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EDUCATION **Northwestern University** 2024 – present
 Ph.D. in Political Science

Higher School of Economics, Moscow 2014 – 2017
 Candidate of Political Sciences *awarded on March 12, 2019*

European University at St. Petersburg 2012 – 2014
 M.A. in Political Science, *summa cum laude* *awarded on June 24, 2014*

Petrozavodsk State University 2007 – 2012
 Specialist in Political Science, *summa cum laude* *awarded on June 4, 2012*

WORK **Indiana University–Bloomington** 2023 – 2024
 EXPERIENCE Ostrom Workshop

European University at St. Petersburg 2018 – 2022
 Department of Political Science

Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg 2013 – 2020
 Department of Political Science

RESEARCH **Authoritarian Politics, Democratic Transitions, Elections, Electoral Manipulation, Political**
 INTERESTS **Opposition in Autocracies, Repression, Russian and Eurasian Politics, Transitional Justice**

PUBLICATIONS **Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

- 9 [Resistance at the Polls: Coordinated Anti-Regime Voting in Russia’s Transition from Competitive to Hegemonic Authoritarianism, 2019–2021.](#) [with Margarita Zavadskaya and Grigorii V. Golosov]. *Democratization* (2025): 1–23.
- 8 [Coordinated Voting against the Autocracy: The Case of the ‘Smart Vote’ Strategy in Russia](#) [with Grigorii V. Golosov]. *Europe-Asia Studies* 75, 5 (2023): 820–841.
- 7 [Electoral Success of Independents under Authoritarianism: Evidence from Russia’s Local Elections](#) [with Tatiana Tkacheva]. *Problems of Post-Communism* 69, 3 (2022): 270–281.
- 6 [Countering the ‘Sweep Effect’: Opposition Voter Coordination versus Electoral System Effects in Authoritarian Local Elections](#) [with Grigorii V. Golosov]. *Communist and Post-Communist Studies* 54, 1–2 (2021): 66–82.
- 5 [Smart Enough to Make a Difference? An Empirical Test of the Efficacy of Strategic Voting in Russia’s Authoritarian Elections](#) [with Grigorii V. Golosov]. *Post-Soviet Affairs* 37, 1 (2021): 65–79.
- 4 [Electoral Engineering in the Russian Regions \(2003–2017\).](#) *Europe-Asia Studies* 72, 1 (2020): 80–98.
- 3 [Why Are There so Many or so Few Parties? Factors of Party System Fragmentation in the Russian Regions.](#) *Problems of Post-Communism* 65, 4 (2018): 233–242.
- 2 [The Rise and Fall of Local Self-Government in Petrozavodsk.](#) *Demokratizatsiya: The Journal of Post-Soviet Democratization* 25, 2 (2017): 155–174.
- 1 [Veto Players and Major Electoral Reforms in Russia](#) [with Sergey Shevchuk]. *Russian Politics* 1, 2 (2016): 203–221.

PUBLICATIONS
(CONTINUED)**Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles in Russian**

- 7 [Instruments of Subordination and the Quality of Public Goods Provision: Case-Study of Petrozavodsk, 2016–2021](#). *Polis: Politicheskie Issledovaniia* 3 (2023): 132–145.
- 6 [City-Council Elections in Russia's Regional Capitals, 2014–2018: Self-Nominess and Factors of Their Success](#) [with Tatiana Tkacheva]. *Politicheskaia nauka* 1 (2019): 147–164.
- 5 [Electoral Reforms in Comparative Perspective](#). *Politicheskaia nauka* 1 (2018): 283–300.
- 4 [Casual Mechanism vs. Pile of Facts: How to Evaluate Casual Links in Case Studies](#) [with Margarita Zavadskaya]. *Polis: Politicheskie Issledovaniia* 2 (2017): 134–146.
- 3 [Factors of Party Systems Fragmentation in the Russian Regions \(2003–2013\)](#). *Politiia* 77, 2 (2015): 38–53.
- 2 [Electoral Thresholds at the Regional Parliamentary Elections in Russia: Explaining the Variations](#). *Vestnik Permskogo Universiteta. Seriya: Politologiya* 1 (2015): 68–83.
- 1 [From Mixed to Majoritarian? On the Logic of Regional Electoral System Changes in Modern Russia](#). *Politiia* 73, 2 (2014): 84–96.

Book Reviews in Russian

- 2 [Electoral Malpractices around the World](#). *Polis: Politicheskie Issledovaniia* 5 (2020): 186–191.
- 1 [Why Fair Elections Matter](#). *Polis: Politicheskie Issledovaniia* 5 (2015): 186–191.

Policy Papers

- 7 [Political Reforms for Postwar Russia: What Russian Wartime Migrants Say](#). *PONARS Policy Memo* 920, Dec. 2, 2024.
- 6 [Mapping the Opposition in Exile](#) [with Margarita Zavadskaya]. *Russian Analytical Digest* 317, Sept. 11, 2024.
- 5 [Russian Wartime Migrants: Matching Political Demand with Supply](#) [with Margarita Zavadskaya]. *Russian Analytical Digest* 316, Sept. 10, 2024.
- 4 [Post-Authoritarian Russia Will Need Transitional Justice: Evidence from In-Depth Interviews with Russian Wartime Migrants](#). *PONARS Policy Memo* 876, Feb. 8, 2024.
- 3 [In Their Own Voice: Supporting Russia's Wartime Migrants](#) [with Emil Kamalov, Veronika Kostenko, Andrei Semenov, Ivetta Sergeeva, Regina Smyth, and Margarita Zavadskaya]. *PONARS Policy Memo* 868, Dec. 18, 2023.
- 2 [Strategic Voting and the Regime's Response in Russia](#). *Baltic Rim Economies* 4/2021, Oct. 28, 2021.
- 1 [The 2020 Regional Elections in Russia: A Rehearsal for the 2021 Duma Elections](#). *Russian Analytical Digest* 262, Dec. 30, 2020.

Working Papers

- 2 [The Rise and Fall of Local Self-Government: The Case of Petrozavodsk](#). *Higher School of Economics Research Paper No. WP BRP 37/PS/2016* (2016).
- 1 [Executive Branch and Major Electoral Reforms in Russia](#) [with Sergey Shevchuk]. *Higher School of Economics Research Paper No. WP BRP 31/PS/2015* (2015).

PUBLICATIONS
(CONTINUED)**General Audience Publications**

- 13 [The Russian Opposition in the Eyes of Russians in Russia and Abroad: Mikhail Khodorovskiy](#) [with Margarita Zavadskaya]. *Riddle*, Feb. 3, 2025.
- 12 [Doves at Heart: Sociologists Discover Most Russians Want a Ceasefire](#). *The Insider*, Jan. 24, 2025.
- 11 [Russian Opposition in the Eyes of Russians in Russia and Abroad: The Case of Anti-Corruption Foundation](#) [with Margarita Zavadskaya]. *Riddle*, Aug. 29, 2024.
- 10 [Next – without Navalny. How Dictators and the Opposition Live after the Elimination of the Regime’s Main Critic](#). *Republic*, Feb. 29, 2024. (*In Russian*).
- 9 [Nagorno-Karabakh Shows Russia Has No Credibility as a Regional Peacekeeper](#). *The Moscow Times*, Sept. 21, 2023.
- 8 [Outside and Inside: What the Experience of Russia’s Exiled Opposition Teaches and Does Not Teach Us](#). *Re: Russia*, Sept. 20, 2023.
- 7 [Trajectories of Putin’s Regime and Challenges Faced by the Opposition](#). *Riddle*, July 26, 2023.
- 6 [Cold Civil War](#). *Riddle*, June 30, 2022.
- 5 [One Year in the Life of a Consolidated Personalist Dictatorship](#). *Riddle*, Dec. 20, 2021.
- 4 [The Impact of Smart Voting on the 2020 Elections](#). *Riddle*, Sept. 9, 2021.
- 3 [Unpacking the Results of the Russian Elections of Sept. 13](#). *Riddle*, Sept. 23, 2020.
- 2 [How Smart Is Smart Voting?](#) *Riddle*, Aug. 13, 2020.
- 1 [Putin’s Fundamental Amendment](#). *Riddle*, June 25, 2020.

AWARDS

Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg

Personal Award for the Best Teaching	2018
Personal Award for the Scientific Work	2016, 2018

FELLOWSHIPS

University of Helsinki

Aleksanteri Institute	August – September 2022
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Indiana University–Bloomington

Russian Studies Workshop	October – November 2017
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INVITED

George Washington University

TALKS

PONARS Eurasia speaker series <i>New Voices on Eurasia</i>	September 27, 2023
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CONFERENCE

TALKS

PONARS Eurasia Annual Policy Conference	2024
Midwest Political Science Association	2024
Association for Slavic, East-European and Eurasian Studies	2017, 2019, 2023
Uppsala University	2022
University of Helsinki	2021
Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg	2015, 2016, 2019
Perm State University	2017
European University at St. Petersburg	2016
University of Tartu	2016
European Consortium for Political Research	2015

WORKSHOPS	ELMaRB (University of Helsinki)	2021, 2022
	Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS)	2022
	PRESS (Higher School of Economics, Moscow)	2021
TEACHING	European University at St. Petersburg	
EXPERIENCE	Elections and Institutional Engineering	2019 – 2022
	Introduction to Data Analysis	2019 – 2021
	Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg	
	Political Parties and Electoral Systems	2014 – 2018, 2020
	Quantitative Methods in Political Science	2017 – 2019
	Research Seminar	2013 – 2018
	Introduction to Political Science	2014
UNIVERSITY	Member, Commission on Academic Planning	2020 – 2022
SERVICE	Member, Academic Council	2019 – 2022
(EUSP)	Member, Faculty Council	2018 – 2022
PEER	<i>Communist and Post-Communist Studies</i> <i>Democratization</i> <i>Demokratizatsiya: The Journal of Post-Soviet Democratization</i> <i>Europe-Asia Studies</i> <i>Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties</i> <i>Problems of Post-Communism</i> <i>Regional & Federal Studies</i> <i>Polis: Politicheskie Issledovaniia</i>	
REVIEWER		
MEMBERSHIPS	APSA (2022), ASEEEES (2025 – present), MPSA (2024), PONARS (2023 – present)	
VOLUNTEER	Election Observer (Russian elections at various levels)	2011 – 2014, 2016, 2019
LANGUAGES &	Russian (native), English (advanced, TOEFL iBT Score: 101)	
COMPUTING		R, Stata, \LaTeX