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## Education

- 2017 Ph.D. Political Science, Arizona State University, AZ  
*Dissertation: The Origins of Secessionist Violence: Culture, Redistribution, and Security*  
Committee: Michael Hechter (co-chair), David S. Siroky (co-chair), Carolyn Warner, Mark von Hagen  
Exams: Comparative Politics, International Relations, Methods (*with distinction*)
- 2009 M.P.P. School of Public Policy, University of Maryland, College Park, MD
- 2000 B.A. History, North Ossetian State University, Vladikavkaz, Russia

## Additional Training

- 2016 Behavioral Models of Politics, University of Pittsburgh
- 2015 Complex Systems Summer School, Santa Fe Institute
- 2014-2016 Head Research Assistant, National Science Foundation, Interdisciplinary Behavioral and Social Sciences, Carolyn Warner P.I., Steven Neuberg, co-P.I. and David S. Siroky, co-P.I.
- 2014 Summer Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University
- 2012 Summer Workshop in Quantitative Methods, Social Science Research Council, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

- 2016 **Valery Dzutsati**, David S. Siroky, and Khasan Dzutsev, “The Political Economy of Support for Sharia: Evidence from the Russian North Caucasus,” *Politics and Religion*, 9(4), 695–719
- 2015 David S. Siroky and **Valery Dzutsati**, “The Empire Strikes Back: Ethnicity, Terrain and Indiscriminate Violence in Counterinsurgencies,” *Social Science Quarterly*, 96:3, 807–829
- 2013 David S. Siroky, **Valeriy Dzutsev**, Michael Hechter. “The Differential Demand for Indirect Rule: Evidence from the North Caucasus,” *Post-Soviet Affairs*, 29:3, 268–286
- 2013 **Valeriy Dzutsev** and Khasan Dzutsev. “Comparative Analysis of public opinion and hostage attack victims’ attitudes: evidence from Beslan, September 2004,” *Caucasus Survey* 1:1, 27–42
- 2012 David S. Siroky and **Valeriy Dzutsev**. “Rational or Reckless? Georgia’s Zugzwang in the Caucasus,” *Nationalities Papers* 40:3, 303–314

## Editor-Reviewed Articles

- 2018 **Valery Dzutsati**, Emil A. Souleimanov, “Schrecken ohne Ende Russland im Syrienkrieg” *Osteuropa* 10-12, 381–392
- 2018 Emil A. Souleimanov, **Valery Dzutsati**, “Russia’s Syria War: A Strategic Trap?” *Middle East Policy* XXV:2, 48–50

## Published Working Papers

- 2018 Emilia M. Wysocka, **Valery Dzutsati**, Tirthankar Bandyopadhyay, Laura Condon, Sahil Garg, “Building Models for Biopathway Dynamics Using Intrinsic Dimensionality Analysis,” [arXiv:1804.11005v3](https://arxiv.org/abs/1804.11005v3)
- 2015 **Valery Dzutsati**, “An Agent-Based Model of Corruption: A Micro Approach,” *CoMSES Computational Model Library*, <https://www.comses.net/codebases/4520/releases/1.1.0/>

## Works in Progress

### Under review

- Valery Dzutsati**. “Anomie and Cultural Distance in Secession: Evidence from the South Caucasus”
- Valery Dzutsati**. “Ethnicity or Religion?: Identity Choice in the Russian North Caucasus”
- Valery Dzutsati**. “Territorial Expansion in Modern Times: Russia’s Absorption of Abkhazia and South Ossetia”
- David S. Siroky, Lenka Bustikova, **Valery Dzutsati**. “Who Supports the Insurgency? An Endorsement Experiment in Dagestan”
- Valery Dzutsati** & David S. Siroky. “Islamic Religiosity and Contingent Liberalism: A Global Empirical Analysis”
- Valery Dzutsati** & Carolyn Warner. “The Socio-Economic Matrix of Support for Sharia: a cross-national study of Muslims’ attitudes”

### Manuscript Drafts

- Valery Dzutsati**. “The Logic of Violent Action against Secession: Security, Redistribution, and Culture”
- Valery Dzutsati**. “Hybrid Warfare and Its Victims: Rebellion and Foreign Intervention in Ukraine”
- Valery Dzutsati**. “The Limits of Minority Inclusion: Secession, Redistribution, and Democracy in Russia”

## Grants, Honors & Awards

- 2016 U.S. Department of State, Title VIII Fellowship  
2016 American Political Science Association, Graduate Student Travel Stipend in Comparative Politics  
2014 Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Main Archive, Researcher in Residence  
2014 Arizona State University, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Graduate Excellence Award  
2014 Smith Richardson Foundation, World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship  
2012 Jamestown Foundation, Washington, DC, Senior Non-Resident Fellow  
2008 Human Rights Watch, Washington, DC, Hellman/Hammett Grant  
2007 U.S. Department of State, College Park, MD, Edmund S. Muskie Graduate Fellowship

## Invited Talks

- 2019 “Secession, hybrid war, anomie, and expansion,” *University of California, San Diego*  
2018 “Does international mediation work to resolve conflict? Research design challenges,” *University of Oxford*  
2018 “Salafi-jihadism,” *Charles University, Prague*  
2017 “The Russian-Georgian War of 2008,” *Charles University, Prague*  
2014 “The Political Economy of Islam in a Muslim-Minority Country,” *Universite libre de Bruxelles*  
2014 “Russia and the North Caucasus After the Sochi Olympics”, *Jamestown Foundation, Washington, DC*  
2012 “Who Are the Islamists and the Separatists in the North Caucasus?”, *Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University*  
2012 “The Circassian Factor in Preparations for the Sochi Olympics”, *Central Asia-Caucasus Institute, Johns Hopkins University*  
2007 “Forgotten, Not Frozen: A Roundtable on Violent Conflict in Chechnya and the North Caucasus”, *Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University*

## Conference Presentations

- 2019 “The Power of Alienation: Anomie and Cultural Distance during Secession in the South Caucasus,” *Postwar Voters: Violence, Loss, and Exile as Electoral Currencies, University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg*  
2018 “Why Do Civilians Support Insurgents? Evidence from Endorsement Experiments in Dagestan, Russia,” *European Political Science Association, Vienna, Austria*  
2017 “Support for Territorial Integrity: Prosperity, Culture, and External Threat,” *The American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, San Francisco CA*

- 2016 “Russians’ Love-Hate Relationship with Secession in the North Caucasus,” *The Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Annual Convention, Washington, DC*
- 2016 “The Motivations of the Expansionist State and the Target Regions Based on the Analysis of Bilateral Treaties: Evidence from Russia and Georgian Breakaway Regions,” *Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing, Austin TX*
- 2016 “The Impact of Democracy, Income Redistribution, and International Security on Secessionist Violence,” *The American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Philadelphia PA*
- 2016 “A Theory of Identity Choice: Religion, Ethnicity and the State,” *The Association for the Study of Nationalities, Annual Convention, Columbia University NY*
- 2016 “A Theory of Identity Choice: Religion, Ethnicity and the State,” *The Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture, Annual Conference, Chapman University, Orange CA*
- 2015 “The Hybrid War and Its Limits: Rebellion and Foreign Intervention in Eastern Ukraine” and “The Political Economy of Support for Sharia: Unlikely Bedfellows in the North Caucasus,” *The Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Annual Convention, Philadelphia PA*
- 2015 “The Determinants of Peaceful State Secession,” *The Association for the Study of Nationalities, Annual Convention, Columbia University NY*
- 2014 “Competing Identities: Ethnicity, Religion and State in the Russian North Caucasus,” *The Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Annual Convention, San Antonio TX*
- 2014 “The Empire Strikes Back: Ethnicity, Terrain and Indiscriminate Violence in Counterinsurgencies,” *The Association for the Study of Nationalities, Annual Convention, Columbia University NY*
- 2013 “Ethnicity, Insurgency and Collective Action,” *The American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago IL*
- 2013 “Endogenous Islamic Fundamentalism: Evidence from a Survey of Muslim Minorities in the North Caucasus,” *Annual Graduate Student Workshop, Institute for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Society, Chapman University, Orange CA*
- 2013 “The Differential Demand for Indirect Rule,” *The Association for the Study of Nationalities, Annual Convention, Columbia University NY*
- 2012 “Is Islam A Force for Modernization or De-Modernization in the North Caucasus?,” *The Association for the Study of Nationalities, Annual Convention, Columbia University NY*
- 2008 “Russian Neo-imperialism and Its Implications for the North Caucasus”, *The Central Eurasian Studies Society, Annual Conference, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.*

## Original Data Collection

- 2016-2017 “Hybrid Warfare in Ukraine and Its Ethnic Underpinnings” (crowdsourced geo-referenced data on the heavy military equipment losses)

- 2016 “Secessionist movements since the end of WWII”  
 2015 “Civilians and Insurgents: Evidence from Dagestan using List and Endorsement Experiments”, with Lenka Bustikova (co-P.I.) and David S. Siroky (co-P.I.)

## Field Research

- 2016 Interviews and language training in Armenia, with the financial support of the U.S. State Department Title VIII Fellowship.  
 2014 Interviews, data collection and archival work conducted in the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Serbia, Macedonia, Kosovo, Bosnia, Croatia, and Slovenia, with the financial support of the World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship from the Smith Richardson Foundation.

## Teaching Assistantship

- 2016 Linear Models, Polimetrics I  
 2013 Political Statistics (in class and online)  
 2012 African Politics and Society (online)  
 2011-2013 Global Politics (in class and online)

## Service

- conferences Article reviewer for the *Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing* annual conference  
 books Review of “Organized Crime, Political Transitions and State Formation in Post-Soviet Eurasia” by Alexander Kupatadze, Palgrave Macmillan, 2012, *East European Politics*, 2013  
 journals Article reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*, *Caucasus Review*, *Central Asia Survey*, *Connexe Les espaces postcommunistes en question(s)*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *Journal of Economic Interaction and Coordination*, *Problems of Post-Communism*, *Security Studies*

## Other Work Experience

- 2017-present Journalist, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Prague, Czech Republic  
 2009-2016 Contributing Writer, Jamestown Foundation, Washington, DC  
 2013-2015 Contributing Writer, Central Asian and Caucasus Analyst, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, DC  
 2002-2007 Country Director, Institute for War and Peace Reporting, Vladikavkaz, Russia  
 2005-2006 Monitoring Journalist, BBC Monitoring Service Caucasus Unit, Vladikavkaz, Russia

1999-2004

Coordinator for North Ossetia, Centre For Peacemaking And Community Development, Vladikavkaz, Russia

## Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association

Association for Computational Linguistics

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies

Association for the Study of Nationalities

Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture

## Skills

*Languages:* English (Fluent), Ossetian & Russian (Native), Armenian (Intermediate), German (Intermediate), Italian (Intermediate)

*Computational:* GIS, JAGS,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , NetLogo, Python,  $\mathcal{R}$ , Stata, & Qualtrics

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