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Education

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY	NEW YORK, NY
Ph.D., Political Science	2018
MPhil, Political Science	2014
MA, Political Science	2013
HIGHER SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS	MOSCOW, RUSSIA
Candidate of Sciences Degree in Economics	2011
BA, Economics and Finance (awarded Gold Medal)	2005
HARVARD UNIVERSITY	CAMBRIDGE, MA
Visiting Fellow, Davis Center	2010

Research Experience

KELLOGG CENTER FOR PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS, & ECONOMICS, VIRGINIA TECH	BLACKSBURG, VA
<i>Postdoctoral Fellow</i>	Sep 2020 – present
INSTITUTE FOR EUROPEAN, RUSSIAN, & EURASIAN STUDIES, GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY	WASHINGTON, DC
<i>Visiting Scholar</i>	Aug 2020 – present
CENTER FOR EUROPEAN POLICY ANALYSIS	WASHINGTON, DC
<i>Non-Resident Fellow</i>	Feb 2018 – Oct 2020
SCHOOL OF ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY	WASHINGTON, DC
<i>Post-Doctoral Fellow</i>	Aug 2019 – June 2020
CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AND SECURITY STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND	COLLEGE PARK, MD
<i>Post-Doctoral Associate</i>	Jul 2018 – Jun 2019
THE BROOKINGS INSTITUTION	WASHINGTON, DC
<i>Special Visiting Guest, Foreign Policy</i>	Jun 2015 – Jul 2015
HIGHER SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS	MOSCOW, RUSSIA
<i>Research Assistant to Prof. Yevgeny Yasin, Head of Research</i>	Mar 2006 – Dec 2011

Publications

Academic Articles

(upcoming) “Fellow Travelers or Trojan Horses? Similarities Across pro-Russian Parties’ Electorates in Europe,” *Party Politics*, accepted in January 2021.

“How the Post-Communist Left Reformed and Lost,” *West European Politics*, (2021).

“Different Strokes for Different Folks: Technocratic vs Radical Populist Parties,” Thematic Issue: Varieties of Technocratic Populism around the World, *Politics and Governance*, 8:4 (2020), 556-567.

“Voice or Exit? Political Corruption and Voting Intentions in Hungary,” *Democratization*, 27:7 (2020), 1162-1182.

“Guns to Butter: Sociotropic Concerns and Foreign Policy Preferences in Russia,” *Post-Soviet Affairs*, 36:3 (2020), 268-279.

“What Factors Contribute to the Aggressive Foreign Policy of Russian Leaders?” *Problems of Post-Communism*, 67:1 (2020), 93-110.

“Populism and the Decline of Social Democracy” (with Sheri Berman) *Journal of Democracy*, 30:3 (2019), 5-19.

“Conservative Turn in Eastern Europe: Political Conservatism in Russia,” *Desenvolvimento em Debate*, Brazilian National Institute of Science and Technology (2017).

“Neo-Patrimonialism and the Perspective for Democratization,” *Notes of the Fatherland*, 6 (2013), 135-145. [Неопатримониализм и перспективы демократизации. *Отечественные записки*.]

“Institutional Problems of Russia in the Global Context” (with Yevgeny Yasin), *Voprosy Ekonomiki*, 1 (2010) (in Russian).

“Institutional and Cultural Constraints of Developing Countries” (with Yevgeny Yasin), *Voprosy Ekonomiki*, 11 (2009) (in Russian).

“The Role of Innovation in the Global Economy” (with Yevgeny Yasin), *Voprosy Ekonomiki*, 9 (2009) (in Russian).

“Terms Matter” (with Kirill Rogov) *Ekonomicheskaya politika*, 5 (2009) (in Russian), 75-92.

Book Chapters

“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 2021.)

“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, 2015.

Tectonic Changes in the World Economy: Let the Cultural Factor Speak (BRICs study) (with Yevgeny Yasin). Moscow: Publishing House of NRU HSE, 2009.

Articles under Review

“Democratization in Dark Times: The Case of Central European Backsliding to Populist Illiberalism” (with Tsveta Petrova) (Under review).

Policy Reports

“Modernizing Russia Project. Part III: Russian Youth and Civic Engagement” (with D.Volkov and S.Goncharov). Center for European Policy Analysis, September 30, 2020.

“Russia’s Crumbling Power Vertical: Decreasing Disposable Income Drives Discontentment,” PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo 500, September 12. [In German: Snegovaya M. 2020. “Russlands Machtvertikale bröckelt. Die sinkenden Realeinkommen sorgen für Unzufriedenheit. Russland-Analysen,” volume 391, October 4.]

“Modernizing Russia Project. Part II: Society’s View of Legal Protection in Russia” (with D.Volkov and S.Goncharov). Center for European Policy Analysis, May 27, 2020.

“Modernizing Russia Project. Part I: Society’s View of Doing Business in Russia” (with D.Volkov and S.Goncharov). Center for European Policy Analysis, April 13, 2020.

“Tension at the Top: The Impact of Sanctions on Russia’s Poles of Power,” Center for European Policy Analysis, July 28, 2018.

“Will Russia's "Digital Natives" Change Their Country's Future?” Center for European Policy Analysis, April 5, 2018.

“Reviving the Propaganda State: How the Kremlin Hijacked History to Survive,” Center for European Policy Analysis, January 17, 2018.

Policy Memo: “Justifying a Counter-Cyclical US-Russia Policy (the Case of Energy Dependence),” the Harriman Institute, March 20, 2017.

“Is it Time to Drop the F-Bomb on Russia? Why Putin is Almost a Fascist.” *World Policy Journal* 34(1), 2017.

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 (Selected)

“What It Would Take for Russia’s Millennials to Topple Putin” (with Denis Volkov and Stepan Goncharov), *Foreign Policy*, October 6, 2020 (with Denis Volkov and Stepan Goncharov)

“The Coronavirus Could Hit Putin Most of All” (with Denis Volkov and Stepan Goncharov), *Foreign Policy*, June 5, 2020.

“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.

“Here’s How We Know Sanctions against Russia Are Working,” The Monkey Cage (Political Science Blog), the *Washington Post*, August 6, 2018.

“The Economic Origins of Populist Support,” *The American Interest*. February 22, 2018.

“Think of Russia as an Ordinary Petrostate, not an Extraordinary Superpower,” The Monkey Cage (Political Science Blog), the *Washington Post*, March 9, 2015.

“Is Russia a New China: Selective Censorship in Russia,” Eurasia Outlook Carnegie Moscow Center, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Feb 18, 2015.

“Anti-Western Sentiment as the Basis for Russian Unity,” Eurasia Outlook, Carnegie Moscow Center Carnegie, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Nov 4, 2014.

“Ukraine-Russia: A Battle of Futures” (with Akos Lada), The Monkey Cage (Political Science Blog), the *Washington Post*, April 15, 2014.

“How Putin’s Worldview May Be Shaping His Response in Crimea,” The Monkey Cage (Political Science Blog), the *Washington Post*, March 2, 2014.

Awards and Distinctions

Kellogg Center for Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Grant (co-recipient), Virginia Tech	Nov 2020
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	2013-15
Brown University Fellowship for Brown International Advanced Research Institutes	Jun 2010
Special Commendation for Organizing Huntington Memorial Symposium, 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

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

Invited Talks (since September 2014)

Departmental Seminars

February 11, 2020, Presentation at the Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia (CREECA), “Guns to Butter: Economic Concerns and Policy Preferences in Russia,” at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI

November 12, 2020, Presentation at the Center for European Union and Trans-European Space Studies, “How the EU Conditionality Has Contributed to the Rise of Populist Actors in Post-Communist Europe,” Virginia Tech, VA

October 23, 2020, Political Economy Working Group at Virginia Tech, “How the Post-Communist Left Reformed and Lost,” Blacksburg, VA

October 8, 2020, Simone Veil Talk at Jean Monnet Centre Montréal, “How the Left-Wing Parties in Post-Communist Europe Followed the EU’s Advice to Reform and Lost,” Montreal, Canada

October 7, 2020, PPE Talk at Virginia Tech, “Has the Populist Right Replaced the Left? The Demise of the Center-Left and the Rise of the Populist Right in Postcommunist Europe,” Blacksburg, VA

April 24, 2017, Research Seminar on Political Economy at National Research University Higher School of Economics, “The Choices of the Left Parties and the Emergence of the Far Right,” Moscow, Russia

Small Academic Conferences

March 6, 2020, “The Illiberal Thought Collective: Central Europe and Beyond,” School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Washington DC

December 6-7th, 2019, “Europe in Flux” Graduate Fellows International Conference, the European Studies Council at the MacMillan Center, Yale University, New Haven, CT

November 7-8, 2019, “Social Impact of Post-Socialist Transitions and Policies for the Future,” Perry World House, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

October 3, 2019, “Populism, Democratic Backsliding and Protest in Central Europe,” University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with support from the Center for European Studies and the European Union, Chapel Hill, NC

May 3, 2018, University of Delaware Conference “Democracy in Decline? The Challenge of Global Populism,” Newark, DE

January 22, 2016, Interdisciplinary Symposium, “Technologies of Truth: Propaganda, Ideology, and the Modern State,” “Assessing Russia’s Propaganda Abroad,” Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ

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

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

Professional Association Meetings

American Political Science Association Conference 2016, 2017, 2019 and 2020

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 (upcoming)

International Studies Association Annual Convention 2016 and 2019

Midwestern Political Science Association Conference 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

Other Institutions

September 15, 2020, Kennan Institute’s and CEPA’s Virtual Panel, “Civic and Political Participation of Russian Youth” (with Denis Volkov and Jill Dougherty), Washington DC

June 26, 2020, Friends of European Russia Forum at the European Parliament, “Situation and Developments in Russia in the Run-Up to the Vote on Constitutional Amendments” (with Konstantin Eggert, Roland Freudenstein and Vladimir Kara-Murza), Brussels, Belgium

May 27, 2020, CEPA’s and Kennan Institute’s Virtual Panel, “Society’s View of Legal Protections in Russia” (with William Pomeranz, Denis Volkov and Brian Whitmore), Washington DC

May 12, 2020, Center for European Policy Analysis Virtual Panel, “Oil, Guns, and Imperialism: Do Energy Prices Influence Russian Foreign Policy Behavior?” (with Brian Whitmore and Professor Angela Stent), Washington DC

May 21, 2018, Carnegie Moscow Center Round Table: “The US, Europe, Russia -Very Different Populisms,” Moscow, Russia

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 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 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

July 1, 2016, The Gaidar Fund and The Sakharov Center. “Winter is Coming: The Right Turn in World Politics,” 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

September 9, 2015, The Gaidar Fund: “Temptation of Authoritarianism. How and Why 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 for 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

Skills

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

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