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Education

- Exp. May 2023 Ph.D. Political Science, *The George Washington University*, USA
Dissertation: Nation-Building in Multinational Unions: Regional Identities and Political Development in the Russian Federation
Committee: Henry Hale (chair), Harris Mylonas, Marlène Laruelle
Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Theory
- 2017 M.A. International Relations, *Moscow State Institute of International Relations*, Russia (Fully in Russian)
Dissertation: Ossetian National Identity (high honors)
- 2016 M.A. International Security, *Sciences Po Paris*, France (Partly in French)
- 2014 B.A. Russian and International Relations, *University of Exeter*, UK
First-Class Honors

Peer-reviewed Publications

- 2022 “Why Didn’t Ukraine Fight for Crimea? Evidence from Declassified National Security and Defense Council Proceedings, *Problems of Post-Communism* 69(2): 145-154.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10758216.2021.1901595>.
- 2021 “Office Politics: Tatarstan’s Presidency and the Symbolic Politics of Regionalism.” *Russian Politics* 6(3): 301-329. <https://doi.org/10.30965/24518921-00603002>.

Ongoing Research

“Do Authoritarians Need a Foreign Enemy? Evidence from Fortress Russia,” with Henry Hale (under review at *International Security*)

Other Publications

- 2022 “Who is dying for the «Russian World»?” *Riddle.Russia*, <https://ridl.io/en/who-is-dying-for-the-russian-world/>.
- “Putin Has Off-Ramps: Let’s Not Block Them,” with Henry Hale, *PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo*, <https://www.ponarseurasia.org/putin-has-off-ramps-lets-not-block-them/>.
- 2021 “Tatar Studies in Political Science Research: Trends and Challenges.” In *Tatar Studies in Paradigms’ Change: Theory, Methodology, Practice: I International Scientific and Practical Workshop, 2–3 December, 2021, Kazan, Russia*. 30-35. Kazan: Institute of Language, Literature and Art, Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Tatarstan.
- “Last Man Standing: What the Latest Dispute over Tatarstan’s Presidency Tells Us about the Enduring Ethnic Factor in Russian Politics.” *PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo*, <https://www.ponarseurasia.org/last-man-standing-what-the-latest-dispute-over-tatarstans-presidency-tells-us-about-the-enduring-ethnic-factor-in-russian-politics/>.
- 2019 “Creating De Facto States: Narrative Frameworks and State Autonomy in Abkhazia and South Ossetia.” In *Europe in the Caucasus, Caucasus in Europe: Bridging Academic and Political Gaps*. Ed. Andrey Makarychev and Thomas Kruessmann. Stuttgart: Ibidem-Verlag.

Grants and Awards

- 2023 Dean’s Dissertation Completion Fellowship, The George Washington University (\$13,750)
- 2022 Fellow, Monterey Summer Symposium on Russia (MSSR), Middlebury Institute of International Studies
- Dean’s Graduate Instructorship, The George Washington University (\$14,605)

- 2021 Loeb Institute and Endowment Award, Department of Political Science, The George Washington University (\$14,000)
- Sar and Britta Levitan Endowment Tuition Fellowship, The George Washington University (\$1825)
- Carnegie/Harriman Institute Research Grant for Ph.D. Students in the Social Sciences (\$12,000)
- Departmental grant to attend Institute for Qualitative and Multimethod Research (\$2500), The George Washington University
- 2020 Department Award for Best Teaching Assistant – Intro Classes, Department of Political Science, The George Washington University
- Summer Fellowship Recipient (\$2500), The George Washington University
- 2019 Summer Fellowship Recipient (\$2500), The George Washington University
- 2016 Scholarship Recipient, *Border Studies Summer School*, Hokkaido University, Japan
- 2012 Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Scholarship (£2000), University of Exeter, UK
- Roger Cockrell Award for Academic Excellence in Russian, University of Exeter, UK

Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

- 2022 “Nation-Building in Multinational Unions: Ethnic identities in Russia” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Montréal, Canada.
- “Echoes of Empire: State Formation and Nation-Building in Contemporary Russia,” Wisconsin Russia Project 2022, University of Wisconsin.
- “Nation-Building in Multinational Unions: Regional Identities and Political Development in the Russian Federation,” Havighurst Center for Russian and Post-Soviet Studies Young Researchers Conference, Miami University.
- 2021 “Tatar Studies in Political Science Research: Trends and Challenges.” Paper presentation [in Russian], *Tatar Studies in Paradigms’ Change: Theory, Methodology, Practice*, Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Tatarstan, Kazan, Russia.
- “The Symbolic Politics of Nationalism: Creating and Contesting Identities in Russia and Its Regions.” Paper presentation, *Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Convention*, New Orleans.
- “Nation-building in multinational states: towards a comparative analysis of Russian regions.” Paper presentation [in Russian], *St. Petersburg International Conference on Inequality and Diversity*, Higher School of Economics, Russia.
- “The Symbolic Politics of Nationalism: Identity Creation and Contestation in Multinational Unions.” Paper presentation, *8th Annual Graduate Workshop on Comparative Historical Research on Europe, Council for European Studies*.
- “Do Authoritarians Need a Foreign Enemy? Evidence from Fortress Russia,” with Henry Hale. Paper presentation, *DC Area Post-Communist Politics Social Science Workshop*, The George Washington University
- 2020 “Nationalism vs. supra-national identities in Europe?” Guest lecture, *Nationalism in Europe* (Professor Harris Mylonas), The George Washington University.
- “Creating EU citizens: Does the EU need strong supra-national identities to succeed?” Guest lecture, *European Integration* (Professor Harris Mylonas), The George Washington University.
- 2019 “Russian Politics.” Guest lecture, *Introduction to Comparative Politics* (Professor Bruce Dickson), The George Washington University.
- “Why didn’t Ukraine Fight for Crimea? Civil-military Relations and Institutional Restraints in Russia and Ukraine.” Paper presentation, *Association of European Studies for the Caucasus Annual Conference (AESC)*, Odessa, Ukraine.
- 2018 “The Lure of Alania: Why Ossetian Identity Matters in the Georgia-Ossetia Conflict.” Paper presentation, *Third Annual Tartu Conference on Russian and East European Studies*, Tartu, Estonia.

Teaching

Lead Instructor:

- 2022 *Russian Politics*. The George Washington University (as part of the Dean's Graduate Instructorship award).
- 2021 *Introduction to International Politics*. The George Washington University. Summer course.
- 2021 *(Re)thinking Social Identities: Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Politics*. Sciences Po Pre-College Summer School, Paris, France.
- 2019-21 *Introduction to the Social Sciences*, Pre-College Summer School, Sciences Po, France.

Graduate Teaching Assistant:

- 2019-21 *Politics and Values Program*, The George Washington University.
- 2018-19 *Introduction to Comparative Politics*, The George Washington University.
- 2018 *International Affairs Cornerstone* (Master's level), The George Washington University.
- 2016-17 English Department, Moscow State Institute of International Relations, Russia.

Additional Skills

Working languages:

English	<i>Native speaker</i>
Russian	<i>Fluent</i>
French	<i>Fluent</i>
Spanish	<i>Reading proficiency</i>
Polish	<i>Conversational</i>
Tatar	<i>Conversational</i>
Turkish	<i>Conversational</i>
Ukrainian	<i>Some conversational/reading</i>

Data analysis:

Stata, Excel, experience working with large databases and news/data repositories (Factiva, Eastview, Rosstat, Levada)

Service

Discussant:

- 2021 "Education and Social Mobility." Panel discussant, Fifth Annual Tartu Conference on Russian and East European Studies, Tartu, Estonia.
- 2019 "Soviet Nationality Policy and its Legacy." Panel discussant, Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) Convention, New York.
- 2018 "Re-branding 'Tatar Islam' through Community Service Work: The Case of Yardam Mosque in Kazan, Tatarstan," by Liliya Karimova. Discussant, DC Area Post-Communist Politics Social Science Workshop, Washington, D.C.

Manuscript reviewer: *Nationalities Papers*, *Journal of Illiberalism Studies*

Editorial board member: *Historical Ethnology*

Member: *American Political Science Association*, *Association for the Study of Nationalities*, *Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies*

References

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