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## Education

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### Political Science Department, Columbia University

New York, NY, US

PHD CANDIDATE

Oct. 2017 - PRESENT

MASTER OF ARTS

Sep. 2014 - Oct. 2016

MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY

Sep. 2014 - Oct. 2017

- Major: *Comparative Politics*
- Minor: *Political Economy*
- Dissertation Topic: *Controlled Confusion: Manipulation of Public Attribution of Responsibilities in Decentralized Autocracies*

### LAAISC (CInSt), NRU Higher School of Economics

Moscow, Russia

CANDIDATE OF SCIENCES (PHD EQUIVALENT)

Nov. 2011 - Nov. 2014

- Thesis Topic: *Taming the (not so) Stationary Bandit: Property Rights and Political Competition in Non-democratic Setting*
- Candidacy Program: *Theoretical Economics*
- Advisor: Professor Leonid I. Polishchuk

### Department of Economics, NRU Higher School of Economics

Moscow, Russia

MASTER OF ECONOMICS

Sep. 2009 - Jul. 2011

BACHELOR OF ECONOMICS

Sep. 2005 - Jul. 2009

- Master Thesis Topic: *Property Rights and Political Competition: Economic Analysis*
- Area of Study: *Political Economy, Endogenous Property Rights, Institutional Economics*
- Advisor: Professor Leonid I. Polishchuk

## Publications

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### REFEREED

#### Investment Climate and Turnover of Power in Russian Regions

*Voprosy Ekonomiki (in Russian)*

G. SYUNYAEV, L. POLISHCHUK

Vol. 2, pp. 88–117, 2014

#### Ruling Elites' Rotation and Asset Ownership: Implications for Property Rights

*Public Choice*

L. POLISHCHUK, G. SYUNYAEV

Vol. 162(1), pp. 159–182, 2015

#### How (not) to Measure Russian Regional Institutions

*Russian Journal of Economics*

L. POLISHCHUK, A. BARANOV, E. MALKOV, M. ROCHLITZ, G. SYUNYAEV

Vol. 1(2), pp. 154–181, 2015

#### Property Rights without Democracy: The Role of Elites' Rotation and Asset Ownership

*Book Chapter*

L. POLISHCHUK, G. SYUNYAEV

- In C. Dahlstrom et al. (eds.), *Elites, Institutions and the Quality of Government*, Palgrave Macmillan UK, 2015

### NON-REFEREED

#### New Institutional Economics: A State-of-the-Art Review for Economic Sociologists

*Economic Sociology (Electronic)*

R. MENYASHEV, T. NATKHOV, L. POLISHCHUK, G. SYUNYAEV

Vol. 13(1), pp. 12–21, 2011

### WORKING PAPERS

#### Persuasion Through Propaganda: Experimental Evidence from Russia

*Draft*

A. ROZENAS, D. STUKAL, G. SYUNYAEV

2018

#### Encouraging Collective Action in Homeowners Associations: Evidence from Russia

*Draft*

E. BORISOVA, T. FRYE, G. SYUNYAEV

2016

## Winning or Learning: When Strength of Opposition Presents a Dilemma to Autocrat

G. SYUNYAEV

Draft

2017

## WORK IN PROGRESS

### Federalism and Ideology

M. TING, A. WILKE, G. SYUNYAEV

Project

2018

### Blame-Shifting in Autocracies

G. SYUNYAEV

Project

2018

### Controlled Confusion: An Experiment on Manipulation of Public Attribution of Responsibilities in Decentralized Autocracies

G. SYUNYAEV

Project

2018

### An Exact, Distribution-Free Method for Addressing Attrition Bias in Randomized Experiments

T. LEAVITT, G. SYUNYAEV

Project

2017

### The Effects of Internet Access on Political Opinions and Behavior

A. WILKE, T. LEAVITT, G. SYUNYAEV

Project

2017

## Skills

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<b>Substantive</b>	Comparative Politics, Political Economy, Institutional Economics, Authoritarian Regimes
<b>Methodology</b>	Formal Political Economy, Experimental Research, Bayesian Statistics, Causal Inference, Reproducible Research
<b>Mathematics</b>	Game Theory, Graph Theory, Stochastic Calculus, Networks, Differential Equations, Mathematical Analysis
<b>Software</b>	[R] ( <i>advanced</i> ), Stata SE/ME ( <i>advanced</i> ), MATLAB ( <i>intermediary</i> ), Mathematica ( <i>intermediary</i> ), RStan ( <i>intermediary</i> ), Python ( <i>basic</i> ), Julia ( <i>basic</i> ), $\LaTeX$ ( <i>advanced</i> ), R Markdown ( <i>advanced</i> ), MS Office
<b>Languages</b>	Russian ( <i>native</i> ), English ( <i>fluent</i> ), German ( <i>basic</i> )

## Software Development

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<b>beninrep</b>	[R] package for the replication of Benin study from Metaketa Initiative.
<b>replication</b>	[R] package which provides set of functions for declaration and summary of research replication.
<b>DeclareDesign</b>	[R] package to aid researchers in characterizing and diagnosing research designs (Blair et al. 2016). ( <i>Research Assistant during Summer 2016</i> )
<b>BIQQ</b>	[R] package for Bayesian Integration of Qualitative and Quantitative Research (Humphreys, Jacobs 2015). ( <i>Research Assistant during Fall 2016</i> )

## Experience

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### Laboratory for Applied Analysis of Institutions and Social Capital, NRU HSE

RESEARCH FELLOW

Moscow, Russia

Jul. 2013 - Aug. 2014

- Project: Property Rights Protection and Turnover of Ruling Elites: Cross-country and Russian Regional Study
- Supervisor: Professor Leonid Polishchuk
- Affiliations: Center for Institutional Studies

### Harriman Institute for Russian, Eurasian, and East European Studies, CU

VISITING SCHOLAR

New York, NY, US

Jan. 2013 - Jun. 2013

- Project: Property Rights Protection and Turnover of Ruling Elites: Russian Regional Study
- Supervisor: Professor Timothy Frye

### Development Research Group, The World Bank

VISITING EXPERT

Washington, DC, US

Jun. 2013 - Jun. 2013

- Project: Property Rights Protection and Turnover of Ruling Elites: Cross-country Study
- Supervisor: Philip Keefer

## Laboratory for Applied Analysis of Institutions and Social Capital, NRU HSE

RESEARCH FELLOW

- Project: Property Rights Protection and Turnover of Ruling Elites: Cross-country Study
- Supervisor: Professor Leonid Polishchuk

*Moscow, Russia*

*Jul. 2012 - Dec. 2012*

## Laboratory for Applied Analysis of Institutions and Social Capital, NRU HSE

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

- Project: Property Rights Protection and Turnover of Ruling Elites: Cross-country and Russian Regional Study
- Supervisor: Professor Leonid Polishchuk

*Moscow, Russia*

*Jul. 2010 - Jun. 2012*

## Grants & Awards

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2018–2019 **Dissertation Fellowship**, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University

*Cambridge, MA*

2017–2018 **Research Transparency and Reproducibility Fellowship**, J-PAL, MIT

*Cambridge, MA*

2017 **Governance Initiative Travel Grant (with Anna Wilke and Thomas Leavitt)**, J-PAL, MIT

*Cambridge, MA*

2017 **Dissertation Development Grant**, Department of Political Science, Columbia University

*New York, NY*

2016,2017 **Travel Grant**, Department of Political Science, Columbia University

*New York, NY*

2014 **Dean's Fellowship**, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University

*New York, NY*

2013 **Research Grant of the Department of Economics**, NRU HSE

*Moscow, Russia*

2011 **Research Grant of the Department of Economics (with Leonid Polishchuk)**, NRU HSE

*Moscow, Russia*

2010–2014 **Travel Grants of NRU HSE for Participation in 5 Academic Conferences**, NRU HSE

*Moscow, Russia*

## Teaching

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### Chinese Foreign Policy

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

- Instructor: Professor Andrew J. Nathan
- Responsible for 2 1-hour sections per week
- Graded 4 written assignments for 40 students

*New York, NY, US*

*Spring 2017*

### Design and Analysis of Sample Surveys

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

- Instructor: Professor Andrew Gelman
- Responsible for 2-hour bi-weekly sections
- Graded 40 homeworks per week

*New York, NY, US*

*Spring 2016*

### Economics of Reform

FACULTY OF ECONOMIC SCIENCES, NRU HSE

- Instructor: Professor Leonid I. Polishchuk
- Course taught to last year bachelor or master degree students
- Responsible for 2-hour seminar on Endogenous Constitutional Design
- Graded over 40 exams and class assignments

*Moscow, Russia*

*Fall 2011, Fall 2013*

### Institutional Economics I

FACULTY OF ECONOMIC SCIENCES, NRU HSE

- Instructor: Professor Maria M. Yudkevich
- Course taught to 3rd year bachelor degree students
- Responsible for three 1-hour seminars each week
- Graded over 100 exams and class assignments
- Supervised over 10 course papers
- Authored several exam tasks

*Moscow, Russia*

*Spring 2012*

### New Political Economy

FACULTY OF ECONOMIC SCIENCES, NRU HSE

- Instructor: Professor Leonid I. Polishchuk
- Course taught to the last year bachelor or master degree students
- Responsible for one 2-hour seminar each week
- Graded over 50 exam and class assignment papers

*Moscow, Russia*

*Fall 2012*

## Conferences

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## Persuasion Through Propaganda: Experimental Evidence from Russia

AUTHORS: A. ROZENA, D. STUKAL, G. SYUNYAEV

- **APSA 2018:** 114th APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition, Boston, MA, USA, August 30–September 2, 2018
- **Carnegie Russia Workshop:** Columbia-NYU Carnegie Russia Workshop, New York, NY, USA, September 20, 2018
- **CREECA Young Scholars Conference:** Wisconsin Russia Project's Summer 2018 Young Scholars Conference, UW-Madison, Madison, WI, USA, July 26–27, 2018

## The Effects of Internet Access on Political Opinions and Behavior

Project

A. WILKE, T. LEAVITT, G. SYUNYAEV

2017

- **PED Research Workshop:** Political Economy of Development Research Workshop, WZB, Berlin, Germany, December 15–16, 2017

## Encouraging Collective Action in Homeowners Associations: Evidence from Russia

AUTHORS: E. BORISOVA, T. FRYE, G. SYUNYAEV

- **SSDS 2016:** Seminar for the Study of Development Strategies (Internal Weeks), New York, USA, April, 2016
- **APSA 2016:** American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, USA, September 1–4, 2016

## Ruling Elites' Rotation and Asset Ownership: Implications for Property Rights

AUTHORS: G. SYUNYAEV, L. POLISHCHUK

- **SCW 2014:** The 12th Meeting of the Society for Social Choice and Welfare, Boston, USA, June 18–21, 2014
- **EEA-ESEM 2012:** European Economic Association and the Econometric Society European meeting, Malaga, Spain, August 27–31, 2012
- **PET 2012:** 13th Annual Conference of The Association of Public Economic Theory, Taipei, Taiwan, June 12–14, 2012
- **ESNIE 2012:** 11th session of the European School on New Institutional Economics (ESNIE), Cargese, France, May 21–25, 2012
- **RSSIA 2011:** Russian Summer School for Institutional Analysis, Moscow, Russian Federation, July 5–11, 2011
- **ISNIE 2011:** 15th Annual Conference of The International Society for New Institutional Economics, Stanford, USA, June 16–18, 2011
- **RCI 2010:** Shanghai Workshop on Institutional Analysis, Shanghai, China, December 12–18, 2010

## Turnover of Ruling Elites and Property Rights Protection: Evidence from Russian Regions

AUTHORS: G. SYUNYAEV, L. POLISHCHUK

- **EACES-HSE 2014:** Political Economy of Development: A Comparative Perspective, Pushkin, Russian Federation, May 29–31, 2014
- **RSSIA 2013:** Russian Summer School for Institutional Analysis, Moscow, Russian Federation, June 29 – July 5, 2013
- **IACESD 2012:** XIII April International Academic Conference on Economic and Social Development, Moscow, Russian Federation, April 3–5, 2012
- **IACESD 2011:** XII April International Academic Conference on Economic and Social Development, Moscow, Russian Federation, April 5–7, 2011

## Referee Service

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**Economics** Voprosy Ekonomiki (*in Russian*)

## Personal Information

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**Nationality** Russian  
**Marital Status** Single