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## Academic Appointments

- 2021-present Visiting Assistant Professor  
Department of Political Science, University of Kansas  
Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies, University of Kansas
- 2020-2021 Visiting Postdoctoral Researcher  
Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado Boulder
- 2019-2020 Postdoctoral Research Scholar  
Center for the Study of Economic Liberty, Arizona State University

## 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

## Books

- 2022 *Defection Denied: A Study of Civilian Support for Insurgency in Irregular War* with David S. Siroky & Lenka Bustikova. Cambridge Elements Series in Experimental Political Science. Cambridge University Press, [doi](#)

## Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2022 Valery Dzutsati. “Explaining Diversionary Domestic Conflict: Inequality and Communitarianism in Russia” (*Ethnopolitics*), [doi](#)
- 2021 Valery Dzutsati. “Secessionist Conflict as Diversion from Inequality: the Missing Link between Grievance and Repression” (*Conflict Management and Peace Science*), [doi](#)
- 2021 Valery Dzutsati. “Social alienation and cultural distance in the context of secession in the South Caucasus” *Nations and Nationalism*, 27(4), 1127–1148
- 2021 Valery Dzutsati. “Geographies of Hybrid War: Rebellion and Foreign Intervention in Ukraine” *Small Wars & Insurgencies*, 32(3), 441–468
- 2021 Valery Dzutsati and Carolyn M. Warner. “The Socio-Economic Matrix of Support for Sharia: a Cross-National Study of Muslims’ Attitudes” *Religion, State & Society*, 49(1), 4–22
- 2021 Valery Dzutsati. “Ethnicity or Religion?: A Theory of Identity Choice with Evidence from the Russian North Caucasus” *Nationalities Papers*, 46(1), 30–53

- 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

### Select Editor-Reviewed Articles

- 2018 Valery Dzutsati and Emil A. Souleimanov. "Schrecken ohne Ende Russland im Syrienkrieg" *Osteuropa* 10-12, 381–392
- 2018 Emil A. Souleimanov and 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, and 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*, [comses.net](http://comses.net)

### Works in Progress

#### Articles under Review

- "Conditional Support of Liberals for Democracy"
- "Audience Costs, Domino Effects, and Regional Cohesion in State Expansion: Russia's Absorption of Abkhazia and South Ossetia"
- "Under the veil of democracy: What do people mean when they say they support democracy?" with Hannah Chapman, Margaret Hanson & Paul DeBell

#### Manuscript drafts

- "Regime Guardians and the New Rich: The Patterns of Repression and Adaptation in Liberalizing Economies" with Haeyong Lim
- "Conflict as Diversion from Inequality: Domestic and International Dimensions"

### Teaching

- 2022 POLS 689. Conflict: Russia & Neighbors  
REES 220-221. Societies and Cultures of Eurasia (online)

- 2021 POLS 675. Russian Foreign Policy  
POLS 654. Politics and Government of Russia and the Central Eurasian States

### 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

- 2022 "Political Science Theories and Russian Foreign Policy," *Missouri State University, Springfield, MO*  
2020 "After insurgency and separatism: recent developments in the Russian North Caucasus," *Foreign Service Institute, Washington, DC*  
2019 "Secession, expansion, hybrid war, and anomie," *University of Kent, Canterbury*  
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, 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, Brussels*  
2012 "Who Are the Islamists and the Separatists in the North Caucasus?" *Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge*  
2012 "The Circassian Factor in Preparations for the Sochi Olympics," *Central Asia-Caucasus Institute, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, DC*  
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, Princeton*

### Conference Presentations

- 2022 "Regime Guardians and the New Rich: The Patterns of Repression and Adaptation in Liberalizing Economies," *The International Studies Association, Annual Meeting*  
2020 "The Logic of Violent Action against Secession: Inequality, Redistribution, and Culture," *The American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting*  
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*
- 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 “A Theory of Identity Choice: Religion, Ethnicity and the State,” *The Association for the Study of Nationalities, Annual Convention, Columbia University NY*

### Original Data Collection

- 2021 “Bilateral Treaties between Russia, Abkhazia, and South Ossetia”
- 2018 “Hybrid War 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 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.

### 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 Comparative Politics*, *Journal of Economic Interaction and Coordination*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *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 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

### **Other Work Experience**

2017-2019 Journalist, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Prague, Czech Republic  
2011-2016 Research/Teaching Assistant, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ  
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  
International Studies Association

### **Skills**

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

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

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