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| EDUCATION | Northwestern University Ph.D. in Political Science M.A. in Political Science | 2024 – present  <i>awarded on December 19, 2025</i> |
| | Higher School of Economics, Moscow Candidate of Political Sciences | 2014 – 2017 <i>awarded on March 12, 2019</i> |
| | European University at St. Petersburg M.A. in Political Science, <i>summa cum laude</i> | 2012 – 2014 <i>awarded on June 24, 2014</i> |
| | Petrozavodsk State University Specialist in Political Science, <i>summa cum laude</i> | 2007 – 2012 <i>awarded on June 4, 2012</i> |
| WORK EXPERIENCE | Indiana University–Bloomington Ostrom Workshop | 2023 – 2024 |
| | European University at St. Petersburg Department of Political Science | 2018 – 2022 |
| | Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg Department of Political Science | 2013 – 2020 |
| RESEARCH INTERESTS | Authoritarian Politics, Democratic Transitions, Elections, Electoral Manipulation, Political Opposition in Autocracies, Repression, Russian and Eurasian Politics, Transitional Justice | |
| PUBLICATIONS | Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles | |
| | 10 When Transnational Activism Fails: Pathways to Political Disengagement among Russian Wartime Migrants [with Margarita Zavadsкая]. <i>Post-Soviet Affairs</i> (2026): 1–21. | |
| | 9 Resistance at the Polls: Coordinated Anti-Regime Voting in Russia’s Transition from Competitive to Hegemonic Authoritarianism, 2019–2021 . [with Margarita Zavadsкая and Grigorii V. Golosov]. <i>Democratization</i> 33, 2 (2026): 369–391. | |
| | 8 Coordinated Voting against the Autocracy: The Case of the ‘Smart Vote’ Strategy in Russia [with Grigorii V. Golosov]. <i>Europe-Asia Studies</i> 75, 5 (2023): 820–841. | |
| | 7 Electoral Success of Independents under Authoritarianism: Evidence from Russia’s Local Elections [with Tatiana Tkacheva]. <i>Problems of Post-Communism</i> 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]. <i>Communist and Post-Communist Studies</i> 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]. <i>Post-Soviet Affairs</i> 37, 1 (2021): 65–79. | |
| | 4 Electoral Engineering in the Russian Regions (2003–2017) . <i>Europe-Asia Studies</i> 72, 1 (2020): 80–98. | |
| | 3 Why Are There so Many or so Few Parties? Factors of Party System Fragmentation in the Russian Regions . <i>Problems of Post-Communism</i> 65, 4 (2018): 233–242. | |

PUBLICATIONS
(CONTINUED)

- 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.

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 Zavadsкая]. *Polis: Politicheskie Issledovaniia* 2 (2017): 134–146.
- 3 [Factors of Party Systems Fragmentation in the Russian Regions \(2003–2013\)](#). *Politeia* 77, 2 (2015): 38–53.
- 2 [Electoral Thresholds at the Regional Parliamentary Elections in Russia: Explaining the Variations](#). *Vestnik Permskogo Universiteta. Seria: Politologiya* 1 (2015): 68–83.
- 1 [From Mixed to Majoritarian? On the Logic of Regional Electoral System Changes in Modern Russia](#). *Politeia* 73, 2 (2014): 84–96.

Book Reviews

- 3 [Chaisty, Paul and Whitefield, Stephen. How Russians Understand the New Russia: Consolidation and Contestation](#). Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 2025. *Laboratorium: Russian Review of Social Research* 17, 3 (2025): 258–260.
- 2 [Electoral Malpractices around the World](#). *Polis: Politicheskie Issledovaniia* 5 (2020): 186–191. (*In Russian*).
- 1 [Why Fair Elections Matter](#). *Polis: Politicheskie Issledovaniia* 5 (2015): 186–191. (*In Russian*).

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 Zavadsкая]. *Russian Analytical Digest* 317, Sept. 11, 2024.
- 5 [Russian Wartime Migrants: Matching Political Demand with Supply](#) [with Margarita Zavadsкая]. *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 Zavadsкая]. *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.

PUBLICATIONS
(CONTINUED)**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).

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

Indiana University–Bloomington

Russian Studies Workshop October – November 2017

INVITED
TALKS**George Washington University**

PONARS Eurasia speaker series *New Voices on Eurasia* September 27, 2023

WORKSHOPS

- Chicago Area Methods Seminar (Northwestern/UChicago) 2026
 Politics of Russia and Eurasia Seminar Series (PRESS) 2021, 2023, 2024, 2026
 EIMaRB (University of Helsinki) 2021, 2022
 Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS) 2022

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|---------------------------|---|---|
| CONFERENCE TALKS | ASEEES Annual Convention | 2017, 2019, 2023, 2025, 2026 (expected) |
| | Midwest Political Science Association | 2024, 2026 |
| | Southern Political Science Association | 2026 |
| | PONARS Eurasia Annual Policy Conference | 2024 |
| | 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 |
| TEACHING EXPERIENCE | Northwestern University | |
| | Politics of Post-Soviet Russia and Ukraine (TA) | Spring 2026 |
| | Introduction to Empirical Methods in Political Science (TA) | Winter 2026 |
| | International Political Economy (TA) | Fall 2025 |
| | European University at St. Petersburg | |
| | 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 SERVICE (EUSP) | Member, Commission on Academic Planning | 2020 – 2022 |
| | Member, Academic Council | 2019 – 2022 |
| | Member, Faculty Council | 2018 – 2022 |
| PEER REVIEWER | <i>Communist and Post-Communist Studies, Democratization, Demokratizatsiya: The Journal of Post-Soviet Democratization, Europe-Asia Studies, Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties, Post-Soviet Affairs, Problems of Post-Communism, Regional & Federal Studies, Routledge</i> | |
| MEMBERSHIPS | PONARS (2023 – present) | |
| VOLUNTEER | Election Observer (Russian elections at various levels) | 2011 – 2014, 2016, 2019 |
| LANGUAGES & COMPUTING | Russian (native), English (advanced) R, Stata, L ^A T _E X | |