

# Maria SNEGOVAYA

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## Education

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### **COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY**

PhD, Political Science, Comparative Politics, Statistical Methods, defended September 11, 2018  
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

## Research Experience

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### **JOHNS HOPKINS SCHOOL OF ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL STUDIES**

*Post-Doctoral Fellow*

- Analyze the impact of pro-Russian policy narratives on support for far-right parties in Hungary
- Convert my dissertation into a book manuscript

**WASHINGTON, DC**

August 2019 – present

### **CENTER FOR EUROPEAN POLICY ANALYSIS**

*Adjunct Fellow*

- Study the dynamics of modernization in Russian society, including Russians’ increasing youth civic engagement
- Analyze the Kremlin-backed disinformation campaigns in East Central Europe
- Publish research and policy papers assessing the domestic factors explaining the dynamics of Russia’s foreign policy; estimate the impact of sanctions on Russia’s domestic poles of power

**WASHINGTON, DC**

Feb 2018 – present

### **VEDOMOSTI (leading Russian Business Daily)**

*Columnist*

- Authored a biweekly column, applying social science theories to political developments in Russia
- Nominated for the 2015 PolitProsvet prize (political education), a major publication award in Russia

**NEW YORK, NY**

Jul 2013 – Jul 2016

### **THE BROOKINGS INSTITUTION**

*Special Visiting Guest, Foreign Policy*

- Assisted Brookings scholars in researching the main challenges in meeting EU Customs Union requirements for Ukraine

**WASHINGTON, DC**

Jun 2015 – Jul 2015

### **INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF WAR**

*Consultant, Ukraine Program*

- 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

**WASHINGTON, DC**

Jun 2015 – Jul 2015

### **HIGHER SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS**

*Research Assistant to Prof. Yevgeny Yasin, Head of Research*

- Conducted international comparisons of productivity growth in CIS markets
- Organized Samuel Huntington Memorial Symposium on Institutional Change, which included several Nobel Prize winners, top level policy-makers, and a meeting with President Dmitry Medvedev

**MOSCOW, RUSSIA**

Mar 2006 – Dec 2011

### Articles

- Berman S., Snegovaya M. 2019. “The Decline of the Left in Western and Eastern Europe” *Journal of Democracy*, Volume 30, Number 3.
- Snegovaya M. 2018. “Why is the Russian Leadership Aggressive on the International Stage?” *Problems of Post-Communism*, Volume 65.
- Snegovaya M. 2017. “Conservative Turn in Eastern Europe: Political Conservatism in Russia,” *Desenvolvimento em Debate*, Brazilian National Institute of Science and Technology.
- Yasin E., Snegovaya M. 2010. “Institutional Problems of Russia in the Global Context,” *Voprosy Ekonomiki*. Number 1 (in Russian).
- Yasin E., Snegovaya M. 2009. “Institutional and Cultural Constraints of Catching Up Countries,” *Voprosy Ekonomiki*. Number 11, (in Russian).
- Yasin E., Snegovaya M. 2009. “The Role of Innovation in the Global Economy,” *Voprosy Ekonomiki*. Number 9 (in Russian).
- Rogov K., Snegovaya M. 2009. “Terms Matter,” *Ekonomicheskaya politika*. Number 5 (in Russian).

### Book Chapters

- Snegovaya, M. “Russia's Foreign Policy is Typical Petrostate Behavior,” chapter in *Permafrost in Retreat: Oil and Culture across the Global North*, ed. Alexander Etkind. London: Palgrave-Macmillan. (Forthcoming in 2020.)
- Snegovaya M. 2015. “Religious Affiliation and Individual Economic and Political Attitudes in Ukraine,” chapter in *Culture Matters in Russia—and Everywhere: Backdrop for the Russia-Ukraine Conflict*. London: Lexington Books.
- Yasin E., Snegovaya M. 2009. *Tectonic Changes in the World Economy: Let the Cultural Factor Speak (BRICs study)*. Moscow: Publishing House of NRU HSE.

### Articles under Review

- Snegovaya M. “Ex-Communist Party Choices and the Success of the Populist Right,” (Under review.)
- Snegovaya M. “Perceived Political Corruption and Voting Behavior in Hungary,” (Under review.)
- Snegovaya M. “Guns to Butter: Sociotropic Concerns and Foreign Policy Preferences in Russia,” (Under review.)

### Research Reports

- Snegovaya M. 2018. “Tension at the Top: The Impact of Sanctions on Russia’s Poles of Power,” Center for European Policy Analysis, July 28.
- Snegovaya M. 2018. “Will Russia's "Digital Natives" Change Their Country's Future?” Center for European Policy Analysis, April 5.
- Snegovaya M. 2018. “Reviving the Propaganda State: How the Kremlin Hijacked History to Survive,” Center for European Policy Analysis, January 17.
- Snegovaya M. 2017. Policy Memo: “Justifying a Counter-Cyclical US-Russia Policy (the Case of Energy Dependence),” the Harriman Institute, March 20.
- Snegovaya M. 2017. “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.
- Snegovaya M. 2015. “Stifling the Public Sphere: Media and Civil Society in Egypt, Russia, And Vietnam: Russia,” Analytical Report. The National Endowment for Democracy, October.
- Snegovaya M. 2015. 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.

### Popular Press (Selected)

- Snegovaya M. 2018. “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.
- Snegovaya M. 2018. “Here’s How We Know Sanctions against Russia Are Working,” The Monkey Cage (Political Science Blog), the *Washington Post*, August 6.
- Snegovaya M. 2016. “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.
- Snegovaya M. 2015. “Think of Russia as an Ordinary Petrostate, not an Extraordinary Superpower,” The Monkey Cage (Political Science Blog), the *Washington Post*, March 9.
- Snegovaya M. 2015. “Is Russia a New China: Selective Censorship in Russia,” Eurasia Outlook Carnegie Moscow Center, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.
- Snegovaya M. 2014. “Anti-Western Sentiment as the Basis for Russian Unity,” Eurasia Outlook, Carnegie Moscow Center Carnegie, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.
- Lada A., Snegovaya M. 2014. “Ukraine-Russia: A Battle of Futures,” The Monkey Cage (Political Science Blog), the *Washington Post*.
- Snegovaya M. 2014. “How Putin’s Worldview May Be Shaping His Response in Crimea,” The Monkey Cage (Political Science Blog), the *Washington Post*, April 15.

## Work in Progress

- “Pro-Russian Narratives and Electoral Support of Far-Right Parties in Hungary.”
- “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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- CISSM Research Fellowship, Carnegie Corporation of New York July 2018
- Center for European Policy Analysis Fellowship Feb 2018
- HSE Alumni Academic Fellowship, National Research University Higher School of Economics Nov 2017
- The Harriman Russian Studies Research Grant (co-recipient), Columbia University Apr 2017
- Padma Desai Fellowship, The Harriman Institute, Columbia University May 2016
- Humane Studies Fellow, The Institute for Humane Studies 2013-2015
- Special Commendation for Organizing Huntington Memorial, National Research University Higher School of Economics Sep 2010
- Liberal Mission Foundation Project Grant in Support for Young Scholars, selected out of 100 students, National Research University Higher School of Economics 2009-10
- First Prize in the Cato Institute 2008 Essay Competition Aug 2008

## Other Professional Activities

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- Member, PONARS Eurasia Oct 2019
- Member, the Brookings Democracy Working Group Oct 2018
- Member, the German Marshall Fund Transatlantic Democracy Working Group Dec 2018
- Fellow, Foreign Policy Interrupted Aug 2016

## Invited Talks (since 2014)

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- January 30-31, 2020, the European External Action Service’s (EEAS) Strategic Communications team and its East Stratcom Task Force conference: “Disinfo Horizon: Responding to Future Threats,” Brussels, Belgium
- November 16, 2019, Transatlantic Forum on Russia: “Five Years After the Annexation of Crimea and Military Incursion into the Donbas,” Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, DC
- November 7-8, 2019, “Social Impacts of Post-Socialist Transition,” University of Pennsylvania
- October 3, 2019, “Populism, Democratic Backsliding and Protest in Central Europe,” UNC Chapel Hill with support from the Center for European Studies and the European Union
- 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 the Harriman Institute, 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 (co-organized with the Friedrich Naumann Foundation): “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
- Oct 10, 2017, The Nemtsov Forum Panel Debate (co-organized with the Friedrich Naumann Foundation), “Leaders in Society in Russia and Europe,” Berlin, Germany
- May 21, 2017, Sakharov Center, “The Future of Putin’s Regime,” Moscow, Russia
- May 19, 2017, The Heinrich Boll Stiftung, “The New Green EU-Russia Talks 2017: The Transformation of Political and Civil Society Institutions in Russia and the EU: Causes and Consequences,” Berlin, Germany
- 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, Fundacja Batorego w Warszawie, “Conservative Revolution,” Warsaw, Poland
- 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 (since 2014)**

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- (Upcoming) March 26-27, 2020, PONARS Eurasia DC Policy Conference, Washington, DC
- (Upcoming) March 6, 2020, “The Illiberal Thought Collective: Central Europe and Beyond,” School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, DC
- December 6-7<sup>th</sup>, “Europe in Flux” Graduate Fellows International Conference, the European Studies Council at the MacMillan Center, Yale University
- November 7-8, 2019, “Social Impacts of Post-Socialist Transition,” University of Pennsylvania
- 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, 2017 and 2019
- Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019
- International Studies Association Annual Convention 2016 and 2019
- Midwestern Political Science Association Conference 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018
- Northeastern Political Science Association Conference 2016
- Northeast Slavic, East European and Eurasian Conference 2017, 2018 and 2019
- 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.

#### **Skills**

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

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