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Research Interests

Political regimes, democracy and education quality, authoritarian attitudinal legacies, political preferences, quantitative methods, mixed methods

Education

- 2024 **PhD in Political and Social Sciences**
European University Institute, Florence
[The 2024 Linz Rokkan Prize for the best EUI doctoral thesis in Political Sociology](#)
Thesis: “The effects of political regimes on school quality and learning outcomes”
Examining Board: Prof. Juho Härkönen (European University Institute, supervisor), Prof. Filip Kostelka (European University Institute, co-supervisor), Prof. Sirianne Dahlum (University of Oslo), Prof. Katerina Tertychnaya (University of Oxford)
- 2020 **MRes in Political and Social Sciences**
European University Institute, Florence
- 2019 **MSc in Russian Politics and Society**
King’s College London
- 2016-2017 **MSc in Political Science**
European University at Saint Petersburg, Russia
- 2012-2016 **BA in International Relations, Political Science, and Human Rights**
Bard College, USA, and Saint Petersburg State University, Russia. Dual degree.

Academic Positions

- 09/2023 – **Postdoctoral Researcher**
currently
ERC-funded project “Moving Russia(ns): Intergenerational Transmission of Memories Abroad and at Home (MoveMeRU)”. PI: Dr. Félix Krawatzek
- 06/2024 – **Visiting Senior Fellow**
currently
Free University Berlin
Cluster of Excellence „Contestations of the Liberal Script” (SCRIPTS)

Other Research and Administrative Experience

- 09/2022 – **Research Assistant**
07/2023 *European University Institute, Department of Political and Social Sciences (SPS)*
Research and administrative assistance to the head of SPS department, Prof. Elias Dinas
- 11/2020 – **Academic Service Assistant**
01/2022 *European University Institute, Department of Political and Social Sciences*
- 09/2017 – **Junior Researcher**
08/2019 *European University at Saint Petersburg, Russia*

Publications and Working Papers

Political regimes and education:

- Rafailova, D. 2024. *The effects of political regimes on school quality and learning outcomes* (Doctoral dissertation, European University Institute). DOI: 10.2870/758185.
- Rafailova D. 2025. [Title redacted for peer review]. *Under evaluation.*
- Rafailova D. 2024. ‘Democracy, Educational Attainment, and Adult Skills’. *Draft available upon request.*

Public support and political attitudes:

- Kostelka F., Alberdi M., Bradley M., Fiselier T., Jabbour A., Mansour N., Minaeva E., Porciuleanu S., Rafailova D. [Title redacted for peer review]. Under R&R at the *European Journal of Political Research*.
- Krawatzek F., Matevosyan H., Rafailova D. [Title redacted for peer review]. Under review at the *British Journal of Political Science*.
- Rafailova D. 2025. Preferences for Democracy among Long-Standing Russian Immigrants: Intergenerational Focus Group Evidence in Canada. *Work-in-progress, draft available upon request.*
- Nalla, M.K., Gurinskaya, A., and Rafailova D. 2017. ‘Youth Perceptions of Private Security Guard Industry in Russia’, *Journal of Applied Security Research*, 12:4, pp. 543-556.

Invited Talks

- Dec 2025 [Politics of Russia and Eurasia Seminar Series \(PRESS\)](#), online workshop (forthcoming)
Dec 2024 [Seminar Series in Social and Political Science](#), Collegio Carlo Alberto, Torino, Italy
July 2024 Humboldt colloquium on Eastern European research, Berlin, Germany

Conferences

- The Future of Democracy? 1st Annual Interdisciplinary WZB Conference, Berlin 2025
- American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting 2025
- All Roads Lead to the Family? Political Socialisation Among Migrants and Non-Migrants 2025
- European Political Science Association (EPSA) Annual Conference 2022, 2024
- Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Annual Convention, USA 2024, 2025
- Aleksanteri Conference "Resisting Authoritarianism in Eurasia", Helsinki, Finland 2024
- Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting 2022

Grants and Awards

- **The 2024 Linz Rokkan Prize** for the best EUI doctoral thesis in Political Sociology, EUI
- **EUI Wider European Doctorate grant**, four-year stipend for conducting a PhD at the European University Institute (2019-2023), European University at Saint Petersburg
- **RC28 LSE Conference 2022**, travel award recipient

Methodological Training

- Field experiments, EUI SPS, 2021
- List experiments, survey experiments and conjoints, EUI SPS, 2021
- Panel data, EUI SPS, 2020
- Data Management in STATA, EUI SPS, 2019
- Advanced STATA coding, EUI SPS, 2021
- Practicum in Reproducible Research Methods, EUI SPS 2020
- Quantitative Methods, EUI SPS, 2019
- Qualitative Methods, EUI SPS 2020

Tools and Software

Stata (advanced), R (basic), MAXQDA (basic), LaTeX (advanced)

Languages

English (fluent), Russian (native), Italian (basic), German (beginner)