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## EDUCATION

- University of California, Los Angeles**, PhD in Comparative Politics and Government 2019  
Topic: *"Dictators in the Spotlight: What They Do When They Cannot Do Business as Usual"*  
Committee: Prof. Daniel Treisman (chair), Prof. Barbara Geddes,  
Prof. Chad Hazlett, Prof. Daniel Posner, Prof. Jeniffer Pan (Stanford)
- University of California, Los Angeles**, MS in Statistics 2019
- Higher School of Economics, Moscow**, MA in Political Science (with Honors) 2011
- Higher School of Economics, Moscow**, BA in Political Science (with Honors) 2009

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- Research Fellow**, Luskin School of Public Affairs, UCLA 2018
- Teaching Fellow, Research Fellow**, Anderson School of Business, UCLA 2018
- Teaching Fellow**, Department of Political Science, UCLA 2014-18
- Research Fellow**, Department of Political Science, UCLA 2015-16
- Research Fellow**, Center for the Study of Institutions and Development,  
Higher School of Economics, Moscow 2013-14
- Visiting Research Fellow**, Russian & East European Institute, Indiana University 2012
- Lecturer**, Political Science Department, Higher School of Economics, Moscow 2010-13
- Research Fellow**, Laboratory for Political Studies, Higher School of Economics, Moscow 2008-13

## RESEARCH

### *Journal Articles*

- "Trial by Fire: a Natural Disaster's Impact on Support for the Authorities in Rural Russia,"** in *World Politics*, 2014, 66(4), 641-668 (with Egor Lazarev, Irina Soboleva, and Boris Sokolov)
- "Means of Production VS Means of Coercion: Can Russian Business Limit the Violence of Predatory State?,"** in *Post-Soviet Affairs*, 2014, 30(1), 171-194 (with Andrei Yakovlev and Anton Kazun)
- "Social and Economic Policy Trade-Offs in the Russian Regions: Evidence from Four Case Studies,"** in *Europe-Asia Studies*, 2013, 65(10): 1855-1876 (with Tom Remington, Irina Soboleva, and Mark Urnov)
- "Well-Organized Play: Symbolic Politics and the Effect of the Pro-Putin Rallies,"** in *Problems of Post-Communism*, 2013, 60(2): 24-39 (with Regina Smyth and Irina Soboleva)

*Book Chapters*

**"Civic and Political Activism in Russia"** in *The New Autocracy: Information, Politics, and Policy in Putin's Russia*, 2018, 249-276, Brookings Institution Press (with Alexei Zakharov)

**"Defining Common Ground: Collective Identity in Russia's Post-Election Protests and Rallies"** in *The Systemic and Non-Systemic Opposition in the Russian Federation*, 2015, 51-76, Ashgate Publishing (with Regina Smyth and Irina Soboleva)

*Working Papers*

**"How Pro-Government "Trolls" Influence Online Conversations in Russia"**

**"Can Independent Media Help Autocrats Suppress Collective Action?"**

**"Stability of Revolutionary Governments In The Face Of Mass Protest"** (with Dmitry Dagaev and Natalia Lamberova)

*Research in Progress*

**"Leaderless Protests?"** (with Dmitry Dagaev, Natalia Lamberova, and Konstantin Sonin)

**"Mechanisms of Protest Diffusion After the U.S. Presidential Election of 2016"** (with Keith Chen and Zachary Steinert-Threlkeld)

**GRANTS**

*External*

Charles Koch Foundation, Arlington, Research Fellowship	2018
The Harriman Institute, Columbia University, Travel Grant	2018
Institute for Humane Studies, Arlington, Travel Grant	2018
Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Alumni Academic Fellowship	2017
Institute for Humane Studies, Arlington, PhD Fellowship	2014,2015,2016,2017,2018
Oxford-Russia Foundation, Research Fellowship	2007-10

*Internal (at UCLA)*

Dissertation Year Fellowship	2018-19
Dissertation Research Fellowship, the Center for European and Russian Studies	2018
Edwin W. Pauley Fellowship	2017
Edwin W. Pauley Fellowship	2013

## AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

Higher School of Economics Award for Academic Achievements	2012
“The Best Lecturer of Political Science Department - 2012” Award	2012
High Distinction for Honors Thesis, Higher School of Economics	2011
High Distinction for Honors Thesis, Higher School of Economics	2009

## PRESENTATIONS

APSA (2018, 2016, 2014), MPSA (2018, 2017, 2014), European Economic Association Annual Conference (2015), Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics Annual Conference (2013), April International Academic Conference On Economic and Social Development (2013, 2012, 2010, 2011), Moscow Higher School of Economics (2017, 2013), Indiana University (2012)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### University of California, Los Angeles, *Anderson School of Business*

Technology Analytics (MBA), with Prof. Keith Chen  
Competitive Analytics (MSBA), with Prof. Keith Chen

### University of California, Los Angeles, *Department of Political Science*

Politics and Government of Post-Communist Russia, with Prof. Daniel Treisman  
Diversity, Disagreement, and Democracy, with Prof. Susanne Lohmann  
Data Analysis, with Prof. Erin Hartman  
Politics and Strategy, with Prof. Michael Chwe  
World Politics, with Prof. David Wilkinson

### Higher School of Economics, Moscow, *Department of Political Science*

Models of Risk in Politics and Economics (MA), Lecturer,  
with Prof. Konstantin Sonin and Prof. Irina Khovanskaya  
Political Theory, Lecturer

## SKILLS

SOFTWARE: R (keras, selenium, rvest, tm, ggplot2, tidyverse, sp, raster),

Python (TensorFlow, keras, nltk, Selenium, sklearn, pandas), SQL, Stata, SPSS,  $\LaTeX$

DATA COLLECTION: automated data extraction, automated text processing,  
online and field experiments, surveys, interviews

## References

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