

Curriculum Vitae

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Educational Background

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1996 – 2000	European University at St. Petersburg / Institute of World Economy and International Relations	Department of political science and sociology	Candidate of science (June 2000)
1997	European University at St.Petersburg	Political science	MA with distinction
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Internships

August 2006, August 2008	University of Helsinki (Finland), Aleksanteri Institute.
September – October 2005	University of Genoa (Italy), Department for Political and Social Sciences.
February – March 2004	University of Bielefeld (Germany), Department for Sociology.
September 1997 - February 1998	Bundestag Internship Program, organized by Bundestag and University of Bonn (Bonn, Germany)
March-May 1996:	Diploma practice at the department of sociology of the University of Bielefeld (Germany)

February-July 1995: Exchange-student program (Tempus-TACIS), department of sociology, University of Bielefeld (Germany)

Research Experiences:

- Since 2008: coordinator of the CGES research cluster “Civil Societies in Europe and Russia” (in 2008-2013: also coordinator of the CGES research cluster “Sub-National Regionalism in Europe”)
- 2016-2018: head of the research project “Quality of Urban Space: Vectors of Civil Initiative Groups’ Development in Russia and Germany” funded by the Russian Foundation of Fundamental Research (№ 16-03-00508)
- 2014-2017: researcher at the international project “New Political Groups and the Russian State” (NEPORUS) supported by the Norwegian Research Council (NORRUS grant 228205)
- 2000-2014: researcher at the Centre for European Studies – EU Centre at the European University at St. Petersburg
- January 2009-2010: coordinator of the BONUS project “Improvement of societal conditions for the Baltic Sea protection” funded by the Russian Fund for Fundamental Research (08-06-92420-BOHYC_a)
- November 2006 – August 2008: coordinator of St. Petersburg research group at the research project 16 “Inside – Outside: New modes of governance in the EU external policies” within the framework of the NEWGOV project led by the European University Institute in Florence and funded by the EU FP6.
- January 2004 – December 2007: participant of the Tempus JEP project “Understanding European Governance in the North-Western Regions of Russia”
- January 2004 – December 2007: coordinator of St. Petersburg research group at project “Reconstitution of the North-Western political, Economic and Social Space”, in co-operation with the Juniversity of Joensuu, funded by the Academy of Finland.
- January 2006 – August 2006: researcher at the project “Youth Policy in the Regions of the Russian North-West”, in co-operation with the St. Petersburg Center “Strategy”.
- January 2005 – August 2007: academic staff member of the Tempus Joint European Project «Understanding European Governance in the Northwestern Regions of Russia»
- May 2004 – March 2005: researcher at the collective project of the Baltic Case “regional Identity under the Conditions of the EU Neighbourhood (on examples of republic of Karleia and Kaliningrad oblast)”.
- February 2003 – July 2005: researcher at the collective project “European Influence on Democratization in Russian Regions”, in co-operation with the Center for Contemporary Political Studies (Moscow) and University of Bremen, financed by Volkswagen Foundation.
- August 2003 –September 2004: researcher at the project «NGOs Participation in Solving of Soft-Security Problems in the Russian North-West», in co-operation with the St. Petersburg Center “Strategy”.
- September 2002 – December 2003: researcher at the pilot research project «North-Western Regional Identity Building and Political and Economic Integration of North-Western Subjects of Russian Federation» within the Center-Region Working Group of the Situating Russia Collaborative Research Network, sponsored by the American Council of Learned Societies/Ford Foundation-Moscow.
- May 2001 – May 2002: researcher at the interregional project “225. Women Representation in the Regional Politics”.

- Mai 2000 – Mai 2003: coordinator of the translators group at the Russian-German project “Most. Publication of the Results of the German Transformation Studies in Russian Language”, financed by the Volkswagen Foundation.
- November 1999 – April 2002: researcher at the collective research project “Reform of the Local Government System in the Russian Cities”, financed by INTAS.
- October 1998 – February 2000: Coordinator of Russian part of the Research Project “Democratization in the Eastern Europe. Local and International”, in co-operation with University of the South Stockholm.
- September 1996 – February 1997: researcher at the project “Understanding Patterns of Regional Change in Russia”, organized by Russian Regional Research Group, University of Birmingham.

Teaching Experiences:

Since 2014: Russian Academy of National Economy and Public Administration, St. Petersburg Branch, Faculty of Comparative Political Science, Courses “European Integration” and “Local and Regional Governance: European Model”.

2004-2019: St. Petersburg State University, Department of Sociology, “Studies in European Societies” MA Program (in English), Courses “EU Governance and European Constitutionalisation” and “Regionalization and Multi-Level Governance in Europe”.

2009-2014: European University at St. Petersburg, Department of Political Science and Sociology, Course “European Integration and Governance”.

2008-2013: courses on “Sociology of NGOs”, “Contemporary Problems of the European Politics” at St. Petersburg State University, Department of Sociology

February – June 2006: Smolny Institute of Liberal Arts, St. Petersburg State University, course: “Political Management”

May – June 2005, 2006: St. Petersburg branch of Higher School of Economics, Department for Sociology, course “Sociology of the Third Sector”.

February 2002 – December 2007: Petrozavodsk State University, Department of Political and Social Sciences, lectures and seminars courses “Political Regional Studies”, “Management of Public Policy Organizations”, “Modes of European Governance”.

Management Experiences:

Since 2016: Director of the German-Russian Exchange St. Petersburg

December 2015 – May 2020: Member of the Board of the EU-Russia Civil Society Forum

January 2013 – December 2015: Moderator of 12 “EU Study Weeks”, organized by the German-Russian Exchange as contractor of the Delegation of the European Union to Russia

January 2008 – April 2013: Russian Deputy Director, Scientific Manager of the Center for German and European Studies, St. Petersburg State University

January 2007 – December 2008: Team leader of 9 “EU Study Weeks”, organized by the German-Russian Exchange as contractor of the Delegation of the European Commission to Russia

September 2001 – September 2003: Research Coordinator at the DAAD Center for German and European Studies, St. Petersburg State University.

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 4. Yarovoy G., Belokurova E. Evropeiskiy Sojuz dlja regionov: chto možno i nuzhno znat rossijskiv regionam o ES [The European Union for Regions: What the Russian Regions Can and Should Know about the EU], St. Petersburg: Norma, 2012
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 7. Co-authorship: Nozhenko M., Belokurova E. Severo-Zapas Rossi: region ili reigony? [North-West Russia: a Region or Regions?], St. Petersburg: Norma, 2010.
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 12. Russian Political Science On Regional Politics: An Overview, Stockholm: Södertörns högskola, Working Paper of the Project "Democratization - Local and Transnational Perspectives", 2000.
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- for One Illusion: Making the Civil Society Work by the Federal Reform] // Neprikosnovenny zaspos, 6 (38), 2004 (<http://www.nz-online.ru/index.phtml?aid=25011248>).
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 41. Respublika Mari El [Republic Mari El], in: Regiony Rossii. Khronika i rukovoditeli, T. 8, Slavic Research Center, Hokkaido University, Sapporo, 2003, p. 23-117.
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 52. Modeli vsaimodeistvija organizatsii tretjego sektora s regionalnymi organami vlasti v Rossii [Models of Interactions between the Organizations of the Third Sector and the State Structures in the Regions of Russian Federation], Sungurov A. (ed.) Grazhdanskoje obshestvo: pervye shagi [Civil Society: the First Steps], St.Petersburg: Norma, 1999, p. 237-257.

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