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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Comparative Politics, Electoral Authoritarianism, Political Decentralization and Local Government, Machine Politics, Urban Protests, Ethnic Relations.
EDUCATION	<p>European University Institute, Florence, Italy</p> <p>Ph.D. Researcher 2022 – present</p> <p>Department of Political and Social Sciences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thesis Topic: <i>Political (De)Centralization Under Authoritarianism</i> <p>European University at St.Petersburg, St. Petersburg, Russia</p> <p>Master of Political Science, Department of Political Science 2018 – 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thesis Topic: <i>Factors of Electoral Mobilization at the Local Level in Russia: 2016 – 2018</i>• GPA: 3.95 <p>Perm State University, Perm, Russia</p> <p>Master of International Relationships, Department of Political Science 2017 – 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thesis Topic: <i>The Influence of European Urban Practices on Coalition Interactions in the Largest Russian Cities</i>• GPA: 4.0 <p>Bachelor of Political Science, Department of Political Science 2013 – 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thesis Topic: <i>Ethnic Territorial Autonomies: The Problem of Political Space Segmentation</i>• GPA: 3.96
EXCHANGE	<p>The Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, Washington DC, USA</p> <p>Visiting Scholar January 2025 – May 2025</p> <p>Department of Political and Social Sciences</p>
PUBLICATIONS	<p>[1] Minaeva E., Rumiantseva A., Zavadskaya M. (2023) From local elections to appointments: How has municipal reform changed vote delivery in Russian municipalities? <i>Electoral Studies</i>, Vol. 85, DOI:10.1016/j.electstud.2023.102657.</p> <p>[2] Minaeva E. (2023). Policy Activism in Urban Governance: The Case of Master Plan Development in Perm. in Jeremy Morris, Andrei Semenov and Regina Smyth (Ed.) <i>Varieties of Russian Activism: State-Society Contestation in Everyday Life</i>. Bloomington: Indiana University Press.</p> <p>[3] Minaeva E. (2022) Strategies for the Preservation and Cancellation of the Direct Election of Municipal Heads in Russia. <i>Universe of Russia. Sociology. Ethnology</i>, Vol. 31, Issue 2: 97-117. (in Russian)</p> <p>[4] Minaeva E., Panov P. (2021) Dense Networks, Ethnic Minorities, and Electoral Mobilization in Contemporary Russia. <i>Problems of Post-Communism</i>, DOI:10.1080/10758216.2021.1974885.</p>

- [5] Minaeva E., Panov P. (2020) Localization of Ethnic Groups in the Regions as a Factor of Cross-Regional Variations in Voting for United Russia. *Russian Politics*: 131-153.
- [6] Minaeva E., Semenov A. (2020) The Cities of Forking Streets: Trajectories of Urban Conflicts in Russia. *The Journal of Social Policy Studies*, Vol. 19, Issue 2: 189-204. *(in Russian)*
- [7] Minaeva E., Semenov A. (2020) Policy Transfer in Urban Governance: The Case of Strategic Urban Planning in Russia. *Ars Administrandi*, Vol. 1: 120-136. *(in Russian)*
- [8] Minaeva E., Panov. P. (2017) Ethnic Regional Autonomies: Variation of the Correlation Between Sub-State Boundaries and Ethnic Groups' Settlements. *Political Science*, Vol. 4: 178-205. *(in Russian)*
- [9] Minaeva E. (2016) Urban Settlement Versus Municipal District» in the Context of Vertical Power Structure: Polycentricity in Local Polity. *Bulletin of Perm University. Political Science*, Vol. 1: 83-96. *(in Russian)*

ONLINE PUBLICATIONS

- [1] Ross S., Serebrennikov D., Minaeva E., & Netyaev V. (2024). Surveillance Technologies in Autocratic Regimes: The Moscow AI Experiment and its Implications for Crime Control and Police Effectiveness. Available at SSRN.
- [2] Rogov K., & Minaeva E. (2022). [The Journey from 1945 to 1941](#).
- [3] [GIS Technologies in Ethno-Political Studies: Spatial Localization of Ethnic Groups](#).

WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Fellow September 2020 to June 2022
 Center for Comparative History and Political Studies

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

[TU Darmstadt](#), Darmstadt, Germany
Teacher October-November 2024; November 2025

- Political Paths of Post-Soviet Countries

[European University Institute](#), Florence, Italy
[Department of Political and Social Sciences](#)

Teacher September 2023

- Introduction to R

[Perm State University](#), Perm, Russia
[Department of Political Science](#)

Teaching Assistant September 2020 to June 2022

- Comparative Politics (1st/2nd/3rd year BA in political science and international relations students)
- Methodology of Political Science (1st/2nd year BA in political science and international relations students)
- R Programming (1st/2nd year BA in political science and international relations students)
- Regional Studies (4th year BA in political science and international relations students)

LATEST CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOP TALKS	MPSA, Politics and Political Economy of Eurasia Workshop, April 23-26, 2025, Chicago Paper: <i>Local Elections and Elite Management: Evidence from Kazakhstan</i> , co-authored with Kirill Melnikov and Thomas Hazell
	Pre-EPSA Conference on Authoritarian Politics, July 3, 2024, Cologne Paper: <i>Legitimacy Erosion and State Capacity: Explaining Political (De)Centralization in Dictatorships</i>
	Building Closed Autocracies: the Cases of Russia and Belarus, October 6-7, 2022, Berlin Paper: <i>Non-Programmatic Electoral Mobilization of Ethnic Minorities: Evidence from Russia</i>
	5th Annual Tartu Conference on Russian and East European Studies, June 6-8, 2021 Paper: <i>From Elections to Appointments: Does Centralization Strengthen Political Support? Evidence from the Russian Municipalities</i>
	ASN Annual World Convention, May 6-8, 2021 Paper: <i>Political Consequences of the Implementation of Municipal Heads' Appointments in Russia</i>
	St. Petersburg Conference on Inequality and Diversity, October 21-22, 2019 Paper: <i>Machine Politics at the Local Level in Russia at the Present Stage</i>
SKILLS	RC21 Delhi conference "In and Beyond the City: Emerging Ontologies, Persistent Challenges and Hopeful Futures", September 18-21, 2019 Paper: <i>Citizen-State Interactions in Urban Planning in Russian Cities</i>
	Political Science: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparative Politics, Political Theory, Political Analysis Methods, Experimental Design, Questionnaire Design, Political Behaviour, Electoral Mobilization.
	Statistics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Probability Theory and Statistics, Multilevel Regression Analysis, Difference-in-Differences Design.
	Programming and Software: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R, SPSS.
	Desktop Editing and Productivity Software: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L^AT_EX; • ArcMap; • Microsoft Office, Google Docs.
	Languages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Russian: native; • English: advanced.
ADDITIONAL TRAINING	<i>The 2nd Annual IPSA-HSE International Summer School for Methods of Political and Social Research</i> 3-weeks methodology course for graduate students Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg, 2018
GRANTS	European University Institute, Early Stage Researchers grant 2024 – 2025 Local elections and elite management in authoritarian regime: evidence from Kazakhstan

Russian Science Foundation	2018 – 2023
Collective Grant for Russian Scholars	
Mechanisms of Interests Coordination in the Urban Development Processes	
Oxford Russia Fellowship	2020 – 2021
Individual Grant for Young Russian Scholars	
<i>Political Consequences of the Implementation of Municipal Heads' Appointments in Russia</i>	
Russian Foundation for Basic Research	2019 – 2021
Collective Grant for Russian Scholars	
<i>Spatial Localization of Ethnic Minorities within the Framework of Political-Administrative Boundaries as a Factor of Politicization of Ethnicity on Sub-National Level: Russian Practices in the Context of World Experience</i>	
Volkswagen Foundation	2019 – 2021
Collective Grant for Interdisciplinary and International Research	
Shifting Paradigms: Towards Participatory and Effective Urban Planning in Germany, Russia and Ukraine	
Russian Science Foundation	2015 – 2017
Collective Grant for Russian Scholars	
Securing a Balance in Interethnic Relations: Regional autonomies, the State Integrity and the Rights of Ethnic Minorities	