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## Education

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### COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

PhD, Political Science, Comparative Politics, Statistical Methods

Dissertation: "Ex-Communist Party Choices and the Electoral Success of the Radical Right in Central and Eastern Europe"

Committee: Profs. Timothy Frye, Joshua Tucker, Sheri Berman, Robert Kaufman, and Donald Green

MPhil, Political Science

MA, Political Science

NEW YORK, NY

Oct 2018

Jun 2014

Sep 2013

### HIGHER SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

Candidate of Sciences Degree, Economics, October 2011

Dissertation: "The Influence of Confessional Affiliation on Socio-Economic Preferences and the Behavior of Religious Respondents (on the Example of Ukraine)"

Committee: Profs. Evgeny Yasin, Sergey Gelman, and Alexander Auzan

BA, Economics and Finance (awarded Gold Medal)

MOSCOW, RUSSIA

Oct 2011

Jul 2005

### HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Visiting Fellow, Davis Center and Institute for Quantitative Social Science

CAMBRIDGE, MA

Jan 2010

## Publications

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### Articles, Book Chapters

- Berman S., Snegovaya M., "The Decline of the Left in Western and Eastern Europe" (forthcoming in 2019, *Journal of Democracy*).
- Snegovaya M., "Why is the Russian Leadership Aggressive on the International Stage?" *Problems of Post-Communism*, Volume 65, 2018.
- Snegovaya M., "Conservative Turn in Eastern Europe: Political Conservatism in Russia," *Desenvolvimento em Debate*, Brazilian National Institute of Science and Technology INCT, 2017.
- Snegovaya M., "Religious Affiliation and Individual Economic and Political Attitudes in Ukraine," *Culture Matters in Russia—and Everywhere: Backdrop for the Russia-Ukraine Conflict*, Lexington Books, London, 2015.
- Yasin E., Snegovaya M., "Institutional Problems of Russia in the Global Context," *Voprosy Ekonomiki*. 2010, №1, P.114-128 (in Russian).
- Yasin E., Snegovaya M., "Institutional and Cultural Constraints of Catching Up Countries," *Voprosy Ekonomiki*. 2009. №11, P. 32-49 (in Russian).
- Yasin E., Snegovaya M., "The Role of Innovation in the Global Economy," *Voprosy Ekonomiki*. 2009, №9, P.15-31 (in Russian).
- Yasin E., Snegovaya M. *Tectonic Changes in the World Economy: Let the Cultural Factor Speak (BRICs study)*, Publishing House of SU HSE, Moscow, 2009 (in Russian).
- Rogov K., Snegovaya M., "Terms Matter," *Ekonomicheskaya politika* 5, 2009: 75-93, (in Russian).

### Articles under Review

- Snegovaya M., "Ex-Communist Party Choices and the Electoral Success of the Radical Right in Hungary," (Submitted, January 2019).
- Snegovaya M., "Perceived Political Corruption and Support for the Radical Right," (Submitted, November 2018).

### Policy Reports

- Snegovaya M., "Tension at the Top: The Impact of Sanctions on Russia's Poles of Power," Center for European Policy Analysis, July 28, 2018.
- Snegovaya M., "Will Russia's "Digital Natives" Change Their Country's Future?" Center for European Policy Analysis, April 5, 2018.
- Snegovaya M., "Reviving the Propaganda State: How the Kremlin Hijacked History to Survive," Center for European Policy Analysis, January 17, 2018.
- Snegovaya M., Policy Memo: Justifying a Counter-Cyclical US-Russia Policy (the Case of Energy Dependence), the Harriman Institute, March 20, 2017.

- Snegovaya M., “Stifling the Public Sphere: Media and Civil Society in Egypt, Russia, And Vietnam: Russia,” Analytical Report. National Endowment for Democracy, October 2015.
- Snegovaya M. Russia Report. Putin’s Information Warfare in Ukraine. Soviet Origins of Russia’s Hybrid Warfare. Analytical Report. The Institute for the Study of War, September 2015.

### Popular Press

- Snegovaya M., “When Left-Leaning Parties Support Austerity, Their Voters Start to Embrace the Far Right,” the Monkey Cage (Political Science Blog), the *Washington Post*, November 20, 2018.
- Snegovaya M., “Here’s How We Know Sanctions Against Russia Are Working,” The Monkey Cage (Political Science Blog), the *Washington Post*, August 6, 2018.
- Snegovaya M., “Is it Time to Drop the F-Bomb on Russia? Why Putin is Almost a Fascist,” *World Policy Journal* 34(1): 48-53, Duke University Press, 2017.
- Snegovaya M., “Putin Can’t Last Forever. Will a Post-Putin Russia Look Like Syria Today?” The Monkey Cage (Political Science Blog), the *Washington Post*, March 16, 2016.
- Snegovaya M., “Think of Russia as an Ordinary Petrostate, not an Extraordinary Superpower,” The Monkey Cage (Political Science Blog), the *Washington Post*, March 9, 2015.
- Snegovaya M., “Is Russia a New China: Selective Censorship in Russia,” Eurasia Outlook Carnegie Moscow Center, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 2015.
- Snegovaya M., “Anti-Western Sentiment as the Basis for Russian Unity,” Eurasia Outlook, Carnegie Moscow Center Carnegie, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 2014.
- Lada A., Snegovaya M., “Ukraine-Russia: A Battle of Futures, The Monkey Cage (Political Science Blog), the *Washington Post*, 2014.
- Snegovaya M., “How Putin’s Worldview May Be Shaping His Response in Crimea,” The Monkey Cage (Political Science Blog), the *Washington Post*, April 15, 2014.
- Snegovaya M., “Neopatrimonialism and the Prospects for Democratization,” *Otechestvennye Zapiski*, 6 (57) 2013, November 2013.

### Work in Progress

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- “Occupational and Sectoral Disaggregation of The Populist Vote” with Abel Bojar, European University Institute.
- “Subjective Economic Insecurity and Support for the Military Intervention Abroad” with Center for International and Security Studies at Maryland.
- “Democratization in Dark Times: The Case of Central European Backsliding to Populist Illiberalism,” with Tsveta Petrova, Columbia University.

### Awards and Distinctions

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| • Penn Kemble Democracy Forum Fellow 2018-2019   | Sep 2018  |
| • Postdoctoral Fellowship, Center for International and Security Studies, University of Maryland         | 2018-2019 |
| • Free Russia Foundation Fellowship  | 2018      |
| • HSE Alumni Academic Fellowship, NRU Higher School of Economics   | 2017      |
| • The Harriman Russian Studies Research Grant (co-recipient), Columbia University                        | 2017      |
| • Fellow at Foreign Policy Interrupted   | 2016      |
| • Padma Desai Fellowship, The Harriman Institute, Columbia University                                    | 2016      |
| • Humane Studies Fellow, The Institute for Humane Studies  | 2016      |
| • Nominated for the 2015 PolitProsvet prize (political education), a major publication award in Russia   | 2013-2015 |
| • Liberal Mission Foundation Project Grant in Support for Young Scholars, NRU Higher School of Economics | 2015      |
| • First Prize in the Cato Institute 2008 Essay Competition   | 2009      |
|  | Aug 2008  |

### Invited Talks

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- Dec 10, 2018, Guest Lecture in HSPSGR 8445 Legacies of the Empire & Soviet Union, “Media and Propaganda in Russia,” Columbia University, New York
- November 16, 2018, The Atlantic Council’s Panel: “Understanding Russia’s Domestic Political Landscape,” Washington, DC
- October 18, 2018, The Atlantic Council’s Panel: “Frozen Conflicts and the Kremlin’s Agenda,” Washington, DC
- October 10, 2018, The Nemtsov Forum Panel: “War as a New Reality – Russia and its Neighbors,” Prague, Czech Republic
- May 21, 2018, Carnegie Moscow Center Round Table: “The U.S., Europe, and Russia—Very Different Populisms,” Moscow, Russia
- Jan 23, 2018, Harriman Institute & Columbia Journalism School Panel: “When Are Journalists Foreign Agents?” New York
- January 23, 2018, Center for European Policy Analysis Panel: “Putin 4.0: What Will the Future Bring?” Washington, DC

- Nov 27, 2017, Guest Lecture in HSPSGR 8445 Legacies of the Empire & Soviet Union, “Journalism, Information and the Propaganda Debate,” Columbia University, New York
- Oct 10, 2017, Nemtsov Forum Panel Debate, “Leaders in Society in Russia and Europe,” Berlin, Germany
- May 21, 2017, Sakharov Center, “The Future of Putin’s Regime,” Moscow, Russia
- May 4, 2016, Association of Schools of Political Studies of the Council of Europe, “The Re-Insurgence of the Radical Right in Europe and the United States,” Stockholm, Sweden
- April 11-12, 2016, Fundacji Batorego w Warszawie, “Conservative Revolution,” Warsaw, Poland
- April 7, 2016, Panel Discussion at Marine Corps University, “Ambiguous Warfare: The Russian Example,” Quantico, VA
- January 22, 2016, Interdisciplinary Symposium, “Technologies of Truth: Propaganda, Ideology, and the Modern State,” “Assessing Russia’s Propaganda Abroad,” Seton Hall University, New Jersey
- January 8, 2016, Svenska Bildningsförbundet, “Russia’s Next Generation: What’s Up?,” Helsinki, Finland
- December 16, 2015, Center on Global Interests, “Russian Propaganda in the Ukrainian Conflict,” Washington, DC
- December 15, 2015, Center for Global Interests and the Center for Transatlantic Relations at Johns Hopkins University SAIS, “Turkey-Russia Conflict: What’s Next?” Washington, DC
- October 19, 2015, Freedom House, Briefing on Russia’s Propaganda on Capitol Hill, Washington, DC
- September 9, 2015, The Gaidar Fund, “Temptation of Authoritarianism. How People Abandon Freedom,” Moscow, Russia
- July 21, 2015, Kennan Institute at Wilson Center, “Intellectual Roots of Putin’s Nationalism and Ideology,” Washington, DC
- June 16, 2015, Center on Global Interests and the Center for Transatlantic Relations at Johns Hopkins University SAIS, “Russia and its Northern Neighbors: Young Leaders on the Future of Baltic Security,” Washington, DC
- September 18, 2014, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Special Invited Talk, “The Intellectual Roots of Putin’s Nationalism and Ideology,” Washington DC

### **Presentations at Academic Conferences**

- February 10, 2019, “Conservatism and Reaction in Contemporary Politics,” organized by the Bard College Center for Civic Engagement, Gagarin Center of St. Petersburg State University and Harriman Institute, Columbia University, New York
- May 3, 2018, University of Delaware Conference “Democracy in Decline? The Challenge of Global Populism,” Newark, DE
- American Political Science Association Conference 2016 and 2017
- Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies 2017 and 2018
- International Studies Association Annual Convention 2016
- Northeastern Political Science Association Conference 2016
- Midwestern Political Science Association Conference 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
- Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics 2017
- April 24, 2017, HSE Research Seminar on Political Economy, “The Choices of the Left Parties and the Emergence of Far Right,” the Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia
- June 4, 2014, IV International Conference of the Series, “Influence of the Greek Catholic Church on pro-European Orientation of Regions of Ukraine: An Empirical Analysis,” Moscow, Russia

### **Research Experience**

<p><b>CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AND SECURITY STUDIES, THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND</b>  <i>Post-Doctoral Associate</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analyze the relative impact of pocketbook vs sociotropic economic concerns among the Russian public on support for the Kremlin’s military interventions abroad</li> <li>• Convert dissertation into a book manuscript</li> </ul>	<p><b>COLLEGE PARK, MD</b>          July 2018 – present</p>
<p><b>CENTER FOR EUROPEAN POLICY ANALYSIS</b>  <i>Adjunct Fellow</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct research on U.S.-Russia foreign policy issues, including the impact of sanctions on Russia’s economic and political situation</li> <li>• Publish policy reports assessing the domestic factors explaining the dynamics of Russia’s foreign policy; estimate the impact of sanctions on Russia’s domestic poles of power</li> </ul>	<p><b>WASHINGTON, DC</b>          Feb 2018 – present</p>
<p><b>THE BROOKINGS INSTITUTION</b>  <i>Special Visiting Guest, Foreign Policy</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assisted Brookings scholars in researching the political and economic consequences of DCFTA ratification for Ukraine, and the main challenges in meeting EU Customs Union requirements</li> </ul>	<p><b>WASHINGTON, DC</b>          Jun 2015 – Jul 2015</p>
<p><b>INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF WAR</b>  <i>Consultant, Ukraine Program</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducted open-source information analysis of the Russia-Ukraine conflict</li> <li>• Published a widely-cited report, “Putin’s Information Warfare in Ukraine,” which became assigned reading for several graduate courses at top U.S. and European universities</li> </ul>	<p><b>WASHINGTON, DC</b>          Jun 2015 – Jul 2015</p>

**Teaching Experience: Columbia University, New York**

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Teaching Fellow, International Relations (Professor Katelyn Jones), POLS UN1601, Spring 2018

Teaching Fellow, Theories of International Relations (Professor Jack Snyder), POLS 6801, Fall 2017

Teaching Fellow, Rising Great Powers (Professor Jack Snyder), POLS UN3625, Spring 2017

Teaching Fellow, Freedom of Speech & Press (Professor Lee C. Bollinger), POLS 3285, Fall 2016

Teaching Fellow, Introduction to Comparative Politics (Professor Hande Mutlu-Eren), POLS W1511, spring 2015

Teaching Fellow, Democracy & Dictatorship (Professor Sheri Berman), POLS V3401, Fall 2014

Teaching Fellow, Political Economy of Development Strategies (Professor Christopher Blattman), POLS W3586, Spring 2014

Teaching Fellow, Quantitative Political Research (Professor Robert Shapiro), POLS W4910, Fall 2013

Teaching Fellow, Introduction to American Politics (Professor Scott Minkoff), POLS W1201, Spring 2013

Teaching Fellow, Introduction to Comparative Politics (Professor Timothy Frye), POLS V1501, Fall 2012

**Skills**

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**Languages:** English (fluent, TOEFL ibt 2010: 115), French (fluent, DFA-2), Russian (native), Spanish (basic)

**Software:** Stata, R, SPSS, East View, LexisNexis