

# Alexey Makarin

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<b>Fields</b>	Political Economy, Development Economics, Economics of Digitization, Applied Microeconomics	
<b>Employment &amp; Affiliations</b>	Assistant Professor, MIT Sloan School of Management, Applied Economics, 2022– Assistant Professor, Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance (EIEF), Italy, 2019–2022 ( <i>on leave</i> ) Research Affiliate, Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR), 2019– Visiting Scholar, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, 2020–2021	
<b>Education</b>	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	
<b>Publications</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. “<a href="#">Conflict and Inter-Group Trade: Evidence from the 2014 Russia-Ukraine Crisis</a>” with Vasily Korovkin, accepted at the <b>American Economic Review</b></li> <li>2. “<a href="#">Divided We Stay Home: Social Distancing and Ethnic Diversity</a>” with Georgy Egorov, Ruben Enikolopov, and Maria Petrova, <b>Journal of Public Economics</b>, February 2021, 194</li> <li>3. “<a href="#">Social Media and Protest Participation: Evidence from Russia</a>” with Ruben Enikolopov and Maria Petrova, <b>Econometrica</b>, July 2020, 88(4), pp. 1479–1514</li> <li>4. “<a href="#">National or Sub-National Parties: Does Party Geographic Scope Matter?</a>” with Ricardo Pique and Fernando Aragon, <b>Journal of Development Economics</b>, September 2020, 146</li> <li>5. “<a href="#">Can Online Off-The-Shelf Lessons Improve Student Outcomes? Evidence from A Field Experiment</a>” with Kirabo Jackson, <b>American Economic Journal: Economic Policy</b>, August 2018, 10(3), pp. 226–254</li> <li>6. “<a href="#">Reducing Bureaucratic Corruption: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on What Works</a>” with Jordan Gans-Morse, Mariana Borges, Theresa Mannah-Blankson, Andre Nickow, and Dong Zhang, <b>World Development</b>, May 2018, 105, pp. 171–188</li> </ol>	
<b>Working Papers</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. “<a href="#">Social Media and Mental Health</a>” with Luca Braghieri and Ro’ee Levy, revise and resubmit at the <b>American Economic Review</b> (2nd round)</li> <li>2. “<a href="#">The Political Legacy of Nazi Annexation</a>” with Mario Cannella and Ricardo Pique, revise and resubmit at the <b>Economic Journal</b></li> <li>3. “<a href="#">Production Networks and War</a>” with Vasily Korovkin</li> <li>4. “<a href="#">Affinity, Trust, and Information</a>” with Luigi Guiso</li> <li>5. “<a href="#">Social Networks, Peer Pressure, and Protest Participation</a>” with Ruben Enikolopov, Maria Petrova, and Leonid Polishchuk</li> </ol>	
<b>Selected Work in Progress</b>	“The Political Economic Determinants of Nuclear Power Investment: Evidence from Chernobyl” with Nancy Qian and Shaoda Wang	
<b>Conferences &amp; Seminars</b>	2023: Warwick ( <i>scheduled</i> ), LSE ( <i>scheduled</i> ) 2022: AEA Meetings, McGill University, Nova SBE, STEG Annual Conference, Georgetown University, MIT Sloan, Stanford GSB, 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 Economics of National Security (*scheduled*)

2021: AEA Meetings<sup>†</sup>, Northwestern University, ENS Lyon, University of Strathclyde, George Mason University, HSE Center for Institutional Studies, University of Nottingham, MWIEDC<sup>†</sup>, 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<sup>†</sup>

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, Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance (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<sup>†</sup>

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

<sup>†</sup> Discussant

\* Canceled or postponed due to COVID-19

**Fellowships & Awards** Czech Science Foundation (GACR) [co-PI with Vasily Korovkin, \$145,000], 2019–2021  
 Honorary Fellow, CREECA, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2019–2020  
 Emergent Ventures award [co-PI with Natalya Naumenko, \$40,000], 2019  
 Harriman Institute Research Grant [\$12,000], 2018  
 USAID Grant, Synthesizing Evidence on Key Questions [\$4,000], 2016  
 Distinguished TA Award, Northwestern University, 2015  
 Research Grant, Higher School of Economics [\$8,000], 2012–2013  
 “Golden Vyshka” Award for Outstanding Academic Performance [\$2,000], 2011  
 Oxford-Russia Fund Fellowship [\$3,000], 2010–2013  
 Alfa Bank scholarship [\$7,200], 2008–2010

**Teaching Experience** 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)

**Professional Activities** **Referee for:** *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*, *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Politics*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Law, Economics*

*and Organization, Journal of Human Resources, European Economic Review, Economica, Journal of Comparative Economics, 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, Scientific Reports, British Journal of Political Science, Social Forces, Government & Opposition, Journal of East Asian Studies, HSE Economic Journal*

**External Dissertation Referee:** Erminia Florio (University of Rome Tor Vergata '20), Jaime Marques Pereira (Bocconi University '22), Julieta Peveri (Aix-Marseille School of Economics '22)

**Master Student Supervision:**

Aleksandr Shneider (RoME '20; Placement: University of Minnesota, Ph.D. in Economics)

Georgii Zhrebilov (RoME '21; Placement: Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Ph.D. in Economics)

**Past Research Assistants:**

Alec Gevorkian (RoME '21; Placement: UCLA Anderson School of Management, Ph.D. in Economics)

Zeyang Xue (RoME '21; Placement: Boston University Questrom School of Business, Ph.D. in Finance)

**Organization of Seminars, Workshops, and Conference Sessions:**

EIEF Applied Microeconomics Seminar, 2019–2022

CEPR-EIEF-Tor Vergata Workshop on Media, Technology, Politics, and Society, 2022

AEA Session on Recent Perspectives on Firms, Supply Chains, and Trade in Developing Economies, 2022

**Program Committee Member:** NEUDC 2019, EMCON 2016

**Service:** Junior Recruiting Committee, EIEF, 2019–2020

**Languages**

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

**References**

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