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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
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." *R&R*
(with Denisa Kostovicova)

"Independent Media in Electoral Autocracies."
(with Bryn Rosenfeld and Katerina Tertytchnaya)

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

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

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

"Path to Fake: Who Goes and How Did They Get There?"
(with Jonathan Nagler)

"Fake News in the Comparative Perspective"
(with Kevin Aslett, Cody Buntain, Joshua Tucker and Jonathan Nagler)

"Social Media and Electoral Integrity"
(with Denis Stukal, Gregory Eady, Joshua Tucker and Jonathan Nagler)

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

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

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	

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

<i>Research Assistant</i> , Bryn Rosenfeld, USC	2019
<i>Researcher</i> , AHRC Art & Reconciliation , KCL/LSE	2017 - 2019
<i>Research Assistant</i> , Denisa Kostovicova, LSE	2016 - 2019
<i>Research Assistant</i> , Tomila Lankina, LSE	2015
<i>Research Assistant</i> , Alexander Herzog & Maja Kluger Rasmussen, LSE	2014

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

<i>Instructor</i> , MY591 Introduction to R workshop (MSc/PhD)	2018/19
<i>Instructor</i> , Text Analysis in R workshop (MSc/PhD)	2018/19
<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	
<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , SC104 Automated Collection of Web and Social Data	2018
<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , 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

<i>Data Science Intern</i>	2014
YPlan , London, UK	

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

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

APSA, San Francisco, US	2020 (P, expected)
EPSA, Prague, Czechia	2020 (NP, expected)
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 (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

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

“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](#)

Member:

American Political Science Association,
European Political Science Association

Service in Conference Program Committees:

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

University Service:

Statistical modelling for Graduate Admissions Office, LSE