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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."

"Gender, Justice and Deliberation: Women's Presence without Influence in Peace-making."
(with Denisa Kostovicova)
R&R at the *International Studies Quarterly*

"Independent Media Under Pressure: Evidence from Russia.", *under review*
(with Bryn Rosenfeld and Katerina Tertytchnaya)

"The Surprisingly Limited Influence of Russian Trolls in the 2016 US Election.", *under review*
(with Gregory Eady, Jan Zilinsky, Denis Stukal, Richard Bonneau, Jonathan Nagler and Joshua Tucker)

"Parliament Strikes Back: Agenda-setting and Power Voids in Stuart England."
(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 Richard Bonneau, Joshua Tucker and Jonathan Nagler)

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

"Emotion Shift and Transitional Justice."
(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

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)

Big Data Meets Survey Science (BigSurv20), virtual	2020 (P)
APSA, virtual	2020 (C,D,P)
IC2S2, virtual	2020 (C)
EPSA, virtual	2020 (NP)
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, LaTeX, 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