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Position

PostDoc Researcher
Department of Psychology

RPTU Kaiserslautern-Landau, Germany
April 2026 - currently

Research interests

Political and science communication, authoritarian responsiveness, computational and quantitative methods

Peer-reviewed publications

- 1 What drives affective polarization? A systematic literature review, *European Political Science*, <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1682098326100642>, with Manuel Kogel
- 2 News Under Pressure? Science Politicization of Mainstream Media in Times of Crisis and Uncertainty, *Political Research Exchange*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/2474736X.2026.2682400> with Berend Barkela
- 3 Grievance Forums in Autocracies: Surrogates for Protest or Instruments of Control? *The British Journal of Politics and International Relations*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/13691481261447631> solo-authored paper
- 4 Evidence in the Service of Dissent: Strategic Communication of Science by German Corona-Protest Movements, *Journal of Science Communication*. <https://doi.org/10.22323/225220251221034603>, with Lukas Fock and Berend Barkela
- 5 Authoritarian responsiveness online: social media strategy of Russian regional governance centers, *Policy Studies*, 2024, 46(5), 653-675. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01442872.2024.2376082>
- 6 Political discussions in online oppositional communities in the non-democratic context, *Computational Communication Research*, 2023, 5(1). <https://doi.org/10.5117/CCR2023.1.7.ZINN>
- 7 Navalny's direct-casting: Affective attunement and polarization in the online community of the most vocal Russian politician, *First Monday*, 28(10), <https://doi.org/10.5210/fm.v28i10.12882>
- 8 #iononmiingnocchio: Sports Politicisation in the Italian Twitter Space. Text Data Analysis of the Italian Public Opinion, *Comunicazione politica, Quadrimestrale dell'Associazione Italiana di Comunicazione Politica*, 2/2022, pp. 185-206, doi: 10.3270/104848, with Andrea Marchesi and Riccardo Nanni

Datasets

- 1 Russian military bloggers: Corpus and dataset of collected posts, 2022–2023, *Data in Brief*. doi:10.1016/j.dib.2025.112015 (with Marco Albertini and Giampiero Giacomello)
- 2 Italy 2022 Candidate Dataset, *Digital Society Project*, dataset. digitalsocietyproject.org/candidate-data/ (with Augusto Valeriani, Diego Ceccobelli, Valeriya Mechkova, Daniel Pemstein, Brigitte Seim, and Steven Wilson)

Education

PhD program in Political and Social Sciences
Department of Political and Social Sciences

University of Bologna, Italy
November 2019 - January 2024

Department of Governance, Chair of Digital Governance
Visiting PhD Student

January 2023 - June 2023
Technical University of Munich, Germany

Graduate School in Political Science*Department of Political Science**Specialization: Political institutions, processes and technologies**Kazan Federal University, Russia**September 2014 - September 2017***Erasmus internship***School of Political Science at Forlì campus**University of Bologna, Italy**September 2016 - March 2017***Specialist degree in Political Science***Department of Political Science**Russian Regional Governor's in 2005-2012: Career Trajectories**Kazan Federal University, Russia**2009 - 2014****Professional academic experience***

RPTU Kaiserslautern-Landau*PostDoc researcher at the project StraKoSim¹**December 2023 - April 2026***Summer Institute in Computational Social Science***Co-organizer with Simon Luck and Paride Carrara**June 2024**University of Bologna, Italy***Computational Social Science Center***Research Fellow**February 2022 - currently**University of Bologna, Italy***Digital Society Project***Data Analyst**September 2022 - May 2023**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA***Summer Institute in Computational Social Science***Teaching Assistant**June 2022**University of Bologna, Italy****Additional training***

KODAQS Academy Data Quality Certificate Program*Competence Center for Data Quality in the Social Sciences, GESIS, LMU, Uni Mannheim**November 2024 - June 2025***Building HPC-Compliant Snakemake Data Analysis Workflows***TU Dresden**February 2025***Experimental Political Science: Research Design and Application***ECPR Summer School in Research Methods and Techniques**July-August 2023***Summer School in Safety and Ethics for Researchers in Social Sciences***University of Bologna**June 2022***Computational Social Science Methods***Summer Institute in Computational Social Science, Bologna**June-July 2021*

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Statistics of Causal Inference
ECPR Virtual Methods School

March 2021

Quantitative Text Analysis
ECPR Virtual Methods School

August 2020

Conferences

ECPR	2023, 2024, 2025
COMPTExT	2024, 2025, 2026
IC2S2	2023
KONVENS	2024
SISP	2024
Decrypting Digital Authoritarianism, EUI	2024
Polarization and Beyond, University of Bologna	2024
ICA Regional Conference on Eastern and Central Europe	2022

Technical skills

Programming Languages/Tools	R, Python, Git, L ^A T _E X, Gephi, HTML5/CSS, Linux, high performing cluster
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Language proficiencies

Russian	Native speaker
Tatar	Mother tongue
English	Fluent, C1 (IELTS 2019)
German	B1 (telc 2026)
Italian	Basic, A2
Arabic	Basic, A1

References

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