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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Law and Society, State-Building, Political Regimes, Transitional Justice, Human Rights, Conflict and Political Violence, Qualitative Methods, Ethnography, post-Soviet politics, Russia, Caucasus

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor Department of Political Science, Yale	2020-
Academy Scholar Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies	2019-2020
Assistant Professor Department of Political Science, University of Toronto	2018-2019
Pre-doc Fellow Order, Conflict, and Violence Program, Yale	2016-2017

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science (with distinction) Columbia University	2012-2018
M.Phil. in Political Science Columbia University	2015
Diploma in Political Science (with distinction) St. Petersburg State University	2006-2011

PUBLICATIONS

Book:

State-Building as Lawfare: Custom, Sharia, and State Law in Postwar Chechnya (Cambridge Studies in Comparative Politics). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2023.

- Wayne S. Vucinich Book Prize, 2024, ASEES, for the most important contribution to Russian, Eurasian, and East European studies in any discipline of the humanities or social sciences
- Gaddis Smith International Book Prize, 2024, MacMillan Center, for best first book by a Yale ladder faculty member
- Honorable Mention for Davis Center Book Prize, 2024, ASEES, for an outstanding monograph published on Russia, Eurasia, or Eastern Europe in anthropology, political science, sociology, or geography
- Honorable mention for Gregory Luebbert Prize, APSA, Comparative Politics Section, 2024

Symposium in *Nationalities Papers*: [Lisa Blaydes](#), [Anastasia Shesterinina](#), [Dan Slater](#), [response](#)

Reviews: [Foreign Affairs](#); [Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding](#); [Social Anthropology](#), [Europe-Asia Studies](#), [Slavic Review](#), [Politics and Religion](#)

Podcasts: [Governance Uncovered](#); [New Books Network](#), [Scope Conditions](#)

Articles:

[Imperial Legal Politics After the Age of Empires: How the Russian Judiciary Adjudicates Commercial Disputes in Crimea.](#) With Dmitriy Skougarevskiy. Forthcoming, *Perspectives on Politics*.

[Laws in Conflict: Legacies of War, Gender, and Legal Pluralism in Chechnya.](#) *World Politics*, 2019, Vol 71(4), 667-709

[Brother or Burden: An Experiment on Reducing Prejudice towards Syrian Refugees in Turkey.](#) *Political Science Research and Methods*, volume 5, issue 2, pp. 201-209 (with Kunaal Sharma)

[The Economic Consequences of Political Alienation: Ethnic Minority Status and Investment Behavior in a Post-Conflict Society](#) (With Vera Mironova) *World Development*, Volume 106, June 2018, Pages 27-39

[Trial By Fire: A Natural Disaster's Impact on Attitudes toward the Government in Rural Russia.](#) *World Politics*, volume 66, issue 04, pp. 641-668 (with Anton Sobolev, Irina Soboleva and Boris Sokolov)

Work in Progress:

Regime's Advocates: Political Change, Legal Continuity in Post-Soviet Spaces (book project in progress)

Analytical Bridges vs. Scope Conditions: Generalizations from Immersive Fieldwork. Accepted for publication in *Rethinking Generalization* ed. Erica Simmons and Nicholas Rush Smith.

GRANTS

Edward J. and Dorothy Clarke Kempf Memorial Fund, MacMillan Center 2022, 2024	15,000 USD
Junior Faculty Research Grant, MacMillan Center, 2022	18,000 USD
The Frederick Hilles Publication Fund Grant, 2022	7,000 USD
Carnegie Corporation/Harriman Institute research grant, 2019	10,000 USD

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

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(2019) Law & Society Association Best Dissertation Award

(2018) APSA Best Dissertation Fieldwork

(2018) APSA Women and Politics Research Section's Best Paper

(2017) APSA Religion and Politics Section's Wald's Prize

(2016) United States Institute of Peace Jennings Randolph Peace Scholar

(2013) Winner of the 2013 Giancarlo Doria Prize for the best paper for PhD students at Columbia University

INVITED TALKS

Columbia Comparative Politics Workshop 2024
Stanford CREES, 2024
Northwestern University, Comparative Politics Proseminar 2023
Princeton Comparative Politics Workshop, 2023
NYU Comparative Politics Workshop, 2021
UCLA, Theory and Research in Comparative Social Analysis, 2021
Berkeley Center for Law and Society Seminar 2021
Berkeley Comparative Politics Seminar 2021
Oxford University, International Relations Colloquium 2019
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Comparative Politics Workshop 2019

TEACHING

Law and Political Development Undergraduate Lecture	Fall 2024
Law and Society in Comparative Perspective Advanced Grad Undergrad Seminar, Yale	Fall 2023 Fall 2021 Fall 2020
Qualitative Field Research Graduate Seminar, Yale	Spring 2024 Spring 2022 Spring 2021
Russian Politics and Society Undergraduate Lecture, Yale	Spring 2022 Spring 2021
Ethnic Mobilization and Conflict Undergraduate Lectures, University of Toronto	Fall 2018
The (Un)Rule of Law in Comparative Perspective Graduate Seminar, University of Toronto	Spring 2019

ADVISING

Graduate Students:

Mayesha Alam, lecturer at SAIS John Hopkins (defended 2021)
Dipin Kaur, assistant professor at Ashoka University (defended 2022)
Danny Hirschel-Burns, lecturer St. Andrews (defended 2023)
Chetana Sabnis (6th year)
Jessica Hickie (4th year)
Kim Moxley (4th year)
Isabelle Aboaf (4th year)
Carolina Marques de Mesquita (4th year)
Anna Yorozya (4th year)
Yulia Kuzmina (4th year)

Undergraduate Thesis Advisor:

Paola Flores Sanchez (political science and economics 2025)
Christina Logvynyuk (Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies 2025)
Julia Levi (EP&E 2023)
Catherine Zou (EP&E 2022)
Aakshi Chaba (EP&E 2021)

SERVICE

Comparative Politics Workshop, Faculty Organizer, Yale	Spring 2026 Fall 2023 Spring 2024 Spring 2021
Political Violence and Its Legacies Seminar Faculty Organizer, Yale	Fall 2025 Fall 2023 Spring 2024 Fall 2022
Workshop “Political Ethnography of State and Society in Post-Soviet Contexts in the Shadow of the Russian Invasion of Ukraine.” Faculty Organizer, Yale	December 2022
Graduate Students Admissions Committee, Yale	2024, 2022
Qualitative and Archival Research Methods Coordinator, Yale	2023/2024
Comparative Politics Field Exam Coordinator	2025/2026 2023/2024
APSA Best Fieldwork Research Committee Chair	2020
APSA Interpretive Methods and Methodologies Best Article Award Committee Member	2025