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### Education

**DPhil in Politics** 2024 –  
Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford

Funded by an Economic and Social Research Council Studentship. Supervised by Dr Katerina Tertytchnaya.

**MPhil in Politics (Comparative Government)** 2022 – 2024  
Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford

Grade: *Distinction*. Funded by an Economic and Social Research Council Studentship. Thesis: ‘Subnational governance, patronage, and political careers in Kazakhstan,’ supervised by Dr Katerina Tertytchnaya.

**BA in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics** 2019 – 2022  
Lincoln College, University of Oxford

Grade: *First Class*. Finals examinations in politics and economics. Thesis: ‘Changing the rules of autocracy: the politics of electoral reform in competitive authoritarian Ukraine,’ supervised by Dr Jody LaPorte.

### Selected Scholarships and Awards

**Grand Union Doctoral Training Programme Studentship**, Economic and Social Research Council, 2022–2026.

Competitively awarded doctoral studentship, covering fees and stipend for the MPhil in Politics followed by the DPhil (PhD) in Politics, both at Oxford. Value:  $\approx$  £145,000.

**Tatham Exhibition and College Scholarship**, Lincoln College, University of Oxford, 2020–2022.

Awarded for academic performance. Value: £450.

### Work in Progress

‘Subnational governance, co-optation, and political careers in Kazakhstan’. *Working paper*.

‘Local elections and elite management in authoritarian regime: evidence from Kazakhstan’. With Eleonora Minaeva and Kirill Melnikov. *Data collection*.

**Professional  
Experience**

**Consultant Researcher**  
Ridgeway Information, London  
June 2024 – present

Occasional consultancy supporting the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)'s nuclear non-proliferation work. I provide open source methods and Russian-language support.

**Research  
Experience**

**Research Assistant on AUTHLIB (PI: Stephen Whitefield)**  
Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford  
September 2023 – January 2024

Part of the joint UKRI/Horizon Europe funded project 'neo-authoritarianisms in Europe and the liberal democratic response' (<https://www.authlib.eu/>), led at Oxford by Stephen Whitefield, Spyros Kosmidis, and Zofia Stemplowska. Coding tweets to train a natural language processing model.

**Research Assistant to Dr Lenka Buřtíková**  
Oxford School of Global and Area Studies, University of Oxford  
May – September 2023

Data collection for projects on illiberalism and irregular armed groups' political role in Ukraine.

**Research Assistant on the Oxford University Economic Recovery Project**  
Smith School of Energy and Enterprise, University of Oxford  
February – November 2021

Research assistance, using government and media sources to track state spending in response to Covid-19.

**Other  
Experience**

**Intern**  
Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford  
Summer 2021

Copywriting and data entry for the faculty's website.

**Conferences  
and Workshops**

'Shuffling to co-opt: Subnational governance, patronage, and political careers in Kazakhstan.' *ESRC Grand Union DTP Annual Conference*. 4 June 2024. Grand Union Doctoral Training Programme, University of Oxford.

'Shuffling to co-opt: Subnational governance, patronage, and political careers in Kazakhstan.' *Emerging Scholars Workshop on the Study of Challenges in Eurasian Politics and Society*. 24 May 2024. Center for Slavic, Eurasian, and East European Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Presented Online.

**International Experience** Intensive Russian language training in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, Summer 2022.  
Travel in Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Georgia.

**Languages** Native English. Intermediate (B1) Russian.

**Computer Skills** **Advanced R:** Modelling. Managing/wrangling large datasets. `tidyverse`. Visualisation with `ggplot2`. Web scraping with `rvest`, `R Selenium`, `Chrome DevTools`. R Markdown/Quarto. Basic machine learning with `tidymodels` and hosted LLM fine-tuning. GIS with `SF`.  
**Basic Python:** Scraping (`Selenium/SeleniumWire`). Data management.  
*Other:* Advanced  $\text{\LaTeX}$ . Functional use of Git (and GitHub), SSH, Azure (VMs and pipelines).

**Additional Training** **Comprehensive E-learning Course for OSCE/ODIHR Observers**, September 2024.  
**Fieldwork Safety Overseas**, University of Oxford Safety Office, June 2023.  
**Advanced R for the Social Sciences**, Social Sciences Division, University of Oxford, February 2023.

**References** Dr Jody LaPorte  
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