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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative Politics, Political Behaviour, Political Communication, Authoritarianism
Natural Language Processing, Computational Social Science, Propaganda, Post-Soviet Politics

WORK EXPERIENCE

University College Dublin

- *Assistant Professor in Global Governance, Ad Astra Fellow.* Sep 2025 –
- *Teaching Fellow.* Modules: Research Design, Post-Soviet Politics, Authoritarian Politics, Political Communication and Propaganda Sep 2024 – Aug 2025

Trinity College Dublin

- *Adjunct Assistant Professor.* Core Module: International Relations A Sep 2023 – Jan 2024
- *Teaching Assistant.* Core Modules: International Relations A, B Jan 2022 – Sep 2023

Dublin City University

- *Lecturer.* Module: Post-Soviet Politics Sep 2023 – Jan 2024
- *Teaching Assistant.* Module: Post-Soviet Politics, Sep 2020 – Dec 2022

World Bank

- *Data Analyst. Project: Firm Efficiency and Service Quality in Russia* Jan 2021 - Feb 2022

National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow

- International Center for Study of Institutions and Development
Research Assistant. Project: Anti-COVID Regulations in Russian Regions May 2020 – Dec 2021
- Laboratory for Monitoring the Risks of Socio-Political Destabilization
Research Intern. Project: Proliferation of Internet and Terrorist Activity Apr 2019 – Dec 2019

EDUCATION

Dublin City University

PhD in Politics and International Relations

Sep 2020 - Sep 2024

University of Oxford

Visiting PhD Student at Department of Politics and International Relations

Jan 2024 - Apr 2024

Central European University

Master of Arts in Political Science (with distinction)

Sep 2019 - Jun 2020

National Research University Higher School of Economics

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Sep 2015 - Jun 2019

PUBLICATIONS

- Khokhlov N., Romanov D., Baturo A. 2026. “Everything for the Front, Everything for Victory”? Elite Incentives and Rhetorical Adaptation of Russia’s Members of Parliament on Social Media. *Political Communication*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10584609.2026.2664717>

- Khokhlov N., Baturo A. 2025. Autocratic Audiences and Linguistic Complexity. *British Journal of Political Science*. Vol. 55. e137. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0007123425100914>
- Baturo A., Khokhlov N., Tolstrup J. 2025. Playing the Sycophant Card: The Logic and Consequences of Professing Loyalty to the Autocrat. *American Journal of Political Science*. Vol. 69. No. 3. Pp. 1180-1195. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ajps.12909>
- Khokhlov, N., 2025. Destroying Opposition in Autocracy: The case of Russia in 1991–2024. In *Handbook on Opposition Politics*, edited by by E. O’Malley, F. Cavatorta and A. Baturo. Pp. 308-323. Edward Elgar Publishing. <https://doi.org/10.4337/9781035307647.00030>
- Baturo A., Khokhlov N. 2025. Personalization and Elite Rhetoric: How the Autocrat’s Popularity and Political Repression Influence Policy Speech of Regime Officials *Politics and Policy*. Vol. 53. No. 4. <http://doi.org/10.1111/polp.70058>
- Khokhlov N. 2025. The Political Economy of the COVID-19 Response in Autocracies: Evidence from the Russian Regions *Europe-Asia Studies*. Vol. 77. No. 6. Pp. 977-999. <http://doi.org/10.1080/09668136.2025.2512121>
- Khokhlov N. 2024. ‘We Don’t Abandon Our Own People: Public Rhetoric of Russia’s Governors during the Full-Scale Invasion of Ukraine. *Post-Soviet Affairs*. Vol. 40. No. 4. Pp. 278-295. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1060586X.2024.2353006>
- Khokhlov N., Korotayev A. 2022. Internet, Political Regime and Terrorism: A Quantitative Analysis *Cross-Cultural Research*. Vol. 56 No. 4. Pp. 385-418. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10693971221085343>
- Khokhlov N., Romanov D., Baturo A. Forthcoming. Everything for the Front, Everything for Victory?: Elite Incentives and Rhetorical Adaptation of Russia’s Members of Parliament on Social Media. *Political Communication*.

WORKING PAPERS

- Baturo A., Khokhlov N., Tolstrup A. Staying on Message: Credible Communication, Cooptation, and Autocratic Issue Attention (Under review)
- Khokhlov N., Romanov D., Buckley D. Mobilizing the Demobilized: Authoritarian Regime Inducements to Participation in Conflict ([Under review](#))

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Strategic Authoritarian Communication and Its Effects on Domestic and International Audiences
- Emotiveness in Authoritarian Parliament: Case of Russian Duma in 1994-2024
- [RETOOL](#) Strengthening Democratic Governance for Climate Transitions (Horizon Europe project)

SELECTED CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2023, 2024
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference: 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- European Political Science Association Annual Conference: 2023
- European Consortium for Political Research General Conference: 2022
- British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies Conference: 2022
- New Advances in the Political Economy of Development in Eurasia (Astana): 2023, 2024
- Understanding Authoritarianism Conference (Ostrava): 2024

- Regional Dimension of Russian Regime's Resilience during Its War against Ukraine (Bremen): 2024
- Harriman Institute Workshop Topics in Political Economy of Development (Istanbul): 2022

GRANTS AND FUNDING

- University College Dublin, Ad Astra Start Up Grant (€25,000), PhD Studentship Grant (€116,000)
- Dublin City University Postgraduate Research Scholarship, 2020-2024 (€20,000 per annum)
- American Political Science Association Political Communication Section Travel Award, 2024 (\$500);
- American Political Science Association Political Communication Section SPARK Award, 2023 (€750)
- Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich Travel Grant, 2024 (€450)
- German Association for East European Studies Travel Grant, 2024 (\$500)
- Harriman Institute at Columbia University Travel Grant, 2022, 2023 (\$1000, \$2000)
- European Consortium for Political Research Travel Grant, 2022 (\$500)
- Graduate Studies Office, Dublin City University, Travel Grant, 2022, 2023 (€1000)
- School of Law and Government, Dublin City University, Travel Grant, 2022 (€1500)

SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

Languages: Russian (native), English (fluent), German (intermediate)
Software & Tools: R (advanced), Python (advanced), LaTeX (advanced)

REFEREES

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