

Eleonora Minaeva

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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Comparative Politics, Electoral Authoritarianism, Political Decentralization and Local Government, Machine Politics, Urban Protests, Survey, Quantitative Methods, DID.
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>

	<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. <i>Russian Politics</i>: 131-153.</p> <p>[6] Minaeva E., Semenov A. (2020) The Cities of Forking Streets: Trajectories of Urban Conflicts in Russia. <i>The Journal of Social Policy Studies</i>, Vol. 19, Issue 2: 189-204. <i>(in Russian)</i></p> <p>[7] Minaeva E., Semenov A. (2020) Policy Transfer in Urban Governance: The Case of Strategic Urban Planning in Russia. <i>Ars Administrandi</i>, Vol. 1: 120-136. <i>(in Russian)</i></p> <p>[8] Minaeva E., Panov. P. (2017) Ethnic Regional Autonomies: Variation of the Correlation Between Sub-State Boundaries and Ethnic Groups' Settlements. <i>Political Science</i>, Vol. 4: 178-205. <i>(in Russian)</i></p> <p>[9] Minaeva E. (2016) Urban Settlement Versus Municipal District» in the Context of Vertical Power Structure: Polycentricity in Local Polity. <i>Bulletin of Perm University. Political Science</i>, Vol. 1: 83-96. <i>(in Russian)</i></p>	
IN PROGRESS	<p><i>Solo-authored</i></p> <p>[1] Minaeva E. Citizens' Perceptions of Local Government under Centralized Rule: A Survey Experiment in Russia.</p> <p>[2] Minaeva E. Why Autocrats (De)centralize Electoral Authority: Explaining the Introduction and Cancellation of Subnational Elections.</p> <p><i>Co-authored</i></p> <p>[3] Minaeva E., Melnikov K., Hazell T. Local Elections and Elite Management in Authoritarian Regimes: Evidence from Kazakhstan.</p> <p>[4] Minaeva E., Melnikov K., Hazell T. The Governance Effects of Local Elections in Autocracies: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in Kazakhstan.</p> <p>[5] Minaeva E., Serebrennikov D., Ross S. Surveillance as Governance: Policing Effectiveness and Political Control in the Moscow AI Experiment.</p> <p>[6] Minaeva E., Kostelka F. <i>et al.</i> Mass Attitudes towards Russia's Aggression against Ukraine: Tentative Support for Top-Down Opinion Formation.</p>	
ONLINE PUBLICATIONS	<p>[1] Rogov K., & Minaeva E. (2022). The Journey from 1945 to 1941.</p> <p>[2] GIS Technologies in Ethno-Political Studies: Spatial Localization of Ethnic Groups.</p>	
WORK EXPERIENCE	<p><i>Research Fellow</i> September 2020 to June 2022</p> <p>Center for Comparative History and Political Studies</p>	
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<p>TU Darmstadt, Darmstadt, Germany November 2024; November 2025</p> <p><i>Teacher</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political Paths of Post-Soviet Countries (Block Seminar) <p>European University Institute, Florence, Italy September 2023</p> <p>Department of Political and Social Sciences</p> <p><i>Teacher</i></p>	

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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)

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.

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-EPISA 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*

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	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	