2019

- Instructor: Nils Ringe

### Teaching assistant for PS170: Research Methods in Political Science

UW-MADISON

2018

- Instructor: Jessica Weeks

### Teaching assistance for PS633: Russian Politics

UW-MADISON

2015

- Instructor: Kathryn Hendley

## Referee Service

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Reviewer for *Post-Soviet Affairs*, *Problems of Post-Communism*, *East European Politics*

## Other Service

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### Co-organizer of the Comparative Politics Working Group

UW-MADISON

2019-2020

- A regular workshop for graduate students aimed at sharing and discussing work in progress

### Graduate student coordinator for the Comparative Politics Colloquium and the Political Economy Colloquium

UW-MADISON

2018-2019

- A weekly meeting in the department where external and internal speakers present their work. Responsible for coordinating the visits and the everyday logistics of the colloquia

## Grants and Awards

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### Research grant to examine the reasoning about media bias and its effects

HARRIMAN INSTITUTE

2020

- With Georgiy Syunyaev

### Research grant to examine the perceptions of credibility of state-controlled news organizations in Russia

HARRIMAN INSTITUTE

2019

### Summer Initiative award

UW-MADISON

2019

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UW-MADISON

2017

### Summer Initiative award

UW-MADISON

2016

## Software Skills

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R, Shiny, Python, Stata, LaTeX, RMarkdown, HTML

## Other Experience

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I have previously worked as deputy editor-in-chief and editor-in-chief at Slon.ru, as opinions editor at RBC, and as editor at McKinsey & Company (all in Moscow, Russia)