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## Education

### Political Science Department, Columbia University

New York, NY, US

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Sep. 2014 - PRESENT

MASTER OF ARTS

Sep. 2014 - Oct. 2016

MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY

Sep. 2014 - Oct. 2017

- Major: *Comparative Politics*
- Minor: *Political Economy*

### LAAISC (CInSt), NRU Higher School of Economics

Moscow, Russia

CANDIDATE OF SCIENCES (PHD EQUIVALENT)

Nov. 2011 - Nov. 2014

- Thesis Topic: *Taming the (not so) Stationary Bandit: Property Rights and Political Competition in Non-democratic Setting*
- Candidacy Program: *Theoretical Economics*
- Advisor: Professor Leonid I. Polishchuk

### Department of Economics, NRU Higher School of Economics

Moscow, Russia

MASTER OF ECONOMICS

Sep. 2009 - Jul. 2011

BACHELOR OF ECONOMICS

Sep. 2005 - Jul. 2009

- Master Thesis Topic: *Property Rights and Political Competition: Economic Analysis*
- Area of Study: *Political Economy, Endogenous Property Rights, Institutional Economics*
- Advisor: Professor Leonid I. Polishchuk

## Publications

### REFEREED

#### Investment Climate and Turnover of Power in Russian Regions

*Voprosy Ekonomiki (in Russian)*

G. SYUNYAEV, L. POLISHCHUK

Vol. 2, pp. 88–117, 2014

#### Ruling Elites' Rotation and Asset Ownership: Implications for Property Rights

*Public Choice*

L. POLISHCHUK, G. SYUNYAEV

Vol. 162(1), pp. 159–182, 2015

#### How (not) to Measure Russian Regional Institutions

*Russian Journal of Economics*

L. POLISHCHUK, A. BARANOV, E. MALKOV, M. ROCHLITZ, G. SYUNYAEV

Vol. 1(2), pp. 154–181, 2015

#### Property Rights without Democracy: The Role of Elites' Rotation and Asset Ownership

*Book Chapter*

L. POLISHCHUK, G. SYUNYAEV

- In *C. Dahlstrom et al. (eds.), Elites, Institutions and the Quality of Government, Palgrave Macmillan UK, 2015*

### NON-REFEREED

#### New Institutional Economics: A State-of-the-Art Review for Economic Sociologists

*Economic Sociology (Electronic)*

R. MENYASHEV, T. NATKHOV, L. POLISHCHUK, G. SYUNYAEV

Vol. 13(1), pp. 12–21, 2011

### WORKING PAPERS

#### Encouraging Collective Action in Homeowners Associations: Evidence from Russia

*Draft*

E. BORISOVA, T. FRYE, G. SYUNYAEV

2016

#### An Exact, Distribution-Free Method for Addressing Attrition Bias in Randomized Experiments

*Draft*

T. LEAVITT, G. SYUNYAEV

2016

WORK IN PROGRESS

The Effects of Internet Access on Political Opinions and Behavior

A. WILKE, T. LEAVITT, G. SYUNYAEV

Project

2017

Skills

- Substantive** Comparative Politics, Political Economy, Institutional Economics, Authoritarian Regimes
- Methodology** Formal Political Economy, Experimental Research, Bayesian Statistics, Causal Inference, Reproducible Research
- Mathematics** Game Theory, Graph Theory, Stochastic Calculus, Networks, Differential Equations, Mathematical Analysis
- Software** [R] (advanced), Stata SE/ME (advanced), MATLAB (intermediary), Mathematica (intermediary), RStan (intermediary), Python (basic), Julia (basic), LaTeX (advanced), R Markdown (advanced), MS Office
- Languages** Russian (native), English (fluent), German (basic)

Software Development

- beninrep** [R] package for the replication of Benin study from Metaketa Initiative.
- replication** [R] package which provides set of functions for declaration and summary of research replication.
- DeclareDesign** [R] package to aid researchers in characterizing and diagnosing research designs (Blair et al. 2016). (Research Assistant during Summer 2016)
- BIQQ** [R] package for Bayesian Integration of Qualitative and Quantitative Research (Humphreys, Jacobs 2015). (Research Assistant during Fall 2016)

Experience

Laboratory for Applied Analysis of Institutions and Social Capital, NRU HSE

Moscow, Russia

RESEARCH FELLOW

Jul. 2013 - Aug. 2014

- Project: Property Rights Protection and Turnover of Ruling Elites: Cross-country and Russian Regional Study
- Supervisor: Professor Leonid Polishchuk
- Affiliations: Center for Institutional Studies

Harriman Institute for Russian, Eurasian, and East European Studies, CU

New York, NY, US

VISITING SCHOLAR

Jan. 2013 - Jun. 2013

- Project: Property Rights Protection and Turnover of Ruling Elites: Russian Regional Study
- Supervisor: Professor Timothy Frye

Development Research Group, The World Bank

Washington, DC, US

VISITING EXPERT

Jun. 2013 - Jun. 2013

- Project: Property Rights Protection and Turnover of Ruling Elites: Cross-country Study
- Supervisor: Philip Keefer

Laboratory for Applied Analysis of Institutions and Social Capital, NRU HSE

Moscow, Russia

RESEARCH FELLOW

Jul. 2012 - Dec. 2012

- Project: Property Rights Protection and Turnover of Ruling Elites: Cross-country Study
- Supervisor: Professor Leonid Polishchuk

Laboratory for Applied Analysis of Institutions and Social Capital, NRU HSE

Moscow, Russia

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Jul. 2010 - Jun. 2012

- Project: Property Rights Protection and Turnover of Ruling Elites: Cross-country and Russian Regional Study
- Supervisor: Professor Leonid Polishchuk

Grants & Awards

2017	<b>Government Initiative Travel Grant (with Anna Wilke and Thomas Leavitt)</b> , J-PAL	Cambridge, MA
2017	<b>Dissertation Development Grant</b> , Department of Political Science, Columbia University	New York, NY
2016	<b>Travel Grant</b> , Department of Political Science, Columbia University	New York, NY
2014	<b>Dean's Fellowship</b> , Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University	New York, NY
2013	<b>Research Grant of the Department of Economics</b> , NRU HSE	Moscow, Russia
2011	<b>Research Grant of the Department of Economics (with Leonid Polishchuk)</b> , NRU HSE	Moscow, Russia
2010–2014	<b>Travel Grants of NRU HSE for Participation in 5 Academic Conferences</b> , NRU HSE	Moscow, Russia

## Teaching

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### Chinese Foreign Policy

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

- Instructor: Professor Andrew J. Nathan
- Responsible for 2 1-hour sections per week
- Graded 4 written assignments for 40 students

New York, NY, US

Spring 2017

### Design and Analysis of Sample Surveys

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

- Instructor: Professor Andrew Gelman
- Responsible for 2-hour bi-weekly sections
- Graded 40 homeworks per week

New York, NY, US

Spring 2016

### Economics of Reform

FACULTY OF ECONOMIC SCIENCES, NRU HSE

- Instructor: Professor Leonid I. Polishchuk
- Course taught to last year bachelor or master degree students
- Responsible for 2-hour seminar on Endogenous Constitutional Design
- Graded over 40 exams and class assignments

Moscow, Russia

Fall 2011, Fall 2013

### Institutional Economics I

FACULTY OF ECONOMIC SCIENCES, NRU HSE

- Instructor: Professor Maria M. Yudkevich
- Course taught to 3rd year bachelor degree students
- Responsible for three 1-hour seminars each week
- Graded over 100 exams and class assignments
- Supervised over 10 course papers
- Authored several exam tasks

Moscow, Russia

Spring 2012

### New Political Economy

FACULTY OF ECONOMIC SCIENCES, NRU HSE

- Instructor: Professor Leonid I. Polishchuk
- Course taught to the last year bachelor or master degree students
- Responsible for one 2-hour seminar each week
- Graded over 50 exam and class assignment papers

Moscow, Russia

Fall 2012

## Conferences

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### Ruling Elites' Rotation and Asset Ownership: Implications for Property Rights

AUTHORS: G. SYUNYAEV, L. POLISHCHUK

- **SCW 2014**: The 12th Meeting of the Society for Social Choice and Welfare, Boston, USA, June 18–21, 2014
- **EEA-ESEM 2012**: European Economic Association and the Econometric Society European meeting, Malaga, Spain, August 27–31, 2012
- **PET 2012**: 13th Annual Conference of The Association of Public Economic Theory, Taipei, Taiwan, June 12–14, 2012
- **ESNIE 2012**: 11th session of the European School on New Institutional Economics (ESNIE), Cargese, France, May 21–25, 2012
- **RSSIA 2011**: Russian Summer School for Institutional Analysis, Moscow, Russian Federation, July 5–11, 2011
- **ISNIE 2011**: 15th Annual Conference of The International Society for New Institutional Economics, Stanford, USA, June 16–18, 2011
- **RCI 2010**: Shanghai Workshop on Institutional Analysis, Shanghai, China, December 12–18, 2010

### Turnover of Ruling Elites and Property Rights Protection: Evidence from Russian Regions

AUTHORS: G. SYUNYAEV, L. POLISHCHUK

- **EACES-HSE 2014**: Political Economy of Development: A Comparative Perspective, Pushkin, Russian Federation, May 29–31, 2014
- **RSSIA 2013**: Russian Summer School for Institutional Analysis, Moscow, Russian Federation, June 29 – July 5, 2013
- **IACESD 2012**: XIII April International Academic Conference on Economic and Social Development, Moscow, Russian Federation, April 3–5, 2012
- **IACESD 2011**: XII April International Academic Conference on Economic and Social Development, Moscow, Russian Federation, April 5–7, 2011

## Encouraging Collective Action in Homeowners Associations: Evidence from Russia

AUTHORS: E. BORISOVA, T. FRYE, G. SYUNYAEV

- **SSDS 2016:** Seminar for the Study of Development Strategies (Internal Weeks), New York, USA, April, 2016
- **APSA 2016:** American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, USA, September 1–4, 2016

## Referee Service

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**Economics** Voprosy Ekonomiki (*in Russian*)

## Personal Information

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**Nationality** Russian

**Marital Status** Single