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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Comparative Politics, Electoral Authoritarianism, Political Decentralization and Local Government, Machine Politics, Urban Protests, Survey, Quantitative Methods, DID.
EDUCATION	European University Institute , Florence, Italy Ph.D. Researcher 2022 – present Department of Political and Social Sciences • Thesis Topic: <i>Political (De)Centralization Under Authoritarianism</i>
	European University at St.Petersburg , St. Petersburg, Russia Master of Political Science, Department of Political Science 2018 – 2020 • Thesis Topic: <i>Factors of Electoral Mobilization at the Local Level in Russia: 2016 – 2018</i> • GPA: 3.95
	Perm State University , Perm, Russia Master of International Relationships, Department of Political Science 2017 – 2019 • Thesis Topic: <i>The Influence of European Urban Practices on Coalition Interactions in the Largest Russian Cities</i> • GPA: 4.0
	Bachelor of Political Science, Department of Political Science 2013 – 2017 • Thesis Topic: <i>Ethnic Territorial Autonomies: The Problem of Political Space Segmentation</i> • GPA: 3.96
EXCHANGE	The Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies , Washington DC, USA Visiting Scholar January 2025 – May 2025 Department of Political and Social Sciences
PUBLICATIONS	[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. [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. [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) [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.

[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)

IN PROGRESS

Solo-authored

[1] Minaeva E. Citizens' Perceptions of Local Government under Centralized Rule: A Survey Experiment in Russia.

[2] Minaeva E. Why Autocrats (De)centralize Electoral Authority: Explaining the Introduction and Cancellation of Subnational Elections.

Co-authored

[3] Minaeva E., Melnikov K., Hazell T. Local Elections and Elite Management in Authoritarian Regimes: Evidence from Kazakhstan.

[4] Minaeva E., Melnikov K., Hazell T. The Governance Effects of Local Elections in Autocracies: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in Kazakhstan.

[5] Minaeva E., Serebrennikov D., Ross S. Surveillance as Governance: Policing Effectiveness and Political Control in the Moscow AI Experiment.

[6] Minaeva E., Kostelka F. *et al.* Mass Attitudes towards Russia's Aggression against Ukraine: Tentative Support for Top-Down Opinion Formation.

ONLINE PUBLICATIONS

[1] Rogov K., & Minaeva E. (2022). *The Journey from 1945 to 1941*.

[2] GIS Technologies in Ethno-Political Studies: Spatial Localization of Ethnic Groups.

WORK EXPERIENCE

TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Research Fellow Center for Comparative History and Political Studies	September 2020 to June 2022
	Teacher <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Political Paths of Post-Soviet Countries (Block Seminar)	November 2024; November 2025
	European University Institute, Florence, Italy Department of Political and Social Sciences	September 2023
	Teacher	

- Introduction to R

Perm State University, Perm, Russia
 Department of Political Science

September 2020 to June 2022

Teaching Assistant

- 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: *Local Elections and Elite Management: Evidence from Kazakhstan*, co-authored with Kirill Melnikov and Thomas Hazell

Pre-EPSA Conference on Authoritarian Politics, July 3, 2024, Cologne
 Paper: *Legitimacy Erosion and State Capacity: Explaining Political (De)Centralization in Dictatorships*

Building Closed Autocracies: the Cases of Russia and Belarus, October 6-7, 2022, Berlin
 Paper: *Non-Programmatic Electoral Mobilization of Ethnic Minorities: Evidence from Russia*

5th Annual Tartu Conference on Russian and East European Studies, June 6-8, 2021
 Paper: *From Elections to Appointments: Does Centralization Strengthen Political Support? Evidence from the Russian Municipalities*

ASN Annual World Convention, May 6-8, 2021
 Paper: *Political Consequences of the Implementation of Municipal Heads' Appointments in Russia*

St. Petersburg Conference on Inequality and Diversity, October 21-22, 2019
 Paper: *Machine Politics at the Local Level in Russia at the Present Stage*

RC21 Delhi conference "In and Beyond the City: Emerging Ontologies, Persistent Challenges and Hopeful Futures", September 18-21, 2019
 Paper: *Citizen-State Interactions in Urban Planning in Russian Cities*

SKILLS

Political Science:

- Comparative Politics, Political Theory, Political Analysis Methods, Experimental Design, Questionnaire Design, Political Behaviour, Electoral Mobilization.

Statistics:

- Probability Theory and Statistics, Multilevel Regression Analysis, Difference-in-Differences Design.

Programming and Software:

- R, SPSS.

Desktop Editing and Productivity Software:

- L^AT_EX;
- ArcMap;
- Microsoft Office, Google Docs.

Languages:

- Russian: native;
- English: advanced.

ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE	Researchers' Representative Department of Political and Social Sciences, European University Institute	2024–2025
ADDITIONAL TRAINING	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <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 Local elections and elite management in authoritarian regime: evidence from Kazakhstan	2024 – 2025
	Russian Science Foundation Collective Grant for Russian Scholars <i>Mechanisms of Interests Coordination in the Urban Development Processes</i>	2018 – 2023
	Oxford Russia Fellowship Individual Grant for Young Russian Scholars <i>Political Consequences of the Implementation of Municipal Heads' Appointments in Russia</i>	2020 – 2021
	Russian Foundation for Basic Research 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>	2019 – 2021
	Volkswagen Foundation Collective Grant for Interdisciplinary and International Research Shifting Paradigms: Towards Participatory and Effective Urban Planning in Germany, Russia and Ukraine	2019 – 2021
	Russian Science Foundation Collective Grant for Russian Scholars Securing a Balance in Interethnic Relations: Regional autonomies, the State Integrity and the Rights of Ethnic Minorities	2015 – 2017