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Academic Appointments

2019-present Postdoctoral Research Scholar
Center for the Study of Economic Liberty
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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 and David S. Siroky (co-chairs), 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

Peer-Reviewed Publications

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

Editor-Reviewed Articles

1 Emil A. Souleimanov and **Valery Dzutsati.** 2018. “Russia’s Syria War: A Strategic Trap?” *Mid-
dle East Policy* XXV:2, 48–50

Published Working Papers

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

Works in Progress

Under review

“Effects of Anomie and Cultural Distance on Public Attitudes to Territorial Integrity: Evidence from the South Caucasus”

“Exclusion and Inclusion of Ethnic Groups: The Case of Russia and Chechnya”

“Territorial Expansion of Modern States: Evidence from Russia’s Absorption of Abkhazia and South Ossetia”

“Who Supports the Insurgency? An Endorsement Experiment in Dagestan” with David S. Siroky & Lenka Bustikova

“The Socio-Economic Matrix of Support for Sharia: a cross-national study of Muslims’ attitudes” with Carolyn Warner

Manuscript Drafts

“The Logic of Violent Action against Secession: Security, Redistribution, and Culture”

“Geographies of Hybrid War: Rebellion and Foreign Intervention in Ukraine”

“Contingent Support for Democracy and Economic Liberalism”, with Hannah Chapman & Margaret Hanson

“Islamic Religiosity and Liberalism: A Global Empirical Analysis” with David S. Siroky

Grants, Honors & Awards

U.S. Department of State, Title VIII Fellowship, 2016

American Political Science Association, Graduate Student Travel Stipend in Comparative Politics, 2016

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, 2014

Jamestown Foundation, Washington, DC, Senior Non-Resident Fellow, 2012

Human Rights Watch, Washington, DC, Hellman/Hammett Grant, 2008

U.S. Department of State, College Park, MD, Edmund S. Muskie Graduate Fellowship, 2007

Invited Talks

- 2019 “Secession, expansion, hybrid war, and anomie,” *University of Kent, Canterbury*
- 2019 “Secession, expansion, hybrid war, and anomie,” *University of California, San Diego*
- 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 “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 “Hybrid Warfare and Its Limits: Rebellion and Foreign Intervention in Ukraine,” *The American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Washington DC*
- 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*
- 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*
- 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 Counterinsurgency

cies,” *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*

Original Data Collection

2016-2018 “Hybrid Warfare in Ukraine” (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

2017-2018 Wars, Insurgencies, and Counterinsurgencies in the Post-Soviet Europe and Eurasia (series of mini-lectures), Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic

2016 Linear Models, Polimetrics I, TA

2013 Political Statistics (in class and online), TA

2012 African Politics and Society (online), TA

2011-2013 Global Politics (in class and online), TA

Service

books Review of “Organized Crime, Political Transitions and State Formation in Post-Soviet Eurasia” by Alexander Kupatadze, Palgrave Macmillan, 2012, *East European Politics*, 2013

conferences Paper reviewer for the *Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing* annual conference

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*, *Nationalities Papers*, *Problems of Post-Communism*, *Security Studies*

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

2014 Sciences, Carolyn Warner P.I., Steven Neuberg, co-P.I. and David S. Siroky, co-P.I.
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

Other Work Experience

2017-2019 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, Wash-
ington, 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, L^AT_EX, NetLogo, Python, \mathcal{R} , Stata, & Qualtrics

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