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Professional positions

University of Bergen

Associate Professor, Department of Comparative Politics, 2022-Present.

HSE University

Research Fellow, International Center for the Study of Institutions and Development, 2019-2022.
Assistant Professor, School of Politics and Governance, 2019-2022.

University of Gothenburg

Associate Research Professor, Department of Political Science, 2019.
Senior Research Fellow; V-Dem Institute, Department of Political Science; 2017-2019.
Postdoctoral Research Fellow; V-Dem Institute, Department of Political Science; 2015-2017.

Education

University of Wisconsin–Madison

PhD, Political Science, 2015.
MA, Political Science, 2010.

Harvard University

AM; Regional Studies: Russia, Eastern Europe and Central Asia; 2009.

Grinnell College

BA, German, 2005. Graduated with honors.

Publications

Articles

15. “Endogenous popularity: How perceptions of support affect the popularity of authoritarian regimes.” With Noah Buckley, Ora John Reuter and Katerina Tertytchnaya. 2023. *American Political Science Review*. First View: 1-7. [TMC Post](#).
14. “Is Putin’s popularity (still) real? A cautionary note on using list experiments to measure popularity in authoritarian regimes.” With Timothy Frye, Scott Gehlbach and Ora John Reuter. First View. *Post-Soviet Affairs*. [Replication data](#).
13. “Estimating latent traits from expert surveys: An analysis of sensitivity to data generating process.” With Daniel Pemstein. 2023. *Political Science Research and Methods*. 11(2):384-393.
12. “Language, ethnicity and separatism: Survey results from two post-Soviet regions.” 2022. *British Journal of Political Science*. 52(4):1831-1851
11. “How and how much does expert error matter in expert-coded data? Implications for quantitative peace research.” 2020. *Journal of Peace Research*. 57(6):692-700. [Online appendix and abbreviated replication data](#).
10. “Constraining governments: New indices of vertical, horizontal and diagonal accountability.” With Anna Lührmann and Valeriya Mechkova. 2020. *American Political Science Review*. 114(3):881-820.

9. “What makes experts reliable? Expert reliability and the estimation of latent traits.” With Daniel Pemstein, Brigitte Seim and Yi-ting Wang. 2019. *Research & Politics*. 6(4):1-8.
8. “Introducing the Historical Varieties of Democracy Dataset: Political institutions in the long 19th century.” With Carl Henrik Knutsen, Jan Teorell, Tore Wig, et al. 2019. *Journal of Peace Research*. 56(3):440-451.
7. “IRT models for expert-coded panel data.” With Daniel Pemstein. 2018. *Political Analysis*. 26(4):431-456.
6. “Identity, social mobility and ethnic mobilization: Language and the disintegration of the Soviet Union.” 2018. *Comparative Political Studies*. 51(7):831-867.
5. “Xenophobia on the rise? Temporal and regional trends in xenophobic attitudes in Russia.” With Hannah S. Chapman, Yoshiko M. Herrera and Theodore Gerber. 2018. *Comparative Politics*. 50(3):381-394. [Online appendix and replication data](#).
4. “Is Putin’s popularity real?” With Timothy Frye, Scott Gehlbach and Ora John Reuter. 2017. *Post-Soviet Affairs*. 33(1):1-15. Lead article. [Replication data](#).
3. “Ethnicity as a variable: An assessment of measures and datasets of ethnicity and related identities.” With Yoshiko M. Herrera. 2015. *Social Science Quarterly*. 96(3):689-716. [Ethnicity dataset website](#).
2. “Stabilization and symbolism: Language and regional politics in the Chuvash Republic.” 2012. *Nationalities Papers*. 40(1):127-147.
1. “Framing language policy in post-Soviet Azerbaijan: Political symbolism and interethnic harmony.” 2011. *Central Asian Survey*. 30(2):181-196. Lead article.

Book chapters

2. “The measurement model and reliability.” With Daniel Pemstein, et al. 2020. In *Varieties of Democracy: Measuring a century of political change*. eds. Adam Glynn, Brigitte Seim, et al. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 66-89. Please refer to [updated version](#).
1. “Language and sovereignty: A comparative analysis of language policy in Tatarstan and Kazakhstan, 1991-2010.” 2015. In *Identity and politics in Central Asia and the Caucasus*. eds. Mohammed Ayoub and Murad Ismayilov. London: Routledge. 44-68. [Working paper version](#).

Technical documents

- “The V–Dem measurement model: Latent variable analysis for cross-national and cross-temporal expert-coded data.” With Daniel Pemstein, et al. (most recent: 2023). V–Dem Working Paper 21.
- “V–Dem methodology.” With Michael Coppedge, John Gerring, Carl Henrik Knutsen, Staffan I. Lindberg, Jan Teorell, et al. (most recent: 2023). Varieties of Democracy (V–Dem) Project.
- “V–Dem codebook.” With Michael Coppedge, John Gerring, Carl Henrik Knutsen, Staffan I. Lindberg, Jan Teorell, et al. (most recent: 2023). Varieties of Democracy (V–Dem) Project.

Encyclopedia entry

- “Differential item functioning.” 2022. The SAGE Encyclopedia of Research Design. ed. Bruce Frey. Thousand Oaks: SAGE Publications. 402-404.

Commentary

- “Ethnic variation in support for Putin and the invasion of Ukraine.” 2023. *PONARS Eurasia Memo*. 822.
- “Is Putin’s popularity (still) real? A cautionary note on using list experiments to measure popularity in authoritarian regimes.” With Timothy Frye, Scott Gehlbach and Ora John Reuter. 2022. *PONARS Eurasia Memo*. 733.
- “The V–Dem method for aggregating expert-coded data.” With Laura Maxwell and Anna Lührmann. 2018. V–Dem Policy Brief 17.
- “Measuring democracy with expert-coded data.” 2017. *American Political Science Association Comparative Democratization (APSA–CD) Newsletter*. 15 (2).
- “Is Putin’s popularity real?” With Timothy Frye, Scott Gehlbach and John Reuter. 2015. *PONARS Eurasia Memo*. 403.
- “Nation-building and language policy in post-Soviet Azerbaijan.” 2010. *Azerbaijan in the World*. 3 (19), 1-6.

Reviews

- “Review of William R. Reisinger and Bryon J. Moraski, *The regional roots of Russia’s political regime*.” 2018. *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*. 31 (3-4), 365-369.
- “Review of Audrey L. Altstadt, *Frustrated democracy in post-Soviet Azerbaijan*.” 2018. *The Russian Review*. 77 (2), 341-342.

Datasets

- “V–Party Dataset.” With Anna Lührmann, Nils Düpont, Masaaki Higashijima, Yaman Berker Kavasoglu, et al. (most-recent: 2022). Varieties of Democracy (V–Dem) Project.
- “V–Dem Dataset.” With Michael Coppedge, John Gerring, Carl Henrik Knutsen, Staffan I. Lindberg, Jan Teorell, et al. (most recent: 2023). Varieties of Democracy (V–Dem) Project. *2016 APSA Comparative Politics Lijphart/Przeworski/Verba Dataset Award*.
- “Inductive Democracy.” (2017).

Book projects

- Apples to oranges: Using surveys to measure concepts across cases*. With Daniel Pemstein and Brigitte Seim. Under contract. Cambridge University Press.
- Center-periphery linguistic dynamics and separatism*.

Article projects

Under review

- “Conceptual and measurement issues in assessing democratic backsliding.” With Carl Henrik Knutsen, Brigitte Seim, et al.

In progress

- “Experts, coders, and crowds: An analysis of substitutability.” With Daniel Pemstein, Constanza Sanhueza Petrarca, Brigitte Seim, Steven Wilson, et al.
- “Endogenous design effects in list experiments.”
- “Measuring politically-relevant identity, with and without groups.”
- “Modeling language death, stabilization and resurrection: Evidence from the former Soviet Union.”
- “When and why is language salient for separatism? Evidence from Russian republics.”

“Separatism as a multidimensional concept.”

“Linguistic diversity and conflict: Evidence from the Soviet Union.”

Editorial Boards

Associate Editor (Research Notes): Journal of Communist and Post-Communist Studies. 2023-Present.

Editorial board member: American Political Science Association Comparative Democratization (APSA-CD) Newsletter. 2015-2019.

Grants

Primary investigator

University of Bergen (Internal)

L Meltzer Foundation. 2023. Book conference. 50,230 NOK (*\$4,250*).

Småforsk

2023. Conference travel. 97,720 NOK (*\$9,900*).

2022. Conference travel and survey. 149,940 NOK (*\$15,000*).

Co-investigator (total: *\$839,000*)

Riksbankens Jubileumsfond, 2016-2020. IN16-0525:1, V-Dem data collection and development of online graphing tools. 7,075,000 SEK (*\$839,000*).

Senior personnel (total: *\$5,840,000*)

Riksbankens Jubileumsfond, 2013-2019. M13:0559:1, V-Dem research program, collaborative research grant. 37,600,000 SEK (*\$4,459,000*).

World Bank

2020. 7198285, V-Dem data collection on exclusion. *\$49,916*.

2017-2019. 7185702, V-Dem data collection on exclusion. *\$130,590*.

2020-2021. 7198726, V-Dem data collection on exclusion. *\$49,900*.

European Commission, 2015-2022. EIDHR/2014/354-885, V-Dem data collection in 21 countries, country reports, and online interface. 750,000 EUR (*\$901,000*).

Mo Ibrahim Foundation, 2019-2022. V-Dem data collection on countries in Africa. *\$250,000*.

Courses taught

University of Bergen

BA-level

Russian Politics, Spring 2023.

HSE University

PhD-level

Political Science Research Design. Winter 2020-2021, 2021-2022.

MA-level

Bayesian Statistics. Fall 2019, 2020, 2021.

Applied Politics Research Seminar. Winter 2019-2020, Fall 2020.

Politics, Economics and Philosophy Project Seminar. Fall 2019.

University of Gothenburg

PhD-level

Applied Bayesian Statistics. Spring 2016.

Statistical Computing and Presentation with R and L^AT_EX. Spring 2016.

University of Wisconsin–Madison

BA-level (as teaching assistant)

Methods of Political Inquiry. Spring 2014.

Introduction to Comparative Politics. Spring 2011.

Introduction to International Studies. Fall 2009, 2010.

Advising/Supervision

University of Bergen

Member; PhD Review Committee (Ruben Mathieson); 2022.

Faculty adviser; Comparative Politics BA theses; 2022 (3x), 2023 (5x).

Internal reviewer; Comparative Politics MA theses; 2022 (2x).

HSE University

Member; PhD Defense Committee (Aleksei Turobov); 2022.

Member; PhD Defense Committee (Yulia Shulika); 2021-2022.

Member; PEP MA Program State Final Certification Committee; 2020, 2021.

Member; PhD Pre-Defense Committees (3x); 2019, 2020, 2021.

Faculty advisor; MA theses / course papers; 2020 (2x).

Faculty advisor; BA theses / course papers; 2020 (2x).

University of Gothenburg

Secondary grader, IAGG MA theses; February and May 2018.

Pedagogical training

University of Bergen

Introduction to teaching at university and course design (UPED 600). 2022.

Special topic in assessing student learning (UPED 661A). 2022.

Universal design for learning (UPED 671). 2022.

University of Gothenburg

Supervision in postgraduate programs (HPE 201, 5 hp). 2019.

Fellowships and awards

Best Teacher Award, HSE University. 2021, 2022.

Commendation from the Faculty of Social Sciences, HSE University. 2021.

Best Doctoral Student Paper for Central Europe Award, ASN World Convention. 2015.

Fulbright Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Award, 2013.

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Award, 2012.

Academic-year Persian Foreign Language and Area Studies grant, 2011-2012.

UW-Madison Division of International Studies Field Research Award, 2011.

UW-Madison Department of Political Science Summer Initiative Funding; 2011, 2012, 2014.

ARIT-AATT Fellowship for Intensive Advanced Turkish Language Study, 2010.

Harvard University Maurice Lazarus Fund grant for summer research, 2008.

Summer Kazakh Foreign Language and Area Studies grant, 2008.

Academic-year Russian Foreign Language and Area Studies grant; 2007-2008, 2008-2009.

Fulbright IIE Fellow, Russian Federation, 2006-2007.

Thomas J. Watson Fellow, 2005-2006.

Grinnell College Kalfass Prize for Excellence in German Studies, 2005.

Phi Beta Kappa, 2004 (inducted).

Grinnell College Howard Bowen Scholar, 2001-2005.

Languages

German, Russian, Turkish: excellent written and spoken.

Azerbaijani, Gagauz, Kazakh, Norwegian, Tatar: basic reading and spoken.

Statistical programming languages

JAGS, R, Stan.

Administrative and other relevant experience

V–Dem Project

Project Manager for Measurement and Methods (with Daniel Pemstein), 2019-present.

University of Bergen

Member, TMS Grant Selection Committee (Department Internal), 2023.

Member, Organizing Committee for the Rokkan Symposium, 2022.

HSE University

Chair (with Timothy Frye), ICSID Cadre Committee, 2021 - 2022.

Member, ICSID Strategic Planning Committee, 2020.

Coordinator (with Ekim Arbatlı), Contemporary Issues in Political Science Research Seminar, 2020.

University of Gothenburg

Member, FASDEM assistant professor search committee; 2017, 2018.

Member, V–Dem postdoctoral fellow search committee; 2016, 2017.

Organizer (with Daniel Pemstein), V–Dem latent variable modeling week; October 2016.

Coordinator (with Kristen Kao); Political science postdoctoral researcher working group; 2018-2019.

Coordinator; GLD/V–Dem postdoctoral researcher working group; 2016-2017.

University of Wisconsin–Madison

Comparative Politics Colloquium Student Coordinator, 2010-2011.

Research/project assistantships

University of Wisconsin–Madison and Nazarbayev University Project, 2014-2015.

Prof. Yoshiko Herrera, 2012-2013.

Prof. Lisa Martin, Spring 2010.

Consultancy

DEMED Program, 2021-2022.

GLOBSEC Vulnerability Index, 2021.

Governance and Local Development Program, 2018.

Deutsche Gemeinschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), 2017.

Invited talks/presentations

University College London; Political Science Departmental Research Seminar; London, 2023.

V–Indoc Launch Event; Zoom, 2023.

University of Bergen; Bergen Global Breakfast Roundtable; Bergen, 2022.

University of Oslo; Research Group on Comparative Institutions and Regimes; Oslo, 2022.

University of Bergen; Research Group on Contemporary Russia; Bergen, 2022.

University of Bergen; Division of Research and Innovation; Bergen, 2022.

The Australian National University; School of Politics & International Relations; Zoom; 2021.

University of Bergen; Department of Comparative Politics; Zoom; 2021.

Durham University; School of Government and International Affairs; Zoom; 2021.

University of Bath; Department of Politics, Languages and International Studies; MS Teams; 2021.
University of Chicago; Comparative Politics Workshop; Zoom; 2020.
HSE University; Winter School; Voronovo, Russia; 2020.
George Washington University; New Voices on Russia; Washington, DC; 2019.
Trinity College Dublin; Department of Political Science; Dublin, Ireland; 2019.
Durham University; School of Government and International Affairs; Durham, UK; 2019.
HSE University; School of Political Science; Moscow, Russia; 2018.
Indiana University; Department of International Studies; Bloomington, IN; 2017.
Higher School of Economics; Institute for Industrial and Market Studies; Moscow, Russia; 2016.
Antalya International University; Department of Political Science and International Relations;
Antalya, Turkey; 2015.
Kazan (Volga) Federal University, Naberezhnye Chelny Institute; Naberezhnye Chelny, Russia;
2013.

Conference participation

American Political Science Association Annual Convention
Chair: 2017; Discussant: 2016, 2017, 2020; Panelist: 2015, 2017, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
(planned).

April International Academic Conference on Economic and Social Development
Panelist: 2020, 2021.

Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention
Discussant: 2018; Panelist: 2014, 2018, 2021, 2023 (planned).

Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies/International Association for the Hu-
manities Summer Convention
Panelist: 2016.

Association for the Study of Nationalities World Convention
Chair: 2015; Discussant: 2016, 2018, 2021; Panelist: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019.

Central Eurasian Studies Society Regional Conference
Panelist: 2016.

Conference on Caucasus Studies—Migration, Society, Language
Panelist: 2008.

Development Research Conference
Discussant: 2016; Panelist: 2016.

European Political Science Association Annual Conference
Panelist: 2017, 2018, 2023 (planned).

International Center for the Study of Institutions and Development Annual Conference
Chair: 2020; Discussant: 2020; Panelist: 2020.

International Political Science Association World Convention
Panelist: 2016.

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference
Chair: 2015; Discussant: 2015; Panelist: 2011, 2015, 2016, 2017.

Russia and the Caucasus Regional Research Conference
Panelist: 2017.

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting
Panelist: 2017, 2018, 2020.

V–Dem Annual Conference
Chair: 2016, 2018, 2019; Panelist: 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019.

Workshops

Demscore Conference; Gothenburg, 2023.
Rokkan Symposium “Resisting autocracy;” Bergen, 2022.
DefDem/MoViCon workshop on “Experimental approaches to authoritarianism and political violence;” Oslo, 2022.
Ethnicity, Inequality, Conflict, and Democracy Workshop; Aarhus, 2022.
Politics of Russia and Eurasia Seminar Series; Zoom, 2021.
Linguistic Forum; Zoom, 2021.
vASN Working with Census Data Workshop; Zoom, 2021.
PONARS Social Activism in Eurasia Workshop; Zoom, 2021.
ICSID/QOG Institute Workshop; Zoom, 2020.
Virtual Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes; BlueJeans, 2020.
Languages in Conflict Situations; Giessen, 2019.
New Voices on Russia Workshop; Washington, DC; 2019.
Current Discourses on Language Policy and Planning in Turkic Speaking Countries; Freiburg, 2019.
Wisconsin Russia Project Young Scholars Conference; Madison, 2018.
Democracy and Nationalism in Central Asia; Bishkek, 2018.
Expert Surveys as a Measurement Tool; Berlin, 2017.
What Do We Know About Democratization After 227 Years? Rome, 2017.
Iran Social Survey Workshop; Lund, 2016.
V–Dem Latent Variable Modeling Week; Gothenburg, 2016.
EIP/V–Dem Pre-APSA Workshop; Philadelphia, 2016.

Memberships

American Political Science Association, Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, European Political Science Association.

Reviewer

2023

Perspectives on Politics, Post Soviet Affairs, Studies in Comparative International Development, World Politics.

Earlier

American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science (x2), Comparative Political Studies (x6), Comparative Politics, Demokratizatsiya (x2), Europe-Asia Studies (x2), European Political Science Review, European Sociological Review, Government and Opposition, International Journal of Conflict and Violence, International Journal of Public Opinion Research, International Organization, International Security, Journal of Politics (x2), Journal of Soviet and Post-Soviet Politics and Society, Nationalism and Ethnic Politics, Nationalities Papers (x4), Nations and Nationalism (x2), Perspectives on Politics (x3), Political Research Exchange, Political Research Quarterly, Political Science Research and Methods, Post-Soviet Affairs (x4), Problems of Post-Communism, Regional & Federal Studies, Representation, Russian Science Foundation, Social Science Quarterly (x2), World Politics.

July 17, 2023