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Appointments

Nova School of Business and Economics

Assistant Professor of Economics

2022—present

Education

Princeton University

Ph.D. in Economics

2022

M.A. in Economics

2018

Higher School of Economics & New Economic School

B.A. in Economics

2016

Summa Cum Laude, Best Thesis Award

Publications

3G Internet and Confidence in Government (with Sergei Guriev and Ekaterina Zhuravskaya)

Quarterly Journal of Economics, November 2021, 136 (4): 2533–2613.

Media coverage: *The Economist*, VoxEU, EBRD Transition Report 2019–2020 (p. 30–31),
World Economic Forum, *The Moscow Times*

Happiness Convergence in Transition Countries (with Sergei Guriev)

Journal of Comparative Economics, September 2018, 46 (3): 683–707.

War, Inflation, and Social Capital (with Sergei Guriev)

American Economic Review: Papers and Proceedings, May 2016, 106 (5): 230–235.

Media coverage: *The Moscow Times*, RBC (in Russian)

Book Chapters

Political Implications of the Rise of Mobile Broadband Internet [Chapter 5] (with Sergei Guriev and

Ekaterina Zhuravskaya)

In *The Political Economy of Social Media*, Eds. Filipe R. Campante, Ruben Durante, and
Andrea Tesei. CEPR Press.

Working Papers and Work in Progress

Gangs, Labor Mobility, and Development (with Carlos Schmidt-Padilla and María Micaela Sviatschi)

Conditionally accepted, Econometrica

Media coverage: The Economist, Probable Causation, VoxDev, NBER Digest

Mobile Internet and Political Polarization

Media coverage: The Boston Globe, Marginal Revolution

Gang Crackdowns and Development (with Carlos Schmidt-Padilla and María Micaela Sviatschi; work in progress)

Job Matching for Crime-Affected Populations in El Salvador (with Carlos Schmidt-Padilla and María Micaela Sviatschi; work in progress)

Generation 3G (with Alexey Makarin; work in progress)

Censorship, Propaganda, and Political Popularity: Evidence From Russia (work in progress)

Organized Crime and Public Goods Provision During a Pandemic (with María Micaela Sviatschi; work in progress)

Professional Activities

Seminar and conference presentations: University of Warwick (2025), Toulouse School of Economics (2024), CEPR Political Economy of Populism Conference (2023), Navarra Center for International Development (2023), SSRC Workshop on the Economics of Social Media (2023), IEB Workshop on Political Economy (2023), Pompeu Fabra University (2023), Institut d’Economia de Barcelona (2023), Paris Dauphine (2023), University of Pavia (2023), New Economic School (2022), NYC Media Seminar (2022), Queen Mary University of London (2022), Nova SBE (2022), Stanford GSB (2022), King’s College London (2022), Princeton University (2021), Bocconi University guest lecture (2021), EBRD (2020), UChicago and LSE Conference on the Economics of Crime and Justice (2019), ESOC 2019 Annual Meeting, 2019 APPAM Fall Conference, 2019 APSA Annual Meeting, WEAI 94th Annual Conference, 4th Economics of Media Bias Workshop, 16th Media Economics Workshop

Seminar organizer: Nova SBE Economics seminar (2023–present), 2024 NOVAfrica Conference on Economic Development, Princeton Political Economy seminar (2018–2021)

Referee: *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *American Economic Review: Insights*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Economic Journal*, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *World Bank Economic Review*, *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, *Economics of Transition*

Honors and Awards (selected)

Displaced Livelihoods Initiative, IPA & J-PAL (\$101,200)	2024
Prize Fellowship in the Social Sciences, Princeton University	2019–2022
Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies	2019
Dean’s Fund for Scholarly Travel, Princeton University	2018
UniCredit Foundation US Ph.D. Scholarship	2016–2018
Princeton University Honorific Fellowship	2016–2018
Best Thesis Award, New Economic School	2016
Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Achievements, Higher School of Economics	2014–2016
Russia’s National Award in Support of Talented Young Students	2012
Absolute Winner of the Russian National Olympiad in Economics (Ranked 1st among more than 300,000 participants)	2012

Teaching Experience

Microeconomic Analysis [2188], Nova SBE	Fall 2023, 2024
Policy Evaluation [2181], Nova SBE	Spring 2023, 2024
Markets, Incentives, and Behavior [2741], Nova SBE	Fall 2022
Microeconomic Theory [ECO 300], Princeton University	Fall 2018
International Development [WWS 302/ECO 359], Princeton University	Fall 2018
Industrial Organization, Higher School of Economics & New Economic School	Spring 2016
Microeconomics II, Higher School of Economics & New Economic School	Fall 2015
Microeconomics I, Higher School of Economics & New Economic School	Spring 2015
