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### EDUCATION

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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.

\* Best Dissertation Award, American Sociological Association, Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements

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

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

### GRANTS AND AWARDS

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- 2021 Best Dissertation Award, American Sociological Association, Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements
- 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

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#### Books

2022. *Gains and Losses: How Protestors Win and Lose*, with Jasper, James, Luke Elliott-Negri, Isaac Jabola-Carolus, Marc Kagan, Jessica Mahlbacher, and Manès Weisskircher. New York: Oxford University Press. [Link](#).

#### Peer Reviewed Articles

2023. "Naughty," "Nice" or "Homo Sapiens:" Gendered Political Toolkits in a Housing Mobilization." *Sociological Forum*. 38 (1). March 2023. [Link](#).
2023. With Jasper, James M. "Stirring Culture: Moral Batteries and Public Characters in the Battle over Moscow's Renovation." *Capital & Class* 47 (1): 43-59. [Link](#).

2022. "Making urban futures at your kitchen table: temporality of urban redevelopment in Moscow." *City and Community*. (Online First) [Link](#).
2022. "Bring Your Own Politics: Life Strategies and Mobilization Against Urban Redevelopment." *Sociology* 56 (4): 783-799. [Link](#).
2021. "Social Movement Gains and Losses: Dilemmas of Arena Creation." With Elliott-Negri, Luke, Isaac Jabola-Carolus, James Jasper, Jessica Mahlbacher, and Manès Weisskircher. *Partecipazione e Conflitto* 14 (3): 998-1013. [Link](#).
2020. "The Apathy Syndrome: How We Are Trained Not to Care about Politics." *Social Problems*, 67 (2), May 2020: 358-378. [Link](#)\*
- \* 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 (5-6): 640-656. [Link](#).
2019. National and Urban Politics Converge in Moscow: Will Local Activism Prevail? *Metropolitica*. October 1, 2019. [Link](#).
2019. "Beyond Loyalty and Dissent: Everyday Politics in Contemporary Russia," with Karine Clément. *International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society*, 33: 143-162. [Link](#).
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*, 33: 117-124. [Link](#).
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, tprints. [Link](#).
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.

### Book Chapters

2023. The River of Urban Resistance: Renovation and new civic infrastructures in Moscow. In *Varieties of Russian Activism: State-Society Contestation in Everyday Life*, edited by Regina Smyth, Jeremy Morris, and Andrey Semenov. Indiana University Press. Pp. 120-142.

2022. With James Jasper. Identity and Emotions. *Oxford Handbook of Political Participation*. Maria Grasso, Marco Giugni (eds.). Oxford University Press.
2021. Urban Anthropology – Russia. *International Encyclopedia of Anthropology*. [Link](#).
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.

### Sociological Fiction

2022. “Day X.” *The Sociological Review Magazine*. March 8. [Online]. [Link](#).

### Pedagogical Writing

2021. [A Practical Guide For Teaching The Sociological Imagination](#). With Nga Than, Sebastián Villamizar-Santamaría, Karen Okigbo, and Isabel Gil-Everaert. The Teach@CUNY Handbook, The GC Teaching and Learning Center.

### **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 Yerpilyova 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)

### **Book Reviews**

2022. Review of ‘Yes to the City: Millennials and the Fight for Affordable Housing’ by Max Holleran. *Social Forces* soac131. <https://doi.org/10.1093/sf/soac131>

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. 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 Willisch, Hrsg. ÜberLeben im Umbruch. Am Beispiel Wittenberge: Ansichten einer fragmentierten Gesellschaft. Hamburg: HIS, Hamburger Edition, 2011. Laboratorium (2): 218–220. (In Russian)

## **TEACHING**

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- 2022 Qualitative Research Skills. University of Helsinki, MA program “Contemporary Societies”
- 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

## **THESIS SUPERVISION**

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- Master program “Contemporary Societies” (University of Helsinki), Master program “Urban and Spatial Planning” (University of Helsinki)

## **PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING**

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2021. University Pedagogy 1 Certificate “Learning in Higher Education” at the University of Helsinki (5 cr)
- 2018-2020 Writing Across the Curriculum (fellowship program to support writing as a pedagogical tool), City University of New York, Lehman College

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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- 2018- 2021 Co-PI. Russian Science Foundation grant (RSF № 18-78-10054) “Mechanisms of interests coordination in the urban development processes,” PI: Elena Tykanova.
- 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.
- 2012-2013 Researcher. Youth Citizenship. Funded by the Basic Research Programme of the Higher School of Economics (HSE). Project Leader: Elena Omelchenko, HSE, Russia.
- 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.

## INVITED TALKS

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- 2022 “Class, gender, and urban future-making,” at “Think&Drink” Colloquium, Humboldt University, Berlin. October 24, 2022.
- 2021 “Arenas of co-creation” at the SPARCS webinar: “Citizen engagement in public-private partnerships for sustainable transition,” November 19, 2021.
- 2021 “Civic engagement and Political Cultures,” at Cultura Foundation (Helsinki). October 30, 2021.
- 2021 “Urban activism and urban mobilizations in Russia: The Housing Renovation Program in Moscow,” Institute for European Urban Studies, Bauhaus University Weimar, Germany. December 7, 2021.
- 2018 “The Housing Question: The way we live now:” Public lecture, New Holland Lectorium in Social Sciences, St. Petersburg, Russia, June 8, 2018. [YouTube](#).

## PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY

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### **Writing:**

[Civic Participation in Urban Development](#). *Urbaria* Summaries Series 2020/8. ISSN 2670-2363.

[Urbaner Aktivismus in Russland: »gewöhnliche« Bürger:innen, erfahrene Aktivist:innen und Gründe für vorsichtigen Optimismus](#). *Russland-Analysen*, Ausgabe 399, 09.03.2021. doi: 10.31205/ra.399.02

[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.

**Other:**

Hosting for the New Books Network podcast. [Profile](#).

[Propaganda, protest, and repression in Russia: an insiders look with Anna Zhelnina](#). International Horizons podcast. May 9, 2022.

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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Social Movements, Political Sociology, Urban Sociology, Qualitative Methods

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

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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

European Sociological Association (ESA)

**SERVICE**

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Reviewer for: American Sociological Review, Antipode, Journal of Housing and the Built Environment, Land Use Policy, Mobilization, Social Problems, Sociological Forum, Space and Culture, Symbolic Interaction, City & Community

Board Member: Research Committee 21 “Urban and Regional Development” (RC21)

Internal book manuscript review: Polity Press

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**

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