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Appointments

Department of Political Science, Vanderbilt University

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Nashville, TN, US

08/16/2023 - PRESENT

Institutions and Political Inequality Unit, Berlin Social Science Center (WZB)

WZB FELLOW

Berlin, Germany

08/16/2023 - PRESENT

Institutions and Political Inequality Unit, Berlin Social Science Center (WZB)

RESEARCH FELLOW

Berlin, Germany

11/01/2020 - 08/15/2023

Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, Columbia University

RESEARCH STAFF ASSISTANT

New York, USA

10/18/2021 - 08/15/2023

International Center for the Study of Institutions and Development, HSE University

RESEARCH FELLOW

Moscow, Russia

07/13/2020 - 12/31/2022

Education

Political Science Department, Columbia University

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

MASTER OF ARTS

MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY

New York, NY, US

Oct. 2017 - May 2022

Sep. 2014 - Oct. 2016

Sep. 2014 - Oct. 2017

LAAISC (CInSt), HSE University

CANDIDATE OF SCIENCES (PHD EQUIVALENT)

Moscow, Russia

Nov. 2011 - Nov. 2014

Department of Economics, HSE University

MASTER OF ECONOMICS

BACHELOR OF ECONOMICS

Moscow, Russia

Sep. 2009 - Jul. 2011

Sep. 2005 - Jul. 2009

Research

ARTICLES

Decentralization and Ideology

A. WILKE, G. SYUNYAEV, M. TING

Pol. Sci. Res. & Meth.

pp. 1-9, 2025

COVID-19 Vaccine Acceptance and Hesitancy in Low- and Middle-Income Countries

J.S. SOLÍS ARCE, S.S. WARREN, N.F. MERIGGI, A. SCACCO, N. MCMURRY, M. VOORS, G. SYUNYAEV, A.A. MALIK, S.

ABOUTAJDINE, AND OTHERS

Nature Medicine

Vol. 27, pp. 1385-1394, 2021

Ruling Elites' Rotation and Asset Ownership: Implications for Property Rights

L. POLISHCHUK, G. SYUNYAEV

Public Choice

Vol. 162(1), pp. 159-182, 2015

How (not) to Measure Russian Regional Institutions

L. POLISHCHUK, A. BARANOV, E. MALKOV, M. ROCHLITZ, G. SYUNYAEV

Russian Journal of Economics

Vol. 1(2), pp. 154-181, 2015

Investment Climate and Turnover of Power in Russian Regions

G. SYUNYAEV, L. POLISHCHUK

Voprosy Ekonomiki (in Russian)

Vol. 2, pp. 88-117, 2014

Property Rights without Democracy: The Role of Elites' Rotation and Asset Ownership

L. POLISHCHUK, G. SYUNYAEV (In C. Dahlstrom et al., eds., 2015)

Book Chapter

2015

WORKING PAPERS

Does Foreign Policy Rhetoric Shape Refugee Integration?	<i>Under review</i>
H. HILBIG, F. SICHART, G. SYUNYAEV	2025
Making, Updating, and Querying Causal Models using CausalQueries	<i>Under review</i>
T. TIETZ, L. MEDINA, G. SYUNYAEV, M. HUMPHREYS	2024
Learning about Bias: An Experiment on News Consumption in Russia	<i>Under review</i>
A. SHIRIKOV, G. SYUNYAEV	
Is Propaganda Effective? Evidence on Framing of Responsibility by State-Owned Media in Russia	<i>Draft</i>
G. SYUNYAEV	2024

WORK IN PROGRESS

Meta-Analysis of Hard-to-Reach Population Studies	<i>Data analysis</i>
G. SYUNYAEV, M. HUMPHREYS	
The Effects of Internet Access on Political Opinions and Behavior	<i>Data analysis</i>
A. WILKE, G. SYUNYAEV, B. LAUGHLIN, K. MALINDI	
Meta-Analysis of Effects of Propaganda	<i>Data collection</i>
L. YAO, G. SYUNYAEV	

Software

hiddenmeta	[R] package for diagnosis and meta-analysis of studies that measure size and prevalence of hard-to-reach populations). (Creator and maintainer)
DeclareDesign	[R] package to aid researchers in characterizing and diagnosing research designs (Blair et al. 2016). (Research Assistant during Summer 2016)
CausalQueries	[R] package for Bayesian Integration of Qualitative and Quantitative Research (Humphreys, Jacobs 2015). (Research Assistant during Fall 2016)

Grants & Awards

2020	Summer Dissertation Writing Grant , ASEES	<i>New York, NY</i>
2020	Ph.D. Research Grant (with Anton Shirikov) , Harriman Institute/Carnegie Corporation	<i>New York, NY</i>
2019	Russian Study Research Grant , Harriman Institute, Columbia University	<i>New York, NY</i>
2018–2019	Dissertation Fellowship , Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University	<i>New York, NY</i>
2018	Russian Study Research Grant , Harriman Institute, Columbia University	<i>New York, NY</i>
2017–2018	Research Transparency and Reproducibility Fellowship , J-PAL, MIT	<i>Cambridge, MA</i>
2017	Governance Initiative Travel Grant (with Anna Wilke and Thomas Leavitt) , J-PAL, MIT	<i>Cambridge, MA</i>
2017	Dissertation Development Grant , Department of Political Science, Columbia University	<i>New York, NY</i>
2016,2017	Travel Grant , Department of Political Science, Columbia University	<i>New York, NY</i>
2014	Dean’s Fellowship , Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University	<i>New York, NY</i>
2013	Research Grant of the Department of Economics , NRU HSE	<i>Moscow, Russia</i>
2011	Research Grant of the Department of Economics (with Leonid Polishchuk) , NRU HSE	<i>Moscow, Russia</i>
2010–2014	Travel Grants of NRU HSE for Participation in 5 Academic Conferences , NRU HSE	<i>Moscow, Russia</i>

Teaching

Statistics for Political Research II	<i>Nashville, TN, US</i>
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY	<i>Spring 2025</i>
Eastern European Politics/Post-Soviet Politics of Russia and Ukraine	<i>Nashville, TN, US</i>
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY	<i>Spring 2024/25</i>
Conducting Political Research	<i>Nashville, TN, US</i>
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY	<i>Fall 2023/24</i>

Experimental Research

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

New York, NY, US

Fall 2019/Fall 2020

Chinese Foreign Policy

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

New York, NY, US

Spring 2017

Design and Analysis of Sample Surveys

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

New York, NY, US

Spring 2016

Economics of Reform

FACULTY OF ECONOMIC SCIENCES, HSE UNIVERSITY

Moscow, Russia

Fall 2011, Fall 2013

Institutional Economics I

FACULTY OF ECONOMIC SCIENCES, HSE UNIVERSITY

Moscow, Russia

Spring 2012

New Political Economy

FACULTY OF ECONOMIC SCIENCES, HSE UNIVERSITY

Moscow, Russia

Fall 2012