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## Research Interests

Contentious Politics, Authoritarianism, Political Regimes, Political Participation, Computational Methods in Social Sciences, Natural Language Processing

## Education

- 2021 – 2025 **Griffith University** – Brisbane, Queensland, Australia  
PhD in Political Science
- 2017 – 2019 **Shanghai Jiao Tong University** – Shanghai, China  
MA in Political Science
- 2009 – 2013 **Ural State Pedagogical University** – Yekaterinburg, Russia  
BA in International Relations

## Work Experience

- 03/2025 – **Research Training Manager**  
Present Deakin University
- Leading the development of comprehensive data science training (Python/R) for humanities and social science researchers
  - Collaboration with ARDC and industry partners.
- 04/2023 – **Griffith University – Research Assistant**  
Present Dr Lee Morgenbesser  
The Rise of Counterfeit Election Observers (Australian Research Council Discovery Fellowship Grant)
- Data collection and verification using manual and computational methods
  - Literature Review
- 01/2023 – **Queensland University of Technology – Senior Research Assistant**  
08/2023 Dr Sofya Glazunova  
Anti-Regime Publics: A Case Study of Russia's Full-Scale Invasion of Ukraine (QUT Early Career Researcher Grant)
- Study design including theoretical framework and methodology
  - Data collection and wrangling (Python)
  - Machine learning (PyTorch) and NLP model for binary text classification (BERT)
  - Network analysis (Gephi)
  - Co-authoring three publications (Ongoing submissions)

- 12/2021 – **Griffith University – Research Assistant**  
Present Dr Ellie Martus  
Russian Climate Politics (Griffith University New Researcher Grant; Climate Social Science Network Grant)
- Data collection and wrangling using manual and computational methods
  - Collecting relevant academic, grey literature and industry reports
  - Literature review
  - Data management and backup
  - Policy analysis and translation of relevant documents.

## **Publications**

### **Books**

- 2024 **The Evolution of Authoritarianism and Contentious Action in Russia**  
Cambridge University Press, Cambridge Elements in Contentious Politics  
<https://doi.org/10.1017/9781009560672>

### **Articles Under Review**

- 2025 **Collecting Protest Event Data Using Natural Language Processing Models: Contentious Events Dataset in Russia**  
Research article, single author
- 2025 **The Impact of Electoral Manipulation and Repression on Contentious Action in Authoritarian Regimes**  
Research article, single author
- 2025 **The Role of Pro-Regime Rallies in Authoritarian Contentious Politics: Evidence From Russia**  
Research article, single author
- 2024 **Anti-Regime Publics: A Case Study of Russia's Full-Scale Invasion of Ukraine**  
Research article, co-authored: Glazunova, S. and Kasianenko, K.

### **Work In Progress**

- 2025 **Automating Protest Event Analysis Using LLMs**  
Book (Emerald Points), single author
- 2024 **Identifying Anti-Regime Publics Using Computational Methods**  
Research article, co-authored: Glazunova, S. and Kasianenko, K.

### **Theses**

- 2024 **The Impact of Political Regime Type on Contentious Action**  
100,000 words, Doctoral dissertation
- 2019 **Explaining the Cycle of Protest in the Reformed Russia Between 2011 and 2018**  
21,000 words, Master's thesis
- 2013 **The Phenomenon of Revolution in International Relations**  
30,000 words, Bachelor's thesis

- 2012 **Arab Spring as a Factor of International Relations Development in the XXI Century**  
12,000 words, term paper (research)
- 2011 **The Perspectives of International Relationships Development in the XXI Century:  
The Concepts of S. Huntington and F. Fukuyama**  
8,000 words, term paper (research).

## Service

- 08/2022 – **Board of Graduate Research (BGR)**  
03/2024 **International HDR Representative**  
Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia
- 07/2022 – **HDR Representative Consultative Committee**  
03/2024 **HDR Representative (chair) for School of Government and International Relations**  
Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia
- 07/2022 – **HDR Candidate Representative**  
03/2024 School of Government and International Relations, Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia
- 11/2022 – **Griffith University Postgraduate Student Association (GUPSA)**  
11/2023 **Research Officer; Co-Chair**  
Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia
- 11/2022 – **Student Experience Sub-Committee (SESC)**  
11/2023 **GUPSA Representative**  
Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia

## Conferences, Fellowships, and Additional Training

- 06/2024 **Political Communication / Activism, Communication and Social Justice**  
*International Communication Association (ICA) 2024 Poster Presentation*  
Gold Coast, Australia
- 03/2024 **Overcoming State Censorship: Computational Analysis of Protests in Russia**  
*American Political Science Association (APSA) Workshop*  
APSA Centennial Centre, Washington, D.C., USA
- 02/2024 – **APSA Visiting Scholar Program Fellow**  
03/2024 APSA Headquarters Centennial Centre, Washington, D.C., USA
- 09/2023 **Explaining the Relationship between Pro-government and Opposition Participation** – Research Paper Presenter  
*Popular Support for and Resistance to Authoritarian Regimes*  
APSA 119th Meeting and Exhibition, Los Angeles, California, USA
- 08/2023 **The Evolution of Authoritarianism and Contentious Action in Russia** – Research Seminar Series Presenter  
*Centre for Governance and Public Policy 2023 Research Seminar Series*  
School of Government and International Relations, Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia
- 02/2023 **Economic Sanctions and Human Rights** – Keynote Speaker  
United Nations Association of Australia, Brisbane, Australia

- 02/2023 **The Game Changers of Contentious Repertoires in Russian Regions** – Research Paper Presenter  
*War, Peace, and the Post-Pandemic World: Eurasian Perspectives*  
 Australian Association of Communist and Post-Communist Studies 16th Biennial Conference, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
- 06/2022 **The Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS)** – Program Participant  
*Intensive training in Computational Social Science for researchers including seminars, group exercises, and presenting interdisciplinary research projects.*  
 Sydney Social Sciences and Humanities Advanced Research Centre, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia
- 09/2014 - 04/2015 **Turkish Language Program**  
 Istanbul University Language Centre, Istanbul, Turkey
- 09/2013 - 05/2014 **Chinese Language Program**  
 Harbin Institute of Technology, Harbin, China
- 03/2013 **Defining International Law in Russia** – Conference Presenter  
*Integration Processes and Legal Support of National Security Conference*  
 Plekhanov Russian University of Economics, Yekaterinburg, Russia
- 09/2011 **Voices for Peace: Using Non-Violent Action as a Tool to Deal with Conflicts** – Program Participant  
 Youth in Action Training Program (EU initiative), Kobuleti, Georgia
- 05/2011 **Regional Studies with Special Consideration of Language Acquisition and Intercultural Communication** (Landeskunde unter besonderer Berücksichtigung des Spracherwerbs und der interkulturelle Kommunikation) – Program Participant  
 International Forum Burg Liebenzell - Academy for Political Education and International Youth Encounters, Bad Liebenzell, Germany

## Funding

- 2021-2024 Griffith University Completion Assistance Postgraduate Research Scholarship [CAPRS](#)  
 Griffith University International Postgraduate Research Scholarship [GUIPRS](#)  
 Griffith University Postgraduate Research Scholarship [GUPRS](#)
- 2017-2019 Shanghai Jiao Tong University Fully Funded MA Program [SJTU Scholarship](#)
- 2014 Türkiye Government Scholarships Fully Funded MA in International Relations at Istanbul University including Turkish Prep Course ([TürkiyeBursları](#))

## Other Grants

- 2024 **Centre for Governance and Public Policy, School of Government and International Relations, Griffith University**  
 Research Support Funding Scheme  
 APSA Visiting Scholar Fellowship travel assistance grant
- 2023 **Centre for Governance and Public Policy, School of Government and International Relations, Griffith University**  
 Research Support Funding Scheme  
 APSA 2023 travel costs and accommodation grant

- 2023 **Google Research**  
Google Cloud Education Program  
Grant in credits for research and data collection using Google Cloud platform
- 2023 **Centre for Governance and Public Policy, School of Government and International Relations, Griffith University**  
Research Support Funding Scheme  
Cambridge Elements submission research grant for data collection and research-related expenses
- 2022 **Sydney Social Sciences and Humanities Advanced Research Centre, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Sydney**  
Travel grant to attend the Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS)
- 2011 **Youth in Action Programme, EU's mobility and non-formal education program**  
Travel and accommodation grant to attend the "Voices for Peace: Using nonviolent action as a tool to deal with conflicts" training course

## Other Experience

- 2023 – Present **Australian Association of Communist and Post-Communist Studies**  
Executive committee member as an HDR Representative of the Association
- Trimester 2 **Teaching assistant**  
2023 *The Way of Dictator* Assignment marking
- 05/2011 - 05/2017 **Appen, LanguageInsight, Lionbridge, Relevant Media, thebigword (Translator, Transcriber, Editor, Copywriter, and Search Engine Evaluator – Independent Freelance Contractor)**
- Translation of articles, including technical and academic pieces, from English into Russian
  - Manual transcription services in English, Russian, and German
  - Writing copy for websites, brochures, and other means of advertising
  - Editing and proofreading content produced by other authors as needed
- 01/2012 - 02/2012 **The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Internship**  
An internship at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, acquiring fundamental knowledge of its organisational structure and key responsibilities.

## Technical Skills

Python: ML frameworks (scikit-learn, pytorch, tensorflow), visualisation (seaborn, matplotlib, plotly), statistical analysis, clustering  
R, SQL,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , HTML, CSS, PHP  
Gephi, Tableau  
BERT (classification, topic modelling, sentiment analysis), Google Gemini API, OpenAI ChatGPT API, Twitter (X) API, VK API, YouTube API  
Used HPC Clusters for ML, fine-tuning and deployment of LLMs.

### Languages

English (fluent), Russian (native), Chinese (advanced), German and Turkish (beginner)