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SUMMARY

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

EDUCATION

PhD, Social Research Methods 2015 - 2019 (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

UNDER REVIEW

Denisa Kostovicova, **Tom Paskhalis** “Gendered Peace-building: Women’s Presence and Voice in Transitional Justice.”

WORKING PAPERS

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

Tom Paskhalis, Christian Müller “The Least Unclear Language: How Avoiding Negatives Produces Positive Understanding.”

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

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

Denisa Kostovicova, Ivor Sokolic, **Tom Paskhalis** “Emotion Shift and Transitional Justice: A Micro- and Macro-level Effects in Justice Debates in the Balkans.”

Krisztián Pósch, **Tom Paskhalis** “‘A Word After a Word After a Word is Power’: Automating Manipulation Checks for Experiments with Textual Responses.”

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
LSE PhD studentship, 2015-2019

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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| 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

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| Researcher, AHRC Art & Reconciliation , KCL/LSE | 2017 - 2019 |
| Research Assistant, Denisa Kostovicova, LSE | 2016 - |
| Research Assistant, Tomila Lankina, LSE | 2015 |
| Research Assistant, Alexander Herzog & Maja Kluger Rasmussen, LSE | 2014 |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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|---|----------------|
| 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, 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

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| Data Science Intern | 2014 |
| YPlan, London, UK | |

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

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

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| APSA, Washington DC, US | 2019 (P, scheduled) |
| ISPP, Lisbon, Portugal | 2019 (P, scheduled) |
| EPSA, Belfast, UK | 2019 (P, scheduled) |
| CEEISA-ISA, Belgrade, Serbia | 2019 (P, scheduled) |
| ASN, New York, US | 2019 (P, scheduled) |
| 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) |

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| EPSA, Milan, Italy | 2017 (P) |
| BISA, Brighton, UK | 2017 (P) |
| LSE Applied Text Analysis Conference, London, UK | 2017 (P,D) |
| ECPR Standing Group on Interest Groups, Copenhagen, Denmark | 2016 (P) |

INVITED TALKS

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| “ <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 scheduled |
| “ <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 |

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)

REFERENCES

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 Department of Methodology, London School of Economics and Political Science,
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Benjamin Lauderdale, Professor of Political Science,
 Department of Political Science, University College London,
 email: b.lauderdale@ucl.ac.uk

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 Department of Methodology, London School of Economics and Political Science,
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