

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Personal Information

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## Education & Academic Degrees

**09.2015 – 06.2020**      **Central European University**, Budapest, Hungary  
PhD in Political Science

**09.2013 – 06.2014**      **Central European University**, Budapest, Hungary  
MA in Political Science

**09.2009 – 06.2011**      **Altai State University**, Barnaul, Russia  
MA in Economics

**09.2004 – 06.2009**      **Altai State University**, Barnaul, Russia  
Specialist Degree in International Relations

## Academic Employment

**08.2025 – present**      **Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies**,  
Regensburg, Germany  
Postdoctoral Research Associate

**03.2024 – 02.2025**      **King's College London**, London, UK  
Research Associate

**11.2020 – 02.2024**      **University of Bremen**, Bremen, Germany  
Postdoctoral researcher

## Visiting & Associate Fellowships

**07.2023 – present**      **Institute for Advanced Studies**, Delmenhorst, Germany  
Associate Junior Fellow

**02.2025 – 08.2025**      **University of Bremen**, Bremen, Germany  
Visiting Researcher

**06.2023 – 07.2023**      **University of Bern**, Bern, Switzerland  
Visiting Researcher

**05.2019 – 06.2019**      **Higher School of Economics**, Moscow, Russia  
Visiting Researcher

**02.2019**      **Bank of Finland Institute for Economies in Transition**, Helsinki, Finland  
Visiting Researcher

**09.2018 – 11.2018**      **Wilfrid Laurier University**, Waterloo, Canada  
Visiting Researcher

## Awards & Fellowships

- 2018** Award for Advanced Doctoral Students at Central European University
- 2017** Global Teaching Fellowship at Central European University

## Publications

### Guest editor of the special issue

1. The Regional Dimension of Russia's Resilience during Its War against Ukraine, **Post-Soviet Affairs**, 2024, 40(4), with Irina Busygina

### Publications in peer-reviewed journals

1. Control vs Electoral Performance: Why Personalist Rulers Choose Local Governors, **Publius: The Journal of Federalism**, 2025, *online first*
2. The Regional Dimension of Russia's Resilience during Its War against Ukraine: An Introduction, **Post-Soviet Affairs**, 2024, 40(4): 243–249 (with Irina Busygina)
3. Elite Cohesion and Resilience of the Russian Regions: The Case of Belgorod Oblast, **Post-Soviet Affairs**, 2024, 40(4): 296–312
4. Assessing Socialist Past and Socio-Demographic Present. The Composition of Political Elites in Central and Eastern Europe from 1990 to 2020, **Communist and Post-Communist Studies**, 2024, 57(4): 194–207 (with Heiko Pleines, Charlotta Cordes, Mareike zum Felde, Michael Rochlitz, and Esther Somfalvy)
5. Intergovernmental Bargaining in Multilevel Autocracies: The Case of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia, **Territory, Politics, Governance**, 2024, 12(5): 672–689
6. Ready to Protest? Explaining Protest Potential in Russian Regional Capitals, **Regional & Federal Studies**, 2024, 34(4): 499–520 (with Irina Busygina)
7. What Drives the Success and Failure of Climate Change Adaptation Projects? A Qualitative Comparative Analysis. **Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies for Global Change**, 2024, 29(8), 1-27 (with Grazia Pacillo, Nam Nguyen, Romina Cavatassi, Margarita Astralaga, and Peter Läderach)
8. No Limit on Terms Served? Explaining the Tenure of Incumbent Governors in Russia during Medvedev's Presidency, **Communist and Post-Communist Studies**, 2023, 56(2): 81–104
9. Environmental Politics in Authoritarian Regimes: Waste Management in the Russian Regions, **Russian Politics**, 2023, 8(3): 305-330 (with Olga Masyutina and Grigory Yakovlev)
10. Approaches to Qualitative Comparative Analysis and Good Practices: A Systematic Review, **Swiss Political Science Review**, 2022, 28(3): 557-580 (with Jörn Ege and Eva Thomann)
11. A Treaty for the Rich and Politically Loyal? Explaining the Bilateral Center-Region Treaties in Post- Soviet Russia, **Russian Politics**, 2021, 6(2): 185-209
12. Perspectives: Gubernatorial Turnover in the Russian Regions, 2005-2012, **Demokratizatsiya: The Journal of Post-Soviet Democratization**, 2018, 26(3): 427-33

## Work in progress

1. Center-Periphery Relations and Regional Politics, **chapter for *The Routledge Handbook of East European Politics submitted to the editors***
2. Crisis Politics: How Russian Governors Manage Local Elites **under review**
3. When Names Win Votes: Understanding the (In)effectiveness of Clone Candidates (with Stas Gorelik), **manuscript in preparation**
4. Explaining the Emergence of Pre-electoral Coalitions in Authoritarian Regimes (with Simon Plam), **manuscript in preparation**

## Datasets

1. Dataset of Clone Candidates in Ukrainian Parliamentary Elections, 2024 (with Stas Gorelik), v. 1.2, Discuss Data, <https://doi.org/10.48320/EFCBBF09-D19E-45BC-A6FD-C0BE7D2E1CA4>
2. Characteristics of Political Elites: Long-term Trends in Post-Socialist Central and Eastern Europe, 2022 (with Oksana Chorna, Charlotta Cordes, Mareike zum Felde, Friederike Jahn, Kateřina Kňapová, Daniel Kovarek, Heiko Pleines, Michael Rochlitz, Esther Somfalvy and David Swierzy), v. 1.2, Discuss Data, <https://doi.org/10.48320/F0A8C6A1-7757-4587-9000-8063F33A0D8E>

## Invited contributions & other writings

1. Korruption und Elitennetzwerke in Russlands Grenzregionen während des Krieges, **Russland-Analysen**, 2026, 475: 7–8, <https://laender-analysen.de/russland-analysen/475/korruption-elite-netzwerk-russlands-krieg/>
2. Gubernatorial Tenure, Turnover, and Succession in Russia, **Blog of the Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia**, October 12, 2023, available at <https://jordanrussiacycenter.org/blog/gubernatorial-tenure-turnover-and-succession-in-russia>
3. Media Review: Qualitative Comparative Analysis Using R: A Beginner's Guide, **Journal of Mixed Methods Research**, 2023, 17(1): 118–120, <https://doi.org/10.1177/15586898221115290> (Open Access)
4. Ready to Protest? Calculating Protest Potential in Russian Regional Capitals, **PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo**, 2022, No 779 (with Irina Busygina), <https://www.ponarseurasia.org/ready-to-protest-calculating-protest-potential-in-russian-regional-capitals/>
5. Das Verhältnis zwischen dem Zentrum und den Regionen in der Rhetorik des Russischen Präsidenten und der Staatsduma, **Russland-Analysen**, 2022, 413: 7–10, <https://www.bpb.de/themen/europa/russland-analysen/nr-413/346770/kommentar-das-verhaeltnis-zwischen-dem-zentrum-und-den-regionen-in-der-rhetorik-des-russischen-praesidenten-und-der-staatsduma/>
6. Die Politische Ökonomie Der Abfallwirtschaft in Russland, **Russland-Analysen**, 2022, 421: 23–26 (with Olga Masyutina), <https://doi.org/10.31205/RA.421.03>
7. The Political Economy of Waste Management in Russia, **Russian Analytical Digest**, 2022, 285: 13-15 (with Olga Masyutina), [https://css.ethz.ch/en/publications/rad/rad-all-issues/details.html?id=/n/o/2/8/no\\_285\\_economic\\_dysfunctionalities](https://css.ethz.ch/en/publications/rad/rad-all-issues/details.html?id=/n/o/2/8/no_285_economic_dysfunctionalities)

## Book reviews

1. Non-democratic Federalism and Decentralization in Post-Soviet States, by Irina Busygina and Mikhail Filippov, **East European Politics**, 2024, ahead-of-print

2. Federalism in China and Russia, by Alexander Libman and Michael Rochlitz, **Europe and Asia Studies**, 2020, 72(10): 1770-1771
3. Putin's Russia: How It Rose, How It Is Maintained, and How It Might End, edited by Leon Aron, **Democratization**, 2017, 24(1): 186-188
4. Authoritarian Russia: Analyzing Post-Soviet Regime Changes, by Vladimir Gel'man, **East European Politics**, 2016, 32(2): 286-288
5. The Political Economy of Putin's Russia, by Pekka Sutela, **Society and Economy in Central and Eastern Europe**, 2014, 36(3): 435-437

## Teaching (instructor)

**University of Bremen**, Germany  
Faculty of Business Studies and Economics  
2020 – 2024

Empirical Social Sciences: Asking and Answering Questions with Data (seminar, Master, in person)  
Introduction to Qualitative Comparative Analysis in R (seminar, Master, in person)  
Qualitative Methods for Economists (seminar, Bachelor, in person)  
The Political Economy of Post-Soviet Authoritarianism (seminar, Master, in person)  
Concepts and Methods in the Political Economy (seminar, Bachelor, in person)  
The Political Economy of Authoritarianism (seminar, Master, on-line)

**Higher School of Economics**, Saint Petersburg, Russia  
Department of Political Science and International Affairs  
2020 – 2021, 2017

Research seminar: Process Tracing (seminar, Bachelor, on-line)  
The Political Economy of Transition (seminar, Bachelor, in person)  
Research Seminar (seminar, Master, in person, in Russian)  
Categories of Political Science (seminar, Bachelor, in person)

**Tampere University**, Finland  
Faculty of Social Sciences  
2022, 2023

One-day method workshop Introduction to Qualitative Comparative Analysis (PhD, on-line)

## Teaching (teaching assistant)

**European Consortium for Political Research Summer School**, Budapest, Hungary  
2018, 2019, 2020

Qualitative Comparative Analysis  
Carsten Q. Schneider, Nena Oana (PhD, on-line)  
Case Study Research: Method and Practice  
Ingo Rohlfing (PhD, in person)  
Qualitative Comparative Analysis and Fuzzy Sets  
Carsten Q. Schneider, Nena Oana (PhD, in person)

<b>European Consortium for Political Research Winter School</b> , Bamberg, Germany 2019	Advanced Topics in Set-Theoretic Methods and Qualitative Comparative Analysis Carsten Q. Schneider (PhD, in person)
<b>Central European University</b> , Hungary Department of Political Science 2016	Comparative Case Study Research Carsten Q. Schneider (seminar, Master, in person) Concepts in Political Economy Attila Fölsz (seminar, Master, in person)

### Organization of workshops

<b>2026</b>	Co-organizer of the Annual Conference “ <b>From Contested Pasts to (In)Secure Futures: Politics in East and Southeast Europe</b> ” at the <i>Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies</i>
<b>2024</b>	Organizer of the workshop “ <b>The Regional Dimension of Russia’s Resilience during Its War against Ukraine</b> ” at the Institute for Advanced Studies within the framework of its Associate Junior Fellowship program
<b>2024</b>	Co-organizer of the workshop “ <b>The Regional Dimension of Ukraine’s Resilience and Its Post-War Reconstruction</b> ” at the Institute for Advanced Studies within the framework of its Associate Junior Fellowship program
<b>2019</b>	Co-organizer of the workshop “ <b>Qualitative Comparative Analysis in Applied Political Science</b> ” at Central European University
<b>2017</b>	Co-organizer of the <b>Political Economy Research Group 10th anniversary workshop</b> at Central European University

### Presentations at conferences and workshops

<b>2026</b>	<b>The Great Adaptation: Eurasian and East European Societies and Global Disorder</b> , Centre for East European and International Studies (ZOIS), Berlin, Germany
<b>2024</b>	<b>56th Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES)</b> , Boston, USA
<b>2023</b>	New Advances in the Political Economy of Development in Eurasia, <b>Nazarbayev University</b> , Astana, Kazakhstan
<b>2022</b>	The Political Economy of Development, <b>Harriman Institute, Columbia University Global Center</b> , Istanbul, Turkey
<b>2022</b>	Elections after 2022: The Short and Long-Term Impact of the Russian Invasion of Ukraine, <b>Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki</b> , Finland
<b>2022</b>	The Future of Social Research in and on Russia and Ukraine, <b>Institute for Advanced Study</b> , Delmenhorst, Germany
<b>2022</b>	26th Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, <b>Harriman Institute, Columbia University</b> ( <i>on-line</i> )

- 2022 Annual Conference of the British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies, **Cambridge University** (*on-line*)
- 2022 PONARS Eurasia Spring Conference, **Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, George Washington University** (*on-line*)
- 2021 International Qualitative Comparative Analysis Paper Development Workshop, **ETH Zurich** (*on-line*)
- 2021 Conference on Inequality and Diversity, **Saint Petersburg Higher School of Economics** (*on-line*)
- 2021 Emerging Topics in Russian and Eurasian Studies, **Harriman Institute, Columbia University** (*on-line*)
- 2021 Electoral Integrity and Malpractice in Russia and Beyond: New Challenges and Responses, **Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki** (*on-line*)
- 2020 2020 Stanford-Berkeley Conference “Russia and Europe after 1989” **Stanford University**, Stanford, USA (*cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic*)
- 2019 The Austrian Political Science Association Graduate Conference, **Institute for Advanced Studies**, Vienna, Austria
- 2019 Beyond Hybridity: New Concepts for Making Sense of Russia’s Regime and International Politics, **Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki**
- 2019 8th Annual ICSID Conference “The Political Economy of Redistribution and Institutional Change, **Higher School of Economics**, Moscow, Russia
- 2019 Annual Doctoral Conference, **Central European University**, Budapest, Hungary
- 2018 The Second Ghent Russia Colloquium, **Ghent University**, Belgium
- 2018 ECPR General Conference, **Hamburg University**, Germany
- 2018 7th Annual ICSID Conference “Political Economy of Development: Historical and Contemporary Factors, **Higher School of Economics**, Moscow, Russia
- 2018 Graduate Network Conference, **Humboldt University**, Berlin, Germany
- 2017 Second Annual Tartu Conference on Russian and East European Studies, **University of Tartu**, Estonia

### Research Methods Training

**Global School of Empirical Research Methods**, St Gallen, Switzerland  
2023

Network Analysis: Statistical Analysis of Social Network Data

**European Consortium for Political Research Summer School**, on-line  
2021, 2020

Applied Regression Analysis: Estimation, Diagnostics, and Modelling  
Panel Data Analysis  
Qualitative Data Analysis

**European Consortium for Political Research Winter School**, on-line & Bamberg, Germany  
2021, 2020

Python Programming for Social Scientists  
Introduction to Applied Social Network Analysis

**The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research**, Syracuse, USA  
2019

The Logic of Qualitative Research  
Network Analysis  
Geographic Information Systems  
Computer Assisted Text Analysis

**European Consortium for Political Research Summer School**, Budapest, Hungary  
2017, 2016

Process Tracing Methodology: Evidence and Empirical Testing  
Case Study Research: Method and Practice

## Other experience

**2023 – present**

**Data curator** for the [Discuss Data](#) Repository

**2025 – present**

**Co-initiator** of the [postdoc network](#) “Studies on Conflicts and Authoritarianism” at the University of Bremen

**2022 - 2025**

**Co-initiator** of the postdoc network “Rethinking Ukrainian Studies: Understanding the Country through Ukrainian Voices” at the University of Bremen

**2019**

**Consultant** in Qualitative Comparative Analysis used for [the Mid-Term Review of the Adaption for Smallholder Agriculture Programme](#), International Fund for Agricultural Development

**2018**

**Participant** of the [Winter School on Federalism and Governance](#), Innsbruck & Bolzano

**2016 – 2017**

**Student chair** of the [Political Economy Research Group](#) at Central European University

**2016, 2017**

**Student assistant** at the European Consortium for Political Research Summer School, Budapest

**2014 – 2017**

**Archival assistant** at [Vera and Donald Blinken Open Society Archives](#), Budapest

**2015**

**Participant** of the [Russian Summer School on Institutional Analysis](#), Moscow

**2013 – 2014**

**Student representative** of the Department of Political Science at Central European University

## Languages

Russian (native), English (fluent), German (intermediate), Hungarian (basic), Greek (basic)

## Software skills

R, LaTeX, NVivo, Python, Gephi

## **Reviewer for the journals**

*Swiss Political Science Review*  
*Comparative Politics*  
*Publius: The Journal of Federalism*  
*Territory, Politics, Governance*  
*Nationalities Papers*  
*Quality and Quantity*  
*East European Politics*  
*Post-Soviet Affairs*  
*Communist and Post-Communist Studies*

## **References**

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Oxford School of Global and Area Studies and St Antony College  
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