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Employment

Assistant Professor, New Economics School, starting September 2008

Education:

PhD in Economics, Harvard University, 2008
MA in Economics, New Economic School, 2002
Diploma in Physics, Moscow State University, cum laude, 2001

Research Interests:

Political Economy, Applied Econometrics
Corporate Finance, Asset Pricing, Development Economics

Publications:

“Decentralization and Political Institutions” (with Ekaterina Zhuravskaya) *Journal of Public Economics*, December 2007, 91: 2261-2290.
“Federalism and Political Centralization” (with Ekaterina Zhuravskaya), in *Political Institutions and Development: Failed Expectations and Renewed Hopes*, Natalia Dinello and Vladimir Popov (eds.), Edward Elgar: Cheltenham, UK (2007)

Working Papers

“*Politicians, Bureaucrats and Patronage*”
“*Are Bureaucrats Really Paid Like Bureaucrats*”
“*Media and Political Persuasion in Young Democracies: Evidence from Russia*” (with Maria Petrova and Ekaterina Zhuravskaya)

Work in Progress

“*Effect of Local Political Institutions: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Afghanistan*” (with Andrew Beath and Fotini Christia)
“*Democracy and Human Capital*”
“*Entrepreneurial Biases*” (with Paul Gompers)
“*What Causes Short-termism? Evidence from Retail Industry*”
“*Measuring Social Policy Performance: A Model-based Approach*” (with John Gerring, and Strom Thacker)

Teaching Experience:

Fall, 2007	Capital Markets (U), Harvard University, teaching fellow for Professor John Campbell
Spring, 2006	Political Economy of Institutions and Development (G), Harvard University/MIT, teaching fellow for Professors Daron Acemoglu, Abhijit Banerjee and James Robinson
Fall, 2005	Development Economics (G), Harvard University/MIT, teaching fellow for Professors Sendhil Mullainathan and Abhijit Banerjee
Spring, 2003	Contract Theory II (G), New Economic School, Moscow, teaching fellow for Professor Andrei Breznzen

Research Experience and Other Employment:

Autumn 2007- now	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Consultant
Summer 2007	World Bank, Consultant
2006-2007	Boston University, RA for Professors John Gerring and Strom Thacker
Summer 2004	RA for Professor Michael Kremer, Harvard University
Summer 2003	Visiting Researcher, CEFIR, Moscow, Russia
2001-2002	Junior Researcher, CEFIR, Moscow, Russia

Professional Activities

Conferences	Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago (2007), The 21st Annual Congress of the European Economic Association (2006), XI Spring Meeting of Young Economists, Seville, Spain (2006), Comparing the Experience of Transition, Beijing, China (2003), WDI/CEPR Annual International Conference on Transition Economics, Budapest, Hungary (2003), Public Sector Transition, St. Petersburg, Russia (2002), XI Research Conference on Russian Economic and Political Institutions in Transition, Moscow, Russia (2002)
Seminars	Student Political Economics Workshop, NBER, Cambridge (2006)
Summer schools	Price Theory Summer Camp, University of Chicago (2007) Summer Institute on Economics and Psychology, Toulouse, France (2005) European School on New Institutional Economics, Cargese, France (2004)
Referee	<i>Journal of European Economics Association, Economics of Transition, The B.E. Journals in Economic Analysis & Policy, Economic Journal</i>

Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships:

2007-2008	Institute for Humane Studies, Humane Studies fellowship
2007-2008	Taubman Center for State and Local Government, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard, Dissertation Research fellowship
2006-2007	Knafel Dissertation Completion fellowship
2006	First Prize in the Global Development Network Medals Competition for Research in Development
2005-2007	Graduate Associate, Institute for Quantitative Social Science
2005	Russell Sage Summer Behavioral Institute fellowship
2004-2005	Dillon fellowship
2003-2004	Harvard University fellowship
2002- 2006	Edmund S. Muskie Ph.D. fellowship
2002	Best Student Paper award, New Economic School