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EDUCATION

PhD, Sociology, 2020 (The Graduate Center, City University of New York).

Dissertation Title: "Engaging Neighbors: Housing Strategies and Political Mobilization in Moscow's Renovation". Committee members: James M. Jasper (Chair), Sharon Zukin, Philip Kasinitz, Jan Willem Duyvendak

MA, Sociology, 2006 (European University at Saint Petersburg/ University of Helsinki)

BA, Social Anthropology, 2005 (Saint Petersburg State University, Russia)

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2020 Mayer N. Zald Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association, Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements
- 2019-2020 Dissertation Year Award, CUNY Graduate Center
- 2019-2020 Provost's University Fellowship, CUNY
- 2018 Doctoral Student Research Grant, CUNY Graduate Center
- 2017 W. R. Hearst Graduate Assistantship at the Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society, CUNY Graduate Center
- 2014-2019 The Graduate Center Fellowship (GCF), City University of New York
- 2016, 2018 Conference Presentation Support Fund (The Graduate Center, CUNY).
- 2012-2013 Andrew Gagarin Fellowship at the Andrew Gagarin Center for Human Rights at Bard/ Smolny, St. Petersburg State University.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Forthcoming. *Gains and Losses: How Protestors Win and Lose*, with Jasper, James, Luke Elliott-Negri, Isaac Jabola-Carolus, Marc Kagan, Jessica Mahlbacher, and Manès Weisskircher. Oxford University Press.

Peer Reviewed Articles

Forthcoming. Urban Anthropology – Russia. *International Encyclopedia of Anthropology*.

Forthcoming. With James Jasper. Identity and Emotions. *Oxford Handbook of Political Participation*. Maria Grasso, Marco Giugni (eds.).

2020. "The Apathy Syndrome: How We Are Trained Not to Care about Politics." *Social Problems*, Volume 67, Issue 2, May 2020, Pages 358–378, <https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spz019> *

* Mayer N. Zald Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Student Paper Award 2020. Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section, American Sociological Association

2020. "Strategic interaction sequences: the institutionalization of participatory budgeting in New York City," with Jabola-Carolus, Isaac, Luke Elliott-Negri, James M. Jasper, Jessica Mahlbacher, Manes Weisskircher. *Social Movement Studies*. 19, no. 5-6. P. 640-656. <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/14742837.2018.1505488>
2019. National and Urban Politics Converge in Moscow: Will Local Activism Prevail? *Metropolitica*. October 1, 2019. <https://metropolitica.org/National-and-Urban-Politics-Converge-in-Moscow-Will-Local-Activism-Prevail.html>
2019. "Beyond Loyalty and Dissent: Everyday Politics in Contemporary Russia," with Karine Clément. *International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society*. No. 33. P. 143-162. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10767-019-9319-0>.
2019. Introduction to the Special Issue: "Imagining a Link Between Local Activism and Political Transformation: Inventions from Russia and Eastern Europe," with Karine Clément. *International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society*. Vol. 33. P. 117-124. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10767-019-9318-1>.
2019. "Beyond the Global North and South: contemporary studies of local activism in post-soviet Russia," with Elena Tykanova. In: Čamprag, Nebojša and Suri, Anshika (eds.): *Three Decades of Post-socialist Transition. Conference Proceedings*. Darmstadt, tuprints, <http://tuprints.ulb.tu-darmstadt.de/9222/>
2015. "In the District': Youth Solidarities on the Urban Periphery," with Aleksey Zinoviev and Margarita Kuleva. *Russian Education & Society* 57 (2): 84-96.
2014. "'Hanging Out', Creativity, and Right to the City: Urban Public Space in Russia Before and After the Protest Wave of 2011-12." *Stasis* 1: 228-59.
2013. "Learning to Use 'Public Space': Urban Space in Post-Soviet St. Petersburg." *The Open Urban Studies Journal* 1 (6): 57-64.
2011. "'It's Like a Museum Here' Here': The Shopping Mall as Public Space." *Laboratorium: Russian Review of Social Research* 3 (2): 48-69.
2009. "From Barakholka to Shopping Mall: Transformation of Retail Spaces in St. Petersburg." *Anthropology of East Europe Review* 27 (1): 51-64.

Work under review:

"Mobilizing Urban Affect: The Emotional Politics of Urban Renewal Struggles"

"Bring Your Own Politics: Life Strategies and Mobilization Against Urban Redevelopment"

"The River of Urban Resistance: Renovation and new civic infrastructures in Moscow," In *Urban Activism*, edited by Regina Smyth. Indiana University Press. Forthcoming in 2020.

Book Chapters

2016. "Polittusovka — An Alternative Public Space of Young Politicians in Contemporary Russia." In *Eastern European Youth Cultures in a Global Context*, 235-50. Springer.

2015. "Citizenship of Russian Youth: The Search for an Effective Methodology," with Elena Omelchenko and Yana Krupets, in: "In Search of ..." New Methodological Approaches to Youth Research, 295-318. Cambridge: Cambridge Scholar Publishing.
2014. "Risks and Pleasures in the Youth Activist Scenes in Contemporary Russia," with Elena Omelchenko. In *Hopeless Youth*, edited by Francisco Martinez and Pille Runnel, 119-40. Tartu: Estonian National Museum.

Book Chapters in other languages

2014. "I'm not into this": perception of the "private" and the "public" among Russian youth before the elections. In *Politics of the Apolitical: Civic movements in Russia in 2011—2013*, edited by Svetlana Yerpylyova and Artemy Magun, 143-181. Moscow: NLO (In Russian)
2014. "Iron, mica, and people's lives": past and present in an industrial city over the Polar Circle. In *Microurbanism. Cities in detail*, edited by Oksana Zaporozhets and Olga Brednikova, 256-281. Moscow: NLO (In Russian)
2012. Creative activities for insiders: social exclusion and the creative spaces of Saint Petersburg. In *Creative Industries: challenges, projects, solutions*, 42-55. St. Petersburg: Levsha. (In Russian)
2010. Mobilization of the University Community: the politicization of the apolitical. In *Galateya – Galina Starovoitova memorial essay competition. Best essays 2000-2009*, 566-574. St. Petersburg: Norma. (In Russian)
2008. The Metamorphoses of Retail Trade Practices in a Russian Megapolis as a Reflection of Post-Socialist Transformations. In *PS Landscapes: Optics for Urban Studies*, edited by Nerius Milerius and Benjamin Cope, 148-169. Vilnius: EHU (In Russian)

Articles in other languages

2019. (With Elena Tykanova). Zhelnina A., Tykanova E. (2019) Formal'nyye i neformal'nyye grazhdanskiye infrastruktury: sovremennyye issledovaniya gorodskogo lokal'nogo aktivizma v Rossii [Formal and informal civic infrastructure: contemporary studies of urban local activism in Russia]. *Zhurnal sotsiologii i sotsialnoy antropologii* [The Journal of Sociology and Social Anthropology], 22(1): 162–192 (in Russian). <https://doi.org/10.31119/jssa.2019.22.1.8>
2015. "Creativity in the City: Reinterpreting the Public Space." *Zhurnal Sociologii I Socialnoy Antropologii* 18 (2 (78)): 45–59. (In Russian)
2014. "Polit-Tusovka'–alternative Public Space in Youth Politics Realm." *Sociological Studies* 3 (3): 80–88. (In Russian)
2013. Polit-Tusovka. Jugend und Gegenöffentlichkeit in St. Petersburg. *Osteuropa*. 11-12: 183-197. (In German)
2013. (With Aleksei Zinoviev and Margarita Kuleva) In the block: youth solidarities in the urban periphery. *Sotsiologicheskie issledovaniia*, 10: 69-76. (In Russian)
2010. (With Alla Bolotova.) "Industriestädte Des Russischen Nordens Sozialistischer Stadtraum in Der Postsozialistischen Epoche." *Archithese* 40 (5): 56. (In German)

2010. The social and cultural significance of the consumption spaces in the post-soviet city (an example of the shopping-centers in St. Petersburg). Vestnik SPBU. Vol. 1, March: 330-336. (In Russian)
2006. [Malaya Sadovaya Street in St. Petersburg: an experience of public space development](#). *Communitas* 1: 53-71. (In Russian)

Book Reviews

2020. Maxim Trudolyubov. The Tragedy of Property: Private Life, Ownership and the Russian State. 2018. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 4. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1468-2427.12972>
2020. Eleonora Pasotti. Pasotti, Eleanora. Resisting Redevelopment: Protest in Aspiring Global Cities. Cambridge University Press. 2020. Mobilization.
2020. Michał Murawski. The Palace Complex: A Stalinist Skyscraper, Capitalist Warsaw, and a City Transfixed. Indiana University Press. 2019. *Anthropological Journal of European Cultures*. <https://doi.org/10.3167/ajec.2020.290211>
2014. Stephanie Taylor, Karen Littleton. Contemporary Identities of Creativity and Creative Work. Farnham: Ashgate, 2012. *Antropologicheskii Forum* (23). (In Russian)
2013. Monika Grubbauer and Joanna Kusiak, eds. Chasing Warsaw: Socio-Material Dynamics of Urban Change since 1990. Frankfurt-on-Main: Campus Verlag, 2012. *Laboratorium* (1): 160-162. (In Russian)
2012. Heinz Bude, Thomas Medicus und Andreas Willisich, Hrsg. *ÜberLeben im Umbruch*. Am Beispiel Wittenberge: Ansichten einer fragmentierten Gesellschaft. Hamburg: HIS, Hamburger Edition, 2011. *Laboratorium* (2): 218–220. (In Russian)

TEACHING

- 2015-2017 Hunter College, City University of New York, NY, USA, Department of Sociology. Course: Social Movements, 2015-2017
- 2011-2014 St. Petersburg State University, Russia, Department of Liberal Arts and Sciences (Bard/ Smolny). Courses: Political Sociology, Social Movements, Qualitative Research Methods
- 2008-2014 National Research University – Higher School of Economics in Saint Petersburg, Russia, Department of Sociology. Courses: Urban Sociology, Sociology of Consumption, Cultures of Consumption

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2016 Research Assistant. Community Needs Assessment, Community Board 6, Brooklyn, New York. Project Leader: Prof. Mary Lutz, City College, CUNY.
- 2011-2014 Researcher. MYPLACE: Memory, Youth, Political Legacy, and Civic Engagement. Funded by the European Commission Seventh Framework Programme (FP7). Project Leader: Hilary Pilkington, Warwick University, UK. 2011-2014.

- 2012-2013 Researcher. Youth Citizenship. Funded by the Basic Research Programme of the Higher School of Economics (HSE). Project Leader: Elena Omelchenko, HSE, Russia. 2012-2013.
- 2011-2012 Researcher. Youth Solidarities in Global and Local Context. Funded by the Basic Research Programme of the Higher School of Economics. Project Leader: Elena Omelchenko, HSE, Russia. 2011-2012.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY/ PARTICIPATION

Panels Organized

- 2019 Conference of the ISA Research Committee 21 (RC21). "In and Beyond the City: Emerging Ontologies, Persistent Challenges and Hopeful Futures." Stream (2 panels): S11 "Large Housing Estates: (re)structuring urban inequalities and civic life." September 18 – 21, 2019, Delhi, India.
- 2017 Conference of the ISA Research Committee 21 (RC21) "Sociology of Urban and Regional Development", "Rethinking Urban Global Justice". Panel "Social Production of Urban Periphery/ High-rise Suburbia" (with Oksana Zaporozhets)

Papers Presented

- 2019 Association of Slavic, Eastern European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) 51st Annual Convention. November 23-26, 2019, San Francisco, CA. "The River of Urban Resistance: Renovation and new civic infrastructures in Moscow"
- 2019 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, August 10-13. Paper: "Urban renewal in Moscow and the new life of housing activism"
- 2018 International Sociological Association, World Congress, Toronto, Canada, July 15-21. Paper: "Urban "Improvement" as an Instrument of Injustice: Renewal Projects in 1950s New York and 2017 Moscow". Presentation at the RC21 semi-plenary "Post-Communist cities in the Post Transition countries."
- 2016 Association of Slavic, Eastern European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) 2016 Congress. Washington, D.C. Paper: "Urban activism virtual and real: social media and urban interventions in contemporary Russia."
- 2015 85th Annual Meeting, Eastern Sociological Society (ESS). February 26-March 1, 2015 New York. Paper: "Mechanisms of Political Apathy: Powerlessness or Indifference"
- 2013 12th Nordic Youth Research Symposium (NYRIS 12) "Changing Societies and Cultures: Youth in the Digital Age." 12-14 June 2013. Tallinn, Estonia. Paper: "Place-based solidarities? Local identities of youth and urban public space in St. Petersburg."
- 2013 Conference "Street Art in the Changing City: Theoretical Perspectives," Moscow, June 7–8 2013. Paper: "Reinterpreting the Public Space: Creativity in the City"
- 2012 Conference "Blackbox Youth: New Perspectives on East-European Youth Cultures," 2-4 November 2012, Free University, Berlin, Germany. Paper: "Young

- Politics? The Emergence of the Social Network of Young Politicians in St. Petersburg”
- 2012 International Sociological Association (ISA) 2nd Forum “Social Justice and Democratization,” 1-4 August 2012, Buenos-Aires, Argentina. Paper: “Public Spaces as Spaces of Fear and Alienation”
- 2011 RC 21 Conference “The struggle to belong. Dealing with diversity in 21st-century urban settings”. Session Belonging, exclusion, public and quasi-public space. Amsterdam (The Netherlands), July 7-9 2011. Paper: “Learning to use the public space”: perception of the urban spaces in the post-soviet context.”

Invited talks

- 2018 “The Housing Question: The way we live now:” Public lecture, New Holland Lectorium in Social Sciences, St. Petersburg, Russia, June 8, 2018. [YouTube](#).
- 2013 “Artists, Art Communities and Creative Initiatives in the Urban Spaces of Russia and Europe.” Seminar of the Young Scholars Council, May 15th, 2013. St. Petersburg. “Self-Organizing Urban Initiatives”
- 2012 “Common places in the study of public places: on the methodology in urban studies.” Presentation at the seminar “Critical social and human sciences”. St. Petersburg State University, 1 April 2012.

POPULAR WRITINGS

[What do the latest studies tell us about political views among young people in Russia?](#) “*The Question*,” 2017.

[Fortress Under Siege: Moscow’s Renovation](#); “*Republic*” (in Russian), 2017.

[Mortgage Ghettos](#); “*Republic*” (in Russian), 2017.

[Social Movements Research in Russia: Sociology of the ignored activism](#); “*Critical Mass*,” Bulletin of the Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section of the American Sociological Association, 2015.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social Movements, Political Sociology, Urban Sociology

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

International Sociological Association (ISA): Research Committee 21 “Urban and Regional Development” (RC21), Board Member

American Sociological Association (ASA): Community and Urban Sociology, Collective Behavior and Social Movements

Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies (ASEEES)

European Sociological Association (ESA)

SERVICE

March 2021

Reviewer for: Antipode, Journal of Housing and the Built Environment, Land Use Policy, Mobilization, Social Problems, Space and Culture, Symbolic Interaction

Colloquium Committee 2015/2016; Faculty Membership Committee 2019/2020 (Sociology, CUNY Graduate Center)

Steering Committee Member, Civil Society Workshop at the Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society, CUNY Graduate Center

SPECIAL SKILLS

Languages German/ fluent; Russian/ native

Software SPSS (Statistical Package for Social Sciences); Stata; NVivo; Atlas.ti (Computer-based analysis of qualitative data); QGIS