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SUMMARY

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

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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

EDUCATION

PhD, Social Research Methods 2015 - 2020 (expected)
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

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

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

BA, Political Psychology 2007 - 2012
St Petersburg State University, St Petersburg, Russia

WORKING PAPERS

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

"Gendered Peace-building: Women's Presence and Voice in Transitional Justice.", *under review*
(with Denisa Kostovicova)

"Emotion Shift and Transitional Justice: Micro- and Macro-level Effects in Justice Debates in the Balkans."
(with Denisa Kostovicova and Ivor Sokolic)

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

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

"Parliament in Crisis: Power of Representative Assemblies in XVII century."
(with Toni Rodon)

"Independent Media in Electoral Autocracies."
(with Bryn Rosenfeld, Katerina Tertychnaya and Kohei Watanabe)

SOFTWARE

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

AWARDS & GRANTS

Text as Data Conference travel grant, 2018
Santander Travel Fund [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

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

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Bryn Rosenfeld, USC 2019
Researcher, AHRC [Art & Reconciliation](#), KCL/LSE 2017 - 2019
Research Assistant, Denisa Kostovicova, LSE 2016 - 2019
Research Assistant, Tomila Lankina, LSE 2015
Research Assistant, Alexander Herzog & Maja Kluger Rasmussen, LSE 2014

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, MY591 [Introduction to R workshop](#) (MSc/PhD) 2018/19
Instructor, [Text Analysis in R workshop](#) (MSc/PhD) 2018/19
Teaching Assistant, MY470 [Computer Programming](#) (MSc/PhD) 2018/19
Teaching Assistant, MY452 [Applied Regression Analysis](#) (MSc/PhD) 2017/18
Teaching Assistant, MY451 [Introduction to Quantitative Analysis](#) (MSc/PhD) 2016/17, 17/18
Teaching Assistant, MY459 [Quantitative Text Analysis](#) (MSc/PhD) 2015/16
 Department of Methodology, LSE

Teaching Assistant, 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

NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Data Science Intern 2014
[YPlan](#), London, UK

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

(C = chair, D = discussant, NP = non-presenting coauthor, P = presenter)

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 (NP)
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

“ <i>Interest Group Access and Campaign Spending Limits: Evidence from Brexit.</i> ” Political Science and Political Economy Group, Work in Progress, LSE, London, UK	2019
“ <i>Interest Group Access to the Government: Who Gets It?</i> ” Political Behaviour Group, LSE, London, UK	2019
“ <i>Gender, Justice and Deliberation: Women’s Voice in Post-Conflict Reconciliation</i> ” Conflict Research Group, LSE, London, UK	2018
“ <i>Women Deliberators and Transitional Justice: What Kind of Voice?</i> ” Centre for Women, Peace and Security, LSE, London, UK	2017
“ <i>Kak rabotaet sovremenny kontent-analiz: Razbor partiinykh programm</i> ” (How Modern Content Analysis Works: Analysis of Party Programmes) European University, St Petersburg, Russia	2011

OTHER WRITING

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

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](#)

Member:
 American Political Science Association,
 European Political Science Association

Service in Conference Program Committees:

IC2S2: International Conference on Computational Social Science (2019)

University Service:

Statistical modelling for Graduate Admissions Office, LSE

REFERENCES

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Benjamin Lauderdale, Professor of Political Science,
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Pablo Barberá, Research Scientist,
Core Data Science, Facebook, and
Assistant Professor of International Relations,
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