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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

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 -
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, 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

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

ECPR, Wroclaw, Poland	2019 (P, scheduled)
APSA, Washington DC, US	2019 (P, scheduled)
ISPP, Lisbon, Portugal	2019 (P, scheduled)
EPSA, Belfast, UK	2019 (P, D, scheduled)
CEEISA-ISA, Belgrade, Serbia	2019 (P, scheduled)
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 (P,D)
ECPR Standing Group on Interest Groups, Copenhagen, Denmark	2016 (P)

INVITED TALKS

"Interest Group Access and Campaign Spending Limits: Evidence from Brexit."   2019
Political Science and Political Economy Group, Work in Progress, LSE, London, UK

"Interest Group Access to the Government: Who Gets It?"   2019
Political Behaviour Group, LSE, London, UK

"Gender, Justice and Deliberation: Women's Voice in Post-Conflict Reconciliation"   2018
Conflict Research Group, LSE, London, UK

"Women Deliberators and Transitional Justice: What Kind of Voice?"   2017
Centre for Women, Peace and Security, LSE, London, UK

"Kak rabotaet sovremenny kontent-analiz: Razbor partiinych programm"   2011
(How Modern Content Analysis Works: Analysis of Party Programmes)
European University, St Petersburg, Russia

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, 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)

REFERENCES

Kenneth Benoit, Professor of Quantitative Social Research Methods,
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Benjamin Lauderdale, Professor of Political Science,
Department of Political Science, University College London,
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