Gennadii Iakovlev

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Current position

2024-2025   *Postdoctoral Fellow*, South Asia hub of the Global Forum on Forum on Democracy and Development, Central European University
2024-2025   *Visiting Fellow*, Budapest hub of the Central European University Democracy Institute Forum on Democracy and Development
2024-2025   *Visiting Fellow*, HUN-REN Center for Social Sciences, Budapest

Areas of specialization

Large Language Models, Natural Language Processing, Affective Polarization, Democratic Backslides, Regime Change, Democratization

Education

2016-2021   PhD in Political Science, European University Institute, Florence
Thesis: With whom should they make the pact? Preconditions for pacted transitions
Panel: Dorothee Bohle, Vladimir Gel'man, Hanspeter Kriesi, Claudius Wagemann
2018-2019   Erasmus Central European University, Budapest
2016-2017   Master of Research, European University Institute, Florence
2014-2016   MA in Political Science, European University at Saint Petersburg
2010–2014   BA in Political Science, Higher School of Economics, Saint Petersburg

Main Publications

Journal articles

2023   Iakovlev, Gennadii "Preconditions for Pacted Transitions from Authoritarian Rule" *European Political Science Review* Volume 15, Issue 2 (2023): 254-271. Nominated for the EPSR Early Careers Prize 2025.
2023   Iakovlev, Gennadii "Take Back Control — Over Brexit Narrative" Review Of Democracy *Book Review*
2018   Sokolov, Mikhail, Sofia Lopatina, and Gennadii Iakovlev. *"From Partnerships to Bureaucracies: The Constitutional Evolution of Russian Universities" Educational Studies // Voprosy Obrazovaniya* (2018): 120–145 (in Russian; English translation available)
2014   Kostenko, Veronica, and Gennadii Iakovlev. *"Sostav avtorov zhurnala SOCIS v 1975–1981" [The authors of the SOCIS journal in 1975–1981], SocIs* 9 (2014): 123–130 (in Russian)

DATA REPOSITORY

2024 Iakovlev, Gennadii. *"The Correlates of Democratic Backslides"* Mendeley Data

2021 Iakovlev, Gennadii. *"Attempts at Pacts data: the opposition actors in the negotiations on democratization"* Mendeley Data

ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

xxxx Iakovlev, Gennadii. *"Does the third wave of autocratization have phases or structural correlates?"* (under review, *Swiss Political Science Review*)

xxxx Iakovlev, Gennadii. *"The organizational structure of Ukraine's revolutions in 2004 and 2014: a case study"* (under review, *Europe-Asia Studies*)

ARTICLES IN PROGRESS

xxxx Iakovlev, Gennadii, *"Elite Affective Polarization in European Parliamentary Speeches: a Novel Measurement Approach Using Large Language Models"* To be submitted in July 2025.

xxxx Iakovlev, Gennadii, Levente Littvay *"Introducing Inductive Stylometry Techniques in Political Speeches Using Large Language Models"* To be submitted in July 2025.

xxxx Chiarvesio, Francesca, Gennadii Iakovlev *The Politics of Civil Society State - Funding in Authoritarian Regimes: How Do You Build a Compliant (Civil) Society?"* To be submitted in July 2025.

xxxx Iakovlev, Gennadii, Murat Somer *"Pernicious Polarization in Elite Speeches: a Novel Measurement Approach Using Large Language Models"*

Teaching experience

UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL

2025 June - July, Visiting Lecturer *"Using Large Language Models for Political Science"* BARD COLLEGE, OSUN, New York (via Zoom), 40h

2024 June, Guest Lecture *"Use Cases for Artificial Intelligence in Social Sciences"* "Art, Decolonization, and Human Rights in the Era of AI," BARD COLLEGE, OSUN, New York (via Zoom)

2019 June, Visiting Lecturer *"Regime change: democratization and democratic backslide"* course, HEINRICH HEINE UNIVERSITY DÜSSELDORF, Düsseldorf, 36h

POSTGRADUATE LEVEL

2024 Crash Course *"Applying Artificial Intelligence in Social Sciences"* for senior scholars, SOCIAL SCIENTISTS ASSOCIATION, Colombo, 12h

2020 *"Regime change: democratization and democratic backslide"* course, TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF DARMSTADT, 32h (via Zoom)

2019 *"Democratization" crash course* EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY AT SAINT PETERSBURG, Saint Petersburg, 12h

CERTIFICATES

2019 TEACHING IN HIGHER EDUCATION CERTIFICATE, EUI

Public Lectures

04/2025   *"AI for Civil Society Activism"* Social Scientists' Association, Colombo, Sri Lanka

10/2022   *"What causes autocratic backsliding?"* Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

02/2019   *"The pacted transitions from authoritarian rule"* Heinrich-Heine-University Düsseldorf, Germany

Working experience

2023-2024   *Postdoctoral Fellow,* Democracy Institute, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

2022-2023   *Postdoctoral Fellow,* Institute for Advanced Studies, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

2021   *Visiting researcher,* Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki

2021   *Research assistant,* SOLID project, (supervisors Hanspeter Kriesi and Ioana-Elena Oana), EUI, Florence

2019-2020   *Research assistant,* "MEP trajectories" project, EUI, Florence

2019   *Assistant,* Migration Policy Center, EUI, Florence

2018   *Research assistant,* "Dictatorship textbooks" project, (supervisor Prof. Elias Dinas), EUI, Florence

2015   *Researcher,* "Party nationalization" project, (supervisor Prof. Grigory Golosov), EUSP, Saint Petersburg

2015   *Researcher,* "Academic power" project, (supervisor Prof. Mikhail Sokolov), EUSP, Saint Petersburg

2013-2014   *Research Assistant,* HSE LCSR, Saint Petersburg. Research practice with statistical analysis, data collection, newsmaking, website development, translation

2012   *Research Assistant,* "Tolerance" governmental project, Bely Dom research agency, Saint Petersburg. Data collecting, database preparation, analytical commentary

2013   *Legal Assistant,* Negotiations in court, paperwork

2013   *Trainee,* Assembly of Saint Petersburg, PR department. Assistance with report writing, paperwork

Community service

2012-2016   *Member of local Electoral Commission, Yabloko party*, Saint Petersburg, Russia

2011-2012   *Member of local Electoral Commission, CPRF party*, Saint Petersburg, Russia

2011   *Electoral Observer*, Saint Petersburg, Russia

Invited talks

2019   Departmental Seminar, Department of Political Science, European University at Saint Petersburg

2019   Departmental Seminar, Department of Social Sciences, University Düsseldorf

Computer skills

Proficient: RStudio
Advanced: Python, LaTeX, Stata, SPSS
Intermediate: Adobe Photoshop, Mplus, Inkscape

Languages

Russian (Native)
English (C2)
Italian (C1)