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RESEARCH FIELDS

Fields: Applied Microeconomics, Political Economy, Urban Economics

Research Methods: Causal Inference, Machine Learning, Text-as-Data, Big Data

My work examines social, economic, and cultural divides, mainly focusing on the economics of prejudice and the political economy of media and ideologies. Much of it draws on large-scale, unstructured data from digital platforms such as social media, wikis, online marketplaces, and mapping services.

CURRENT POSITION

University Paris-Dauphine - PSL

2022 – Present

Postdoctoral Scholar at the “Governance and Regulation” Chair

EDUCATION

Sciences Po

2017 – 2022

Ph.D. in Economics

Paris, France

Paris School of Economics & Universite Paris 1 Pantheon-Sorbonne

2015 – 2016

Master degree in Economics, research track, ETE program

Paris, France

Double degree with Higher School of Economics

National Research University Higher School of Economics

2014 – 2016

Master degree in Economics, research track

Moscow, Russia

National Research University – Higher School of Economics

2010 – 2014

Bachelor degree in Business Informatics

Moscow, Russia

PUBLICATIONS

- “You Can’t Sit with Us: How Locals and Tourists Compete for Amenities in Paris” (2025). In: **Journal of Urban Economics** 148, 103773. (with Stefan Pauly).

Using restaurant reviews and two shocks to tourism in Paris (2015 attacks, COVID-19), we find that tourism reduces locals satisfaction with urban amenities. Declines in tourist numbers lowered explicit complaints about tourists, especially from countries with weak social ties to France, while tourists own satisfaction was unaffected. Our results highlight the role of social frictions in shaping how residents respond to tourism.

WORKING PAPERS

- **Ink and Ire: The Revolutionary Impact of Russian Literature**

with Sultan Mehmood

awarded ArmEA Grigor Artsruni Best Paper Award

We examine how Sovremennik, a literary journal founded by Pushkin, spurred revolutionary activity after its 1847 shift to political content. Using difference-in-differences with an instrument based on Pushkin encounters, we show that exposure increased later dissent, highlighting literatures power to shape political violence.

- Slavs Only: Open Xenophobia and Racial Disparities in Rental Housing
with Viktor Veterinarov

We find that in Moscow's rental market, 1 in 5 listings openly state racial preferences, e.g., "Slavs/Russians only." Using building-level fixed effects, we estimate that these units rent for about 4% less than comparable apartments. A correspondence experiment shows overt and subtle bias reinforce each other, revealing landlords' willingness to forgo income to exclude minorities.

- The Anatomy of Censorship and Propaganda: Evidence from Russian Wikipedias
with Ruben Durante, Ulrich Matter, and Ekaterina Zhuravskaya

Comparing Russian Wikipedia with Ruwiki, a state-aligned clone, reveals how censorship and propaganda shape online knowledge. Ruwiki is edited mainly by professionals, active during office hours, and diverges most on foreign policy, domestic politics, and culture, portraying Russia as a liberator, censoring dissent, and promoting traditional values over perceived Western decline.

- Late Adoption and Collective Action: Social Media Expansion and the Diffusion of Black Lives Matter
with Annalí Casanueva Artís, Sulin Sardoschau, and Kritika Saxena

Using a novel county-level instrument for late Twitter adoption, we show that new users in 2020 amplified the online and offline spread of Black Lives Matter protests without increasing pro-Trump or anti-BLM mobilization. Survey evidence indicates that late adopters, especially white respondents, became more racially progressive, pointing to preference change as the key mechanism.

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

- Citation Overkill: Wikipedia and Knowledge Polarization (with Ruben Durante, Ulrich Matter, and Ekaterina Zhuravskaya)
- Autocompleted (Mis-)Information (with Ruben Durante, Ulrich Matter, and Ekaterina Zhuravskaya)
- Economics of Carpooling: Evidence from BlaBlaCar (with Surjasama Lahiri, Shahmeer Mohsin, and Dianzhuo Zhu)

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

2025

University Paris-Dauphine GovReg Internal Seminar, 9th MPWZ-CEPR Text-as-Data Workshop, London Inequality Workshop (11th) in Oxford, Venice Summer Institute Workshop on Digital Platforms (*discussant*), ASREC Europe 2025, 1st Annual Interdisciplinary WZB Conference

2024

ifo Munich Big Data Seminar, Text-as-Data in Economics Workshop in University of Liverpool, The Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics (SIOE) 2024, Armenian Economic Association 2024 Annual Meeting, Paris School of Economics Applied Economics Lunch Seminar, Manchester University The Arthur Lewis Lab Seminar, IFS/STICERD/UCL Development Economics Work in Progress Seminar, Chapman University IRES Seminar, UC Riverside Seminar, Stanford Historical Social Science Workshop, Paris-Dauphine NLP Workshop

2023

PhD-EVS, 12th European Meeting of the Urban Economics Association, ETH Zurich Online Seminar in Economics and Data Science, University Paris-Dauphine GovReg Internal Seminar, International Economic Association World Congress

2022

Sciences Po Internal Seminar, Echoppe Conference on The Economics of Housing and Housing Policies, EEA-ESEM 2022, The Lisbon Meeting on Economics and Political Science, 16th North American

Meeting of the Urban Economics Association, The 2022 SMU-Jinan Conference on Urban and Regional Economics

ORGANIZATION

Public Governance Online Seminar (Political Economy + Data Science)
Co-founder and co-organizer

2022 - now

Weekly online seminar series focusing on state-of-the-art research in political economy that uses non-traditional data and data-intensive methods ([seminar website](#)).

(IOEA) Corsica Spring School
Co-Chair

2023, 2024, 2025

TEACHING

Populism and Autocracy (course given by Prof. Sergei Guriev)
Teaching Assistant
Sciences Po, Paris

2020, 2021

Statistics for Social Scientists
Professor (teaching and full design of the course)
Sciences Po, Le Havre

2019, 2021, 2022

Quantitative and Mathematical Methods for Social Sciences
Professor (teaching and full design of the course)
Sciences Po, Le Havre

2020, 2021

VISITING

Princeton University
Visiting Scholar

Spring 2020
Princeton, USA

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

2024: ArmEA Grigor Artsruni Best Paper Award

2020: Sciences Po, Princeton University Exchange Scholarship

2017-2020: Sciences Po, Full Doctoral Contract

2015-2016: Scholarship “Bourse d’etudes” of the French Government

PERSONAL

Citizenship: French, Russian

REFERENCES

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