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Education

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| 2026 (expected in June) | MSc in Data Analytics and AI European University at St Petersburg / Yandex tech company |
| 2023 | PhD in Socio-Legal Studies University of Kent |
| 2013 | LLM with distinction University of Manchester |
| 2009 | MA in Sociology European University at St Petersburg / University of Helsinki |
| 2008 | Higher Education Degree (Specialist) in Law with distinction Kazan State University |
| 2007 | Higher Education Degree (Specialist) in Sociology Kazan State University |

Qualifications

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| 2020 | Associate Fellow (UK Higher Education Academy, reg. no. PR204974) |
| 2015 | Advocate (Leningrad Region Bar, reg. no. 47/2608) |

Professional Experience

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| February 2015 – currently | Institute for the Rule of Law of the European University at St Petersburg Researcher |
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| May 2023 – May 2024 | Maqsut Narikbayev University (Astana), Law School Assistant Professor |
| December 2022 – May 2023 | FernUniversität in Hagen Guest Researcher |
| January 2019 – December 2020 | Kent Law School Assistant Lecturer |
| July 2011 – October 2015 | In-House Lawyer (private sector) |

Teaching

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| March 2024 – May 2024 | European University at St Petersburg (master's programme 'Empirical Legal Studies') |
| September 2021 – January 2022 | Modules: Comparative Sociology of Law, Sociology of Legal Profession |
| September 2023 – December 2023 | Maqsut Narikbayev University (Astana), Law School Module: Sociology of Law |
| January 2019 – December 2020 | Kent Law School Modules: Tort Law, Contract Law, Introduction to Obligations |

Publications

Books

Legal Education in Russia and Abroad: Between University, Profession, State and Market. Norma, 2021 (in Russian, in co-authorship)

Being a Lawyer in Russia: Sociological Study of the Legal Profession. European University Press, 2017 (in Russian, in co-authorship)

Book Chapters

The Professional Portrait of Russian Advocates: Market Challenges and Boundary Work. In Abel R., Sommerland H., Schultz U. and Hammerslev O. (eds.) *Lawyers in 21st-Century Societies*. Oxford, Hart Publishing, 2020 (in English, in co-authorship)

When Business Comes to Court. In Kurkchiyan M. and Kubal A. (eds.) *Sociology of Justice in Russia*. Cambridge University Press, 2018 (in English, in co-authorship)

Encyclopaedia and Handbook Entries

Legal Change in Post-Soviet Russia: Socio-Legal Overview. In Håkan Hydén, Ulrike Schultz, Måns Svensson (eds.) *Elgar Encyclopaedia of Sociology of Law*. Edward Elgar Publishing (in English, forthcoming)

Legal Education and Scholarship in Russia. In Swethaa S. Ballakrishnen and Bryant Garth (eds.) *Elgar Research Handbook on Global Legal Education*. Edward Elgar Publishing (in English, in co-authorship, forthcoming)

Journal Articles

The Profession of Bankruptcy Trustee in Russia: The Role of Debtor Type in Structuring the Community. *Journal of Economic Sociology*, 2025. Vol. 26. Issue 4: 83-120 (in Russian, in co-authorship)

Professional Project of Russian Notaries: From State Control to Self-Autonomy and Back. *International Journal of the Legal Profession*, 2025 (in English, ahead of print)

The Swan, the Pike and the Crayfish: The Deep Cleavages in Russian Legal Education. *Demokratizatsiya: The Journal of Post-Soviet Democratization*, 2023. Vol. 31: 161-196 (in English, in co-authorship)

Social Portrait, Reputations and International Activity of Russian Legal Scholars. *Zakon*, 2023. Vol. 1: 84-93 (in Russian, in co-authorship)

Is There a "Compensation Culture" in Contemporary Russia? The Role of Liability Insurance, Non-Pecuniary Damages, and Legal Profession in Personal Injury Litigation. *Oñati Socio-Legal Series*, 2021. Vol. 11, Issue 2: 556-588 (in English)

Rules, Time and Violence in the Barracks: The Logic of a Total Institution in Transition. *Journal of Social Policy Studies*, 2019. Vol. 17. Issue 3: 359-374 (in Russian)

The Legal Profession as a Community of Practice. *Sociology of Power*, 2016. Vol. 28. Issue 2: 135-167 (in Russian)

(Ethno)methodology in an Auto Repair Shop: Practices of Ethnic Categorization. *Laboratorium: Russian Review of Social Research*, 2012. Vol. 2: 51-68 (in Russian, extended summary in English)

Doing Sociology of Sociology. *Journal of Sociology and Social Anthropology*, 2010. Vol. 3. Issue 13: 155-179 (in Russian)

Dynamics, Economic Adaptation, and Pockets of Intellectual Growth in a Local Academic Community: The Case of St. Petersburg Sociology after 1985. *Journal of Sociology and Social Anthropology*, 2010. Vol. 3. Issue 13: 66-82 (in Russian, in co-authorship)

Editorials

Total Institutions in Russia. *Journal of Social Policy Studies*, 2017. Vol. 17. Issue 3: 329-330 (in Russian)

Analytical Reports

Academic Reputations and Social Portrait of Russian Legal Scholars. Institute for the Rule of Law, 2022 (in Russian, in co-authorship)

Personal Bankruptcy in Russia: Seven Years of the Legal Institute. Institute for the Rule of Law, 2022 (in Russian, in co-authorship)

Commercial Disputes by Type of Economic Activity. Institute for the Rule of Law, 2022 (in Russian, in co-authorship)

Professional Judicial Education: A Comparative Analysis of Training Centres for Judges in Europe (France, Portugal, and Poland). Institute for the Rule of Law, 2018 (in Russian, in coauthorship)

Proposals for Improving the Judicial System in the Russian Federation. Moscow, Centre for Strategic Research, 2018 (in English, in co-authorship)

Acquittal and Rehabilitation in the Republic of Kazakhstan. Astana, EU Project: Enhancing Criminal Justice in Kazakhstan, 2018 (in Russian, in co-authorship)

Enforcement of Court Decisions and Organisation of Bailiff's Work. Moscow, Centre for Strategic Research, 2017 (in Russian, in co-authorship)

Diagnostics of the Criminal Judicial System and Propositions for its Reforming. Moscow, Committee of Civil Initiatives, 2016 (in Russian, in co-authorship)

Conference Papers

European Integration in the Media Sphere. *Comparing and Inter-Relating the European Union and the Russian Federation. Discussion Paper No. 30*, Langenohl, A. and Westphal, K. (eds.). Giessen: Zentrum für internationale Entwicklungs- und Umweltforschung der Justus-Liebig-Universität Giessen, 2006: 105-111 (in English)

Book Reviews

Review: Svetlana Stephenson. *Life by the Code: Street Gangs in Russia* / Robert Garaev. *Lad's Word. Criminal Tatarstan in the 1970-2010s. Laboratorium: Russian Review of Social Research*, 2021. Vol. 13. No 1: 127-131 (in Russian)

Police Control and Fleeting Community in Ghetto. Review: Goffman A. *On the Run: Fugitive Life in an American City*. University of Chicago Press, 2014. *Sociology of Power*, 2016, Vol. 3, № 28 (3): 266-275 (in Russian)

Latour's Anthropology of Law: From Network Analysis to Language of Values. Review: Latour B. The Making of Law: An Ethnography of the Conseil d'État. *Polity*, 2010. *Sociology of Power*, 2015. Vol. 27. № 2: 135-167 (in Russian)

Media

Columns on legal issues in *Vedomosti* (a leading Russian business newspaper), 2015-2018

Research Projects

2023-ongoing

Research Network on Public Authorities and Financial Distress (International Research Collaborative Project), researcher

2022-ongoing

The Notariat across Borders (International Research Collaborative Project, RCSL Legal Profession Group), researcher

2021-2022

Validity of Citation Rankings in Social Sciences and Humanities (Centre for Institutional Analysis of Science and Education, Russian Science Foundation), researcher

2020-2022

Personal Bankruptcy in Russia (Institute for the Rule of Law), researcher

2017-2018

Enhancing Criminal Justice in Kazakhstan (European Union Project), expert

2016-2017

The Enforcement of Judicial Decisions in Russia: Statistical Indicators and Institutional Incentives (Institute for the Rule of Law, Centre for Strategic Research Fund), coordinator/researcher

2016-2017

Sociological Research on Legal Education in Russia (Institute for the Rule of Law, Russian Science Foundation), researcher

2015-2016

Diagnostics of the Criminal Judicial System and Propositions for its Reforming (Institute for the Rule of Law, Committee of Civil Initiatives), researcher

2015-2016

Sociological Research on Russian Legal Profession (Institute for the Rule of Law, Russian Science Foundation), researcher

2009- 2010

St Petersburg Sociology after 1985: Economic Adaptation, Institutional Transformation, and Pockets of Intellectual Growth in a Local Academic Community (Centre for Fundamental Studies of National Research University - Higher School of Economics), researcher

2009

Labour Migration and Integration of the Migrants from Central Asia (Centre for Fundamental Studies of National Research University - Higher School of Economics), researcher

2009

Comparative Analysis of the Higher Education Quality in the Global Knowledge Economy (Institute for Educational Studies of National Research University - Higher School of Economics), administrator

2008

Support for Homeowners (New Eurasia, Institution of Urban Economy, U. S. Agency for International Development), analyst

Conferences

September 2024 RCSL ISA Conference, Bangor (presentation '(De) Feminisation of the Russian Legal Profession: Judges, Advocates, and Notaries')

July 2022 LSA Annual Meeting, Lisbon (presentation 'Professional Project of Russian Notaries: From Public Service to Liberal Profession and Back')

September 2019 SLSA Workshop 'Socio-Legal Studies in Germany and the UK: Theory and Methods', Berlin (presentation 'Legal Culture and Recht als Kultur: the UK and German Approaches to Law and Culture')

June 2019 IISL Workshop 'Too Much Litigation?: Facts, Reasons, Consequences, and Solutions', Oñati (presentation 'Compensation Culture in Russia and the UK: Too Much Personal Injury Litigation?')

January 2019 SLSA Annual Postgraduate Conference, University of Warwick April 2018 SLSA Conference 'Socio-Legal Studies / Sociologie du Droit: Methods, Traditions, Theories in France and the UK', Paris

June 2018 Interdisciplinary Legal Studies Network Conference 'The Uses and Futures of Interdisciplinary Studies', University of Kent, Canterbury

July 2016 RCSL Working Group on Comparative Studies of Legal Professions. Biennial Meeting, Andorra (presentation 'Reforming Russian Legal Profession: from State Control to Market Chaos and Back Again')

September 2015 Autumn Readings, Moscow School of Social and Economic Sciences (presentation 'Empirical Legal Studies: An Overview of Research Approaches')

April 2015 XVI April International Academic Conference on Economic and Social Development, National Research University Higher School of Economics (presentation 'The Prospects for the Development of E-Justice after the Abolition of the Supreme Court of Arbitration')

July 2008 Summer School 'Theory of Practices' (Centre 'Res Publica', 'Dinastya' Foundation), Chudskoye Ozero

June 2006 International graduate and post-graduate conference 'Relations between the European Union and the Russian Federation: Sociological and Political Science Perspectives', Justus Liebig University, Giessen, Germany (presentation 'European Integration in the Media Sphere')

Research Interests

Socio-Legal Studies, Comparative Law, Mixed Methods, Tort Law, Legal Profession, Legal Education, Judicial System, Law & AI, Bankruptcy

Languages

English: fluent

French: CEFR B1 (Institute Français de Saint-Pétersbourg, 2015)

German: CEFR B2 (Goethe-Institut Sankt-Petersburg, 2015)

Computer Skills

R, Python, SQL, PyTorch/TensorFlow, BERTopic, QGIS, NVivo, Bash (basics)