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SUMMARY

I am a computational political scientist specialising in comparative politics, political communication, quantitative methods, and text analysis.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor in Political Science and Data Science, Department of Political Science 2021 -
Trinity College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland

Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Social Media and Politics 2019 - 2021
New York University, New York, US

ADDITIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Visiting Fellow, Data Science Institute 2021 -
London School of Economics and Political Science, London, UK

Visiting Scholar, Center for Data Science 2018
New York University, New York, US

EDUCATION

PhD in Social Research Methods, Department of Methodology 2015 - 2020
London School of Economics and Political Science, London, UK

Dissertation title: [“Essays in Political Text: New Actors, New Data, New Challenges.”](#)
Supervisors: Kenneth Benoit, Benjamin Lauderdale, Jouni Kuha

MSc in Social Research Methods, (with distinction), Department of Methodology 2013 - 2014
London School of Economics and Political Science, London, UK

Specialist, Political Psychology, Department of Psychology 2007 - 2012
St Petersburg State University, St Petersburg, Russia

PUBLICATIONS

[“Gender, Justice and Deliberation: Why Women Don’t Influence Peace-making.”](#) 2021.
with Denisa Kostovicova. *International Studies Quarterly*, 65(2), 263-276.

WORKING PAPERS

“The Limited Impact of Russia’s Election Interference on Twitter in the 2016 US Election.” *under review*
(with Gregory Eady, Jan Zilinsky, Denis Stukal, Richard Bonneau, Jonathan Nagler and Joshua Tucker)

“Independent Media Under Pressure: Evidence from Russia.” *under review*
(with Bryn Rosenfeld and Katerina Tertychnaya)

“Emotion Shift and Transitional Justice in the Balkans.” *under review*
(with Denisa Kostovicova and Ivor Sokolic)

“Parliament Strikes Back: Agenda-setting and Power Voids in Early Representative Assemblies.”
(with Toni Rodon)

“Path to Fake: Who Goes and How Did They Get There?”
(with Richard Bonneau, Joshua Tucker and Jonathan Nagler)

SOFTWARE

tabulizer: R Bindings for PDF Table Extractor Library ‘Tabula’. [CRAN](#) [GitHub](#)
RgovUK: R Package for Downloading Data from Gov.UK Publications. [GitHub](#)

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

“Interest Group Access and Campaign Spending Limits: Evidence from Brexit.”

“Record Linkage with Text: Merging Data Sets When Information is Limited.”

“Learning Media Quality from Facebook Data.”

(with Kevin Aslett, Cody Buntain, Zhanna Terechshenko, Richard Bonneau, Joshua Tucker and Jonathan Nagler)

AWARDS & GRANTS

Harriman Institute/Carnegie Corporation research grant (\$8K)	2020
Text as Data Conference travel grant	2018
Santander Travel Fund (£2K, NYU research visit)	2018
Clifford C. Clogg scholarship (ICPSR fees waiver)	2017
ESRC Data Analysis Workshop bursary	2016
LSE Postgraduate Travel Fund	2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
LSE PhD studentship	2015-2019

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

<i>ICPSR Summer Program</i> , University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, US	2017
Courses taken: Bayesian Modelling for Social Sciences, Network Analysis	
<i>ESRC Advanced Training Initiative</i> , Nottingham Trent University, Nottingham, UK	2016
Courses taken: Nonlinear and Latent Variable Models, Introduction to Advanced Bayesian Multilevel Modelling	
<i>Mathematics for Information Systems</i>	2011 - 2013
Faculty of Mathematics and Mechanics, St Petersburg State University, St Petersburg, Russia	
<i>ECPR Summer School</i> , University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia	2011
Courses taken: Quantitative Text Analysis	

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

<i>Instructor</i> , Introduction to Python	2021
Research and Expertise Centre for Survey Methodology, Universitat Pompeu Fabra	
<i>Instructor</i> , Text Analysis in R workshop (MSc/PhD)	2019
Department of Government, LSE	
<i>Instructor</i> , MY591 Introduction to R workshop (MSc/PhD)	2019
<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , MY470 Computer Programming (MSc/PhD)	2018/19
<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , MY452 Applied Regression Analysis (MSc/PhD)	2017/18
<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , MY451 Introduction to Quantitative Analysis (MSc/PhD)	2016/17, 17/18
<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , MY459 Quantitative Text Analysis (MSc/PhD)	2015/16
Department of Methodology, LSE	
<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , ME314 Introduction to Data Science and Machine Learning	2019
LSE Summer School	

Teaching Assistant, SC104 Automated Collection of Web and Social Data	2018
Teaching Assistant, SC105 Big Data Analysis in the Social Sciences	2018
ECPR Summer School, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary	

Methods Surgery , LSE	2015 - 2018
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NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Data Science Intern	2014
YPlan, London, UK	

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

(C = chair, D = discussant, P = paper)

APSA, virtual	2021 (D, P, scheduled)
PolMeth, virtual	2021 (P, scheduled)
EPSA, virtual	2021 (D, P)
MPSA, virtual	2021 (D,P)
SPSA, virtual	2021 (D,P)
Big Data Meets Survey Science (BigSurv20), virtual	2020 (P)
APSA, virtual	2020 (C,D,P)
IC2S2, virtual	2020 (C)
EPSA, virtual	2020 (P)
Columbia University Graduate Students' Workshop, New York, US	2019 (P)
APSA, Washington DC, US	2019 (P)
ISPP, Lisbon, Portugal	2019 (P)
EPSA, Belfast, UK	2019 (C,D,P)
CEEISA-ISA, Belgrade, Serbia	2019 (P)
Oxford-LSE Politics Graduate Student Conference, Oxford, UK	2019 (D,P)
ASN, New York, US	2019 (P)
PSA Political Methodology Group Annual Conference, Warwick, UK	2019 (P)
Text as Data, Seattle, US	2018 (P)
Conflict Research Society, Birmingham, UK	2018 (P)
APSA, Boston, US	2018 (P)
EPSA, Vienna, Austria	2018 (P)
Manifesto Corpus Conference, Berlin, Germany	2018 (P)
PSA Political Methodology Group Annual Conference, Essex, UK	2018 (P)
APSA, San Francisco, US	2017 (P)
EPSA, Milan, Italy	2017 (P)
BISA, Brighton, UK	2017 (P)
LSE Applied Text Analysis Conference, London, UK	2017 (D,P)
ECPR Standing Group on Interest Groups, Copenhagen, Denmark	2016 (P)

INVITED TALKS

Political Science and Political Economy Group, Work in Progress, LSE, London, UK	2019
Political Behaviour Group, LSE, London, UK	2019
Conflict Research Group, LSE, London, UK	2018
Centre for Women, Peace and Security, LSE, London, UK	2017
European University, St Petersburg, Russia	2011

OTHER WRITING

[“The Kremlin has a new toolkit for shutting down independent news media”](#) with Bryn Rosenfeld and Katerina Tertychnaya. Published in The Washington Post, 2021.

“Debate Twitter: Mapping User Reactions to the 2020 Democratic Presidential Primary Debates”
with Megan A. Brown, Zhanna Terechshenko, Niklas Loynes and Jonathan Nagler. Published as
CSMaP data report, 2020.

“Text Illuminations: From the Method to the Artefact” with Denisa Kostovicova, Ivor Sokolic and
Nela Milic. Published at LSE Blogs, 2018.

COMPUTER SKILLS

Statistics: R, Stata, SPSS, Stan, JAGS

Programming: R, Python, bash

Miscellaneous: git, L^AT_EX, MySQL, AWS/OpenStack, Qt/PyQt, REST API

LANGUAGES

English (proficient), *Russian* (native), *Greek* (advanced), *German* (basic)

SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIP

Organiser:

Co-founder and *coordinator* (2018/19) of the [Quantitative Methods Reading Group](#)

Reviewer:

Human Communication Research, Post-Soviet Affairs

Service in Conference Program Committees:

IC2S2: International Conference on Computational Social Science (2019, 2020, 2021)

University Service:

Statistical modelling for Graduate Admissions Office, LSE

Member:

American Political Science Association,

European Political Science Association,

Midwest Political Science Association