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Fields	Political Economy, Development Economics, Economics of Digitization	
Employment & Affiliations	Assistant Professor of Applied Economics, MIT Sloan School of Management, 2022– Mitsubishi Career Development Assistant Professor in International Management, MIT Sloan, 2023– Assistant Professor, Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance (EIEF), Italy, 2019– (<i>on leave</i>) Research Affiliate (Political Economy) and RPN Member (Goeconomics), CEPR, 2019– Visiting Scholar, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, 2020–2021	
Education	Ph.D., Economics, Northwestern University, 2019 Dissertation: Essays in Political Economy and Development Committee: Nancy Qian (Chair), Lori Beaman, Georgy Egorov, Nicola Persico, Christopher Udry M.A., Economics, Northwestern University, 2014 B.A., Economics (<i>Valedictorian</i>), Higher School of Economics, Moscow, 2012	
Publications	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “Conflict and Inter-Group Trade: Evidence from the 2014 Russia-Ukraine Crisis” with Vasily Korovkin, American Economic Review, January 2023, 113(1), pp. 34–70 2. “Social Media and Mental Health” with Luca Braghieri and Ro’ee Levy, American Economic Review, November 2022, 112(11), pp. 3660–3693 3. “Divided We Stay Home: Social Distancing and Ethnic Diversity” with Georgy Egorov, Ruben Enikolopov, and Maria Petrova, Journal of Public Economics, February 2021, 194 4. “Social Media and Protest Participation: Evidence from Russia” with Ruben Enikolopov and Maria Petrova, Econometrica, July 2020, 88(4), pp. 1479–1514 5. “National or Sub-National Parties: Does Party Geographic Scope Matter?” with Ricardo Pique and Fernando Aragon, Journal of Development Economics, September 2020, 146 6. “Can Online Off-The-Shelf Lessons Improve Student Outcomes? Evidence from A Field Experiment” with Kirabo Jackson, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, August 2018, 10(3), pp. 226–254 7. “Reducing Bureaucratic Corruption: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on What Works” with Jordan Gans-Morse, Mariana Borges, Theresa Mannah-Blankson, Andre Nickow, and Dong Zhang, World Development, May 2018, 105, pp. 171–188 	
Working Papers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “The Political Legacy of Nazi Annexation” with Mario Cannella and Ricardo Pique, <i>conditionally accepted at the Economic Journal</i> 2. “Social Networks, Peer Pressure, and Protest Participation” with Ruben Enikolopov, Maria Petrova, and Leonid Polishchuk, <i>revise and resubmit at the Journal of Politics</i> 3. “The Causal Effects of Online Dating Apps: Evidence from U.S. Colleges” with Berkeren Büyükeren and Heyu Xiong 4. “A Sufficient Statistics Approach for Endogenous Production Networks: Theory and Evidence from Ukraine’s War” with Vasily Korovkin and Yuhei Miyauchi 5. “Affinity, Trust, and Information” with Luigi Guiso 	

Selected Work in Progress

1. “The Political Economy of Nuclear Energy Investment: Evidence from Chernobyl” with Nancy Qian and Shaoda Wang
2. “Conflict and Nation-Building: The Case of the 2014 Russia-Ukraine War” with Serhii Abramenko, Valerio Sergio Castaldo, and Vasily Korovkin
3. “Generation 3G: Smartphones, Time Use, and Well-being” with Nikita Melnikov

Other Publications

“[Social Media as an Identity Barometer: Evidence from the Russia-Ukraine War](#)” with Serhii Abramenko and Vasily Korovkin, *forthcoming at the AEA Papers & Proceedings*

Older Working Papers

“[Production Networks and War: Evidence from Ukraine](#)” with Vasily Korovkin

Conferences & Seminars

2024: AEA Meetings, University Paris-Dauphine (*scheduled*), Tufts (*scheduled*), NES (*scheduled*), FRIAS Conference (*scheduled*), Nova SBE (*scheduled*)

2023: WZB Berlin; Harvard/MIT Economic Development Seminar; Warwick; LSE; Quebec Political Economy Conference; MIT Organizational Economics Seminar; PSE/Science Po Paris Empirical Political Economy Seminar; Firms, Labor Markets, and Development Workshop at Collegio Carlo Alberto[‡]; CEPR Workshop on Media, Technology, Politics, and Society at EIEF; NBER SI IT & Digitization[†]; SSRIC Workshop on the Economics of Social Media[‡]; CEPR-Kiel Conference on Geoeconomics

2022: AEA Meetings; McGill University; Nova SBE; STEG Annual Conference; Georgetown University; MIT Sloan Applied Economics; Stanford GSB Political Economy; Boston University; University of Michigan; Chicago Booth; IEB Barcelona; Midwest Eurasian Political Economy Workshop at MPSA; Naples Workshop on Networks and Development; CEPR-Misum-SITE Development Economics Conference; Parliamentary Budget Office of Italy; NBER SI IT & Digitization[†]; NBER SI Economics of National Security[‡]; STEG Theme Workshop; MIT Medical; Hong Kong Online Trade Seminar

2021: AEA Meetings[†]; Northwestern University; ENS Lyon; University of Strathclyde; George Mason University; HSE Center for Institutional Studies; University of Nottingham; MWIEDC[†]; SIOE; Workshop on Political Economy of Wars at University of Cambridge; Conference on Political Economy of Power Relations at IGIER-Bocconi; LACEA-LAMES; Berlin Applied Micro Seminar; ASEEES[†]

2020: AEA Meetings; Oz Virtual Econ Research Seminar (UNSW); EACES-HSE Political Economy Workshop; HSE Center for Institutional Studies; SIOE; ES World Congress; UC Merced; NEUDC; Virtual HPE Workshop; ASREC24h; HSE/NES Political Economy Seminar; Sapienza University of Rome*; CSAE Oxford Conference*; RES*

2019: BEROC Conference; ESWM at Erasmus University; SIOE at Stockholm School of Economics; MPSA; CERGE-EI; Toulouse School of Economics; Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics (SITE) at Stockholm School of Economics; Collegio Carlo Alberto; EIEF; Queen Mary University of London; Compass Lexecon (Chicago)

2018: Higher School of Economics; New Economic School; Northwestern; NEUDC at Cornell University; PacDev at UC Davis; DEVPEC at UC Berkeley; Strategy and Business Environment Conference at Wharton School of Business; International PhD Conference at University of Leicester School of Business; EACES-HSE Political Economy Workshop; Wisconsin Russia Project Young Scholars Workshop at UW-Madison

2017: SIOE at Columbia University

2016: NEUDC at MIT Sloan; Development Day at Michigan State University; APSA; MPSA; Workshop on Interdisciplinary Study of Corruption at Northwestern University[†]

Pre–2015: APPAM 2015; MPSA 2014; SMaPP Workshop at NYU-Florence; Ronald Coase Institute Workshop at Tsinghua University

[‡] Presented by a co-author

[†] Discussant

* Canceled or postponed due to COVID-19

Teaching Experience

Instructor, MIT Sloan School of Management

15.012 Applied Macro- and International Economics, [MBA](#) (Fall 2022; Fall 2023)

15.702 Leading in a Global Context: Macroeconomics and Global Markets, [EMBA](#) (Fall 2023)

15.S11 SSIM: Economics and Politics of Media, [Ph.D.](#) (Spring 2024)

Guest Instructor, MIT, [Department of Economics](#)
 14.770 Introduction to Political Economy, [Ph.D.](#) (Fall 2022)
 Instructor, EIEF, [RoME Master in Economics](#)
 Information Economics (Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022)
 Instructor, EIEF, [Rome Economics Doctorate \(RED\)](#)
 Ph.D. Reading Group (Fall 2021, Spring 2022)
 Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University
 Political Economics: Bruno Strulovici (Spring 2015)
 Intermediate Microeconomics: Eric Schulz (Fall 2014, Fall 2017); Yingni Guo (Winter 2018)

Fellowships & Awards Swiss National Science Foundation grant (co-PI), 2023 [\$415,000]
 HSI grant, MIT Sloan School of Management, 2023 [\$80,000]
 JFRAP Award, MIT Sloan School of Management, 2023 [\$33,000]
The Economic Journal Excellence in Refereeing Award, 2022
 ESEM Best Paper Award (Social Media and Mental Health), 2022
 GACR grant (co-PI), Czech Science Foundation, 2019–2021 [\$145,000]
 Honorary Fellow, CREECA, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2019–2020
 Emergent Ventures award (co-PI), 2019 [\$40,000]
 Harriman Institute Research Grant [\$12,000], Columbia University, 2018
 USAID Grant, Synthesizing Evidence on Key Questions, 2016 [\$4,000]
 Distinguished TA Award, Northwestern University, 2015
 Research Grant, Higher School of Economics, 2012–2013 [\$8,000]
 “Golden Vyshka” Award for Outstanding Academic Performance, 2011 [\$2,000]
 Oxford-Russia Fund Fellowship, 2010–2013 [\$3,000]
 Alfa Bank scholarship, 2008–2010 [\$7,200]

Professional Activities **Referee for:** *American Economic Review*, *Econometrica*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *American Economic Review: Insights*, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *Economic Journal*, *Journal of European Economic Association*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Law, Economics and Organization*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, *European Economic Review*, *Economica*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *World Development*, *Explorations in Economic History*, *European Journal of Political Economy*, *Economic Letters*, *Journal of Population Economics*, *Economics of Transition*, *HSE Economic Journal*, *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Politics*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Computers Human Behavior*, *Risk Analysis*, *Social Forces*, *Government & Opposition*
Grant Review: 2022 STEG SRG and PhD Grants, 2022 Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) Grant, 2024 Coase Institute Research Grant Program
External Dissertation Referee: Erminia Florio (University of Rome Tor Vergata '20); Julieta Peveri (Aix-Marseille School of Economics '22); Jaime Marques Pereira (Bocconi '23)
Master Student Supervision: Aleksandr Shneider (RoME '20; Placement: University of Minnesota, Ph.D. in Economics); Georgii Zherebilov (RoME '21; Placement: Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Ph.D. in Economics); Valerio Sergio Castaldo (RoME '22; Placement: European Investment Bank)
Past Research Assistants: Alec Gevorkian (RoME '21; Placement: UCLA Anderson, Ph.D. in Economics); Zeyang Xue (RoME '21; Placement: BU Questrom, Ph.D. in Finance); Lan Wang (Kellogg '22; Placement: UCSB, Ph.D. in Economics); Oksana Kuznetsova (RoME '23; Placement: Columbia, Ph.D. in Economics); Artyom Lipin (RoME '24; Placement: TBD); Pryce Davies (MIT Sloan '24; Placement: TBD)
Organization of Seminars, Workshops, and Conference Sessions:
 EIEF Applied Microeconomics Seminar, 2019–2022
[AEA Session on Recent Perspectives on Firms, Supply Chains, and Trade in Developing Economies](#), 2022

CEPR Workshop on Media, Technology, Politics, and Society, 2022
2nd CEPR Workshop on Media, Technology, Politics, and Society, 2023
Program Committee Member: EMCON 2016, NEUDC 2019
Service: Junior Recruiting Committee, EIEF, 2019–2020

Languages

English (fluent), Russian (native), Italian (intermediate), French (beginner)

References

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