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Professional positions

University of Gothenburg

Senior Research Fellow, Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Institute, 2017-present.
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Institute, 2015-2017.

Education

Degree programs

University of Wisconsin–Madison

PhD, Political Science, 2015. *Dissertation committee*: Rikhil Bhavnani, Scott Gehlbach, Yoshiko Herrera (Chair), Theodore Gerber, Alexander Tahk.

MA, Political Science, 2010.

Harvard University

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

Grinnell College

BA, German, 2005. Graduated with honors.

Non-degree programs

Kazan (Volga) Federal University

Individual Advanced Research Program, 2013.

Academic and Research Training Program, 2006-2007.

Boğaziçi University

Turkish Language and Culture Program, Summer 2003, 2010.

Special student, Fall 2004.

Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics and Strategic Research

Kazakh Language Program, Summer 2008.

Humboldt University of Berlin

IES exchange student, Spring 2004.

Publications

Articles

“Xenophobia on the rise? Temporal and regional trends in xenophobic attitudes in Russia.”
With Hannah S. Chapman, Yoshiko M. Herrera and Theodore Gerber. Forthcoming.
Comparative Politics.

“Identity, social mobility and ethnic mobilization: Language and the disintegration of the
Soviet Union.” OnlineFirst. *Comparative Political Studies*.

“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](#).

“Ethnicity as a variable: An assessment of measures and datasets of ethnicity and related identities.” With Yoshiko Herrera. 2015. *Social Science Quarterly*. 96 (3), 689-716. Ethnicity dataset website.

“Stabilization and symbolism: Language and regional politics in the Chuvash Republic.” 2012. *Nationalities Papers*. 40 (1), 127-147.

“Framing language policy in post-Soviet Azerbaijan: Political symbolism and interethnic harmony.” 2011. *Central Asian Survey*. 30 (2), 181-196. Lead article.

Book chapter

“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 Ayoob and Murad Ismayilov. London: Routledge. 44-68.

Commentary

“Measuring democracy with expert-coded data.” 2017. *American Political Science Association Comparative Democratization (APSA-CD) Newsletter*. 15(2).

“Nation-building and language policy in post-Soviet Azerbaijan.” 2010. *Azerbaijan in the World*. 3 (19), 1-6.

Datasets

“Inductive Democracy.” (2017).

“V-Dem Dataset.” v5 (2015), v6 (2016), v7 (2017). With Michael Coppedge, John Gerring, Staffan I. Lindberg, Svend-Erik Skaaning, Jan Teorell, et al. Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Project. *2016 APSA Comparative Politics Lijphart/Przeworski/Verba Dataset Award*.

Work in progress

Book projects

Varieties of Democracy: Measuring a century of political change. Under contract. With Michael Coppedge, John Gerring, Staffan I. Lindberg, Daniel Pemstein, Svend-Erik Skaaning, Brigitte Seim, Jan Teorell, et al. Cambridge University Press.

Expert-coded data. With Daniel Pemstein and Brigitte Seim.

Language, identity and separatism.

Articles under review

“IRT models for expert-coded panel data.” With Daniel Pemstein.

“Experts, coders, and crowds: An analysis of substitutability.” With Daniel Pemstein, Constanza Sanhueza Petrarca, Brigitte Seim, Steven Wilson, et al.

Articles in progress

“Constraining governments: New indices of vertical, horizontal and diagonal accountability.” With Anna Lührmann and Valeriya Mechkova.

“Language, ethnicity and separatism: Survey results from two post-Soviet regions.”

“Measuring politically-relevant identity, with and without groups.”

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

“Linguistic cleavages, linguistic abilities and support for regional sovereignty: Evidence from Russian regions.”

“Separatism as a multidimensional concept.”

“War and democratization in the ‘Long 19th Century:’ Introducing the Historical Varieties of Democracy Dataset.” With Carl Henrik Knutsen, Jan Teorell, et al.

“Measuring case-level variation in expert reliability.” With Daniel Pemstein.

“Expert cognitive processes and the recovery of latent values.” With Daniel Pemstein.

“What makes experts reliable?” With Daniel Pemstein, Brigitte Seim and Yi-ting Wang.

“Timeless Turkmenistan: Natural resources and the cult of personality in a post-Soviet state.”

“Inductive democracy: Latent dimensions in the V-Dem data.” With Michael Coppedge, John Gerring and Daniel Pemstein.

“A formal model of center-periphery language policy.” With Steven Wilson.

Technical documents

“The V-Dem measurement model: Latent variable analysis for cross-national and cross-temporal expert-coded data.” With Daniel Pemstein, Eitan Tzelgov, Yi-ting Wang, Joshua Krusell and Farhad Miri. 2017. [V-Dem Working Paper 21](#).

“V-Dem Methodology.” [v5](#) (2015), [v6](#) (2016), [v7](#) (2017). With Michael Coppedge, John Gerring, Staffan I. Lindberg, Svend-Erik Skaaning, Jan Teorell, et al. Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Project.

“[V-Dem Codebook v7](#).” (2017). With Michael Coppedge, John Gerring, Staffan I. Lindberg, Svend-Erik Skaaning, Jan Teorell, et al. Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Project.

Fellowships and awards

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 Kallfass 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, Tatar: basic reading and spoken.

Statistical programming languages

JAGS, R, STAN.

Relevant experience

University of Gothenburg

Short courses taught

Applied Bayesian statistics. Spring 2016.

Statistical computing and presentation with R and \LaTeX . Spring 2016.

Service

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

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

University of Wisconsin–Madison.

Research/project assistantships

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

Prof. Yoshiko Herrera, 2012–2013.

Prof. Lisa Martin, Spring 2010.

Teaching assistantships

Methods of Political Inquiry, Prof. John Ahlquist. Spring 2014.

Introduction to Comparative Politics, Prof. Yoshiko Herrera. Spring 2011.

Introduction to International Studies, Prof. Scott Straus. Fall 2009, 2010.

Service

Comparative Politics Colloquium Student Coordinator, 2010–2011.

Invited talks

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.

Professional activities

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

Reviewer: *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Demokratizatsiya*, *International Organization*, *Nations and Nationalism*, *Post-Soviet Affairs*, *Social Science Quarterly*.

Conference participation: Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention (*Panelist*, 2014), Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian

Studies/International Association for the Humanities Summer Convention (*Panelist, 2016*), American Political Science Association Annual Convention (*Chair, 2017; Discussant, 2016, 2017; Panelist, 2015, 2017*), Association for the Study of Nationalities World Convention (*Chair, 2015; Discussant, 2016; Panelist, 2014, 2015, 2016*), Central Eurasian Studies Society Regional Conference (*Panelist, 2016*), Conference on Caucasus Studies— Migration, Society, Language (*Panelist, 2008*), Stockholm University Development Research Conference (*Discussant, 2016; Panelist, 2016*), European Political Science Association Annual Conference (*Panelist, 2017*), International Political Science Association World Convention (*Panelist, 2016*), Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (*Chair, 2015; Discussant, 2015; Panelist, 2011, 2015, 2016*), Russia and the Caucasus Regional Research Conference (*Panelist, 2017*), Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (*Panelist, 2017, 2018*), V–Dem Annual Conference (*Chair, 2016; Panelist, 2016, 2017*).

Workshop participation: EIP/V–Dem Pre-APSA Workshop (Philadelphia, *2016*), Expert Surveys as a Measurement Tool: Challenges and Promising Alternatives (Berlin, *2017*), Iran Social Survey Workshop (Lund, *2016*), V–Dem Latent Variable Modeling Week (Gothenburg, *2016*), What Do We Know About Democratization After 227 Years? A V–Dem Book Conference (Rome, *2017*).

Memberships: American Political Science Association; Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies; European Political Science Association; International Political Science Association; Midwest Political Science Association; Southern Political Science Association.

References

Scott Gehlbach; Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison; gehlbach@polisci.wisc.edu.

Yoshiko Herrera; Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison; yherrera@wisc.edu.

Staffan Lindberg; Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg; staffan.i.lindberg@pol.gu.se.

Daniel Pemstein; Assistant Professor, Department of Criminal Justice and Political Science, North Dakota State University; daniel.pemstein@ndsu.edu.

Alexander Tahk; Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison; atahk@wisc.edu.

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