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Professional positions

National Research University Higher School of Economics

Docent (Assistant Professor), School of Political Science, 2019-present.

Research Fellow, International Center for the Study of Institutions and Development, 2019-present.

University of Gothenburg

Docent (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

Degree programs

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.

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

“War and democratization in the ‘Long 19th Century:’ Introducing the Historical Varieties of Democracy Dataset.” With Carl Henrik Knutsen, Jan Teorell, Tore Wig, et al. 2019. *Journal of Peace Research*. 56(3):440-451.

- “IRT models for expert-coded panel data.” With Daniel Pemstein. 2018. *Political Analysis*. 26(4):431-456.
- “Identity, social mobility and ethnic mobilization: Language and the disintegration of the Soviet Union.” 2018. *Comparative Political Studies*. 51(7):831-867.
- “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](#)
- “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 M. 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

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.

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 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. 2019. V–Dem Working Paper 21.
- “V–Dem Methodology.” v5 (2015), v6 (2016), v7 (2017), v8 (2018), v9 (2019). With Michael Coppedge, John Gerring, Carl Henrik Knutsen, Staffan I. Lindberg, Jan Teorell, et al. Varieties of Democracy (V–Dem) Project.
- “V–Dem Codebook.” v7 (2017), v8 (2018), v9 (2019). With Michael Coppedge, John Gerring, Carl Henrik Knutsen, Staffan I. Lindberg, Jan Teorell, et al. Varieties of Democracy (V–Dem) Project.

Commentary

- “The V–Dem method for aggregating expert-coded data.” 2018. With Laura Maxwell and Anna Lührmann. V–Dem Policy Brief 17.
- “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.

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-Dem Dataset.” v5 (2015), v6 (2016), v7 (2017), v8 (2018), v9 (2019). With Michael Coppedge, John Gerring, Carl Henrik Knutsen, Staffan I. Lindberg, Jan Teorell, et al. Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Project. *2016 APSA Comparative Politics Lijphart/Przeworski/Verba Dataset Award*.

“Inductive Democracy.” (2017).

Work in progress

Articles under review

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

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

“Estimating latent traits from expert surveys: An analysis of sensitivity to data generating process.” With Daniel Pemstein.

“How and how much does expert error matter in expert-coded data? Implications for quantitative peace research.”

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

Articles in progress

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

“When and why is language salient for separatism? Evidence from Russian republics.”

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

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

“Measuring case-level variation in expert reliability.”

“Separatism as a multidimensional concept.”

“Measuring language death, stabilization and resurrection in the former Soviet Union.”

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

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

Book project

Center-periphery linguistic dynamics and separatism.

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.

Courses taught

National Research University Higher School of Economics

Applied Bayesian statistics. Fall 2019.

University of Gothenburg

Applied Bayesian statistics. Spring 2016.

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

University of Wisconsin–Madison (as teaching assistant)

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.

Pedagogical training

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

Administrative and other relevant experience

V–Dem Project

Project Manager, 2019-present.

University of Gothenburg

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

Secondary grader, IAGG MA theses; February and May 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

Governance and Local Development Program, 2018.

Deutsche Gemeinschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), 2017.

Invited talks

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.

Higher School of Economics; 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; Panelist: 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019.

Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention

Discussant: 2018; Panelist: 2014, 2018.

Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies/International Association for the Humanities Summer Convention

Panelist: 2016.

Association for the Study of Nationalities World Convention

Chair: 2015; Discussant: 2016, 2018; 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.
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.
V–Dem Annual Conference
Chair: 2016, 2018, 2019; Panelist: 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019.

Workshops

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.

Other professional activities

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

Reviewer: *British Journal of Political Science* (x2), *Comparative Political Studies* (x3), *Demokratizatsiya*, *Europe-Asia Studies*, *International Journal of Conflict and Violence*, *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, *International Organization*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Soviet and Post-Soviet Politics and Society*, *Nations and Nationalism* (x2), *Perspectives on Politics*, *Post-Soviet Affairs* (x2), *Problems of Post-Communism*, *Social Science Quarterly* (x2).

Memberships: American Political Science Association; Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies; Association for the Study of Nationalities; European Political Science Association; Southern Political Science Association.

References

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

Adam Glynn; Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Emory University; adam.glynn@emory.edu.

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

Carl Henrik Knutsen; Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Oslo; c.h.knutsen@stv.uio.no.

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

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

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