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Appointments and Affiliations

Occidental College

Director, Undergraduate Research Center	2024–present
Associate Professor of Diplomacy & World Affairs (tenured)	2020–present
Faculty Affiliate, Young Initiative on Global Political Economy	2020–present

Previous Positions

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Wellesley College	2015–2020
Center Associate, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University	2015–2020
Visiting Researcher, Graduate Initiative in Russian Studies, Middlebury Institute	2018–2019
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Harriman Institute, Columbia University	2014–2015
Resident Tutor, Cornell-in-Washington Program	2012–2014

Education

Ph.D., Government , Cornell University	2015
M.A., Political Science , Villanova University	2007
B.A., Economics and Int. Relations , University of Redlands (<i>summa cum laude</i>)	2005
A.A., Transfer Studies , Southwestern Community College, Chula Vista, CA	2003

Research Interests

International Political Economy; States and Markets; Democracy and Autocracy; Energy Transition; Eastern Europe; Central Asia

Works in Progress

Book Manuscript

Logvinenko, I. *Same Sun, Different Fates: The Hidden Politics of the Solar Transition*. Proposal under review.

Examines the political economy of solar deployment in the Global South, focusing on state intent and institutional capacity.

Journal Articles

Logvinenko, I. “Development Finance Coalitions and the Receiving Revolution: How Uzbekistan Achieved One of the World’s Fastest Solar Transformations.” *Under review*.

Logvinenko, I. & Bleck, J. “The Solar Democracy Paradox: Decentralized Tech, Re-centralized

Power.”

Prepared for the 2026 Western Political Science Association (WPSA) Annual Conference.

Publications

Book

- (2021). *Global Finance, Local Control: Corruption and Wealth in Contemporary Russia*. Cornell Studies in Money. Cornell University Press.
- ▷ Winner, 2023 Best Book Award, International Political Economy Section, ISA
 - ▷ Reviewed in: *Eurasian Geography and Economics* (2021); *Ab Imperio Quarterly* (2022); *Russian Review* (2022); *Slavic Review* (2023)

Edited Special Issue

- (2024). *Global Perspectives on Judicial Politics and Democratic Backsliding. Law & Policy*. (co-editor with Michael Dichio)

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- (2025). “Stewards, Defenders, Progenitors, and Collaborators: Courts in the Age of Democratic Decline.” *Law & Policy* 47(1): 1–12. (with Michael Dichio)
- (2024). “‘Culture and Practice...Eat Documents for Lunch:’ Norms and Procedures in the 2020 Election Cases.” *Law & Policy* 46(3): 298–324. (with Michael Dichio)
- (2023). “Why did Financial Openness Reforms Succeed in Russia, but not in China?” *Russian Politics* 8: 48–75.
- (2022). “Gender and the Ukrainian Refugee Crisis: The Case of Poland.” *European Journal of Politics and Gender* 5(3): 402–405. (with Olga Brzezinska)
- (2020). “Authoritarian Welfare State, Regime Stability, and the 2018 Pension Reform in Russia.” *Communist and Post-Communist Studies* 53(1): 100–116.
- (2019). “Before the Interests Are Invested: Disputes Over Asset Control and Equity Market Restrictions in Russia.” *Review of International Political Economy* 26(4): 695–721.
- (2018). “Weak States and Uneven Pluralism: Lessons from Mali and Kyrgyzstan.” *Democratization* 25(5): 804–823. (with Jaimie Bleck)
- (2008). “Generational Differences in Russian Attitudes Towards Democracy and the Economy.” *Europe-Asia Studies* 60(8): 1345–69. (with Jeffrey Hahn)

Reviews and Commentary

- (2025). Review of *Sociology of Corruption: Patterns of Illegal Association in Hungary* by David Jancsics. *Slavic Review*.
- (2025). “The Lone Star Paradigm: A Texan Blueprint for U.S. Energy Leadership in the Twenty-First Century.” *The National Interest: Energy World*. (with Peter Vartanian)
- (2022). “Hundreds of Western Companies Quickly Exited Russia. Why Didn’t Putin See That

- Coming?” *Washington Post*.
- (2021). “Authoritarian Populism, Courts and Democratic Erosion: What Americans Can Learn from the Rest of the World.” *Just Security*. (with Michael Dichio)
- (2020). Review of *Global Development: A Cold War History* by Sara Lorenzini. *Political Science Quarterly* 135(4): 746–47.
- (2020). “Global Kleptocracy as an American Problem.” *Just Security*. (with Casey Michel)
- (2020). Review of *The Development and Challenges of Russian Corporate Governance I: The Roles and Functions of Boards of Directors* by Oksana Kim. *The Russian Review* 79(3): 515–16.
- (2019). Review of *Putin’s Counterrevolution* by Sergey Aleksashenko. *The Russian Review* 78(2): 354–55.
- (2017). “Conflict and Violence in Kyrgyzstan.” Case Study for the UN-World Bank Flagship Study, *Pathways for Peace: Inclusive Approaches to Preventing Violent Conflict*. World Bank, Washington, DC.
- (2016). “Reflecting on Alternative Explanations and Legacies of State Socialism.” Contribution to the review symposium of Kelly M. McMann’s *Corruption as a Last Resort*. *Central Asian Affairs* 3: 193–96.
- (2014). Review of *Capital, Coercion, and Postcommunist States* by Gerald M. Easter. *Europe-Asia Studies* 66(4).
- (2013). “The Dirty Truth About Russia’s Dirty Money.” *The Moscow Times*, no. 5231.

Presentations

- (2024). “Renewable Energy, Trade, and Economic Power.” CEEISA-ISA Joint International Conference, University of Rijeka, Croatia.
- (2023). “Judicial Resilience and Democratic Decay.” ECPR Joint Sessions, Toulouse, France.
- (2023). Invited presentation, Keck Institute, Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, CA.
- (2023). Invited presentation, Albright Institute, Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA.
- (2022). Invited presentation, The Composers’ Breakfast Club, Los Angeles, CA.
- (2019). Invited presentation, Diplomacy and World Affairs Department, Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA.
- (2019). “New Voices on Russia Speaker Series.” Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
- (2019). PONARS Eurasia New Voices on Russia Workshop, Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
- (2019). Invited presentation, Foreign Service Institute, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C.

Fellowships and Awards

- (2024). Funding to Host a Workshop: Geopolitics of the Energy Transition. Young Initiative for Global Political Economy, Occidental College.
- (2023). Travel Grant. Institute for Humane Studies.
- (2023). Best Book in International Political Economy. International Studies Association.
- (2022). Funding to Host a Workshop: Authoritarian Populism, Courts, and Democratic Erosion. Young Initiative for Global Political Economy, Occidental College.
- (2014–15). Postdoctoral Research Fellowship. Harriman Institute, Columbia University.

Teaching

Occidental College (2020–present)

- International Relations: The Changing Rules of the Game
- Global Political Economy
- Politics of Russia and Eurasia
- Authoritarianism in the Age of Globalization
- Junior Seminar: Advanced Topics in Global Sustainability
- The Global Politics of Climate and Energy
- Qualitative Methods and Research Design

Wellesley College (2015–2020)

- Topics in International Political Economy
- Introduction to International Relations
- Politics of Russia and Eurasia
- World Politics
- Authoritarianism

Pedagogical Training

Transparent Teaching Assignment Design (3-seminar sequence), Wellesley College, 2019.

Mauer Public Speaking Program Training, Wellesley College, 2015.

Knight Institute, Writing in the Disciplines Summer Training, Cornell University, 2009.

Consulting Experience

Expert Witness / Country-Specific Knowledge Expert 2023–present
Provided analysis for asylum cases involving individuals from the former Soviet Union seeking asylum in the UK and US.

Case Study Author 2017
United Nations and World Bank Flagship Study, “Pathways for Peace: Inclusive Approaches to Preventing Violent Conflict”

Remote Analyst IHS Global Insight, covering Russia and the CIS	2013
Consultant Kompanion Financial Group, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan	2011

Languages and Skills

Languages: English (native), Russian (native), Spanish (working proficiency)

Technical: Proficient in AI-assisted research and data analysis, including prompt engineering, LLM-based workflows, and automated visualization

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