

# NIKITA KHOKHLOV

+353-089-494-8243 ♦ nikita.khokhlov2@mail.dcu.ie ♦ nikitakhokhlov.com

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

---

Comparative Politics, Political Communication, Authoritarianism, Text-as-Data, Post-Soviet Politics

## EDUCATION

---

**Dublin City University** *Sep 2020 - Aug 2024*

*PhD Candidate in Politics and International Relations*

- Dissertation: «Essays on Political Communication and Public Policies of Elites in Autocracies: Evidence from Russia»

**University of Oxford** *Jan 2024 - Apr 2024*

*Visiting PhD Student at Department of Politics and International Relations*

**Central European University** *Sep 2019 - Jun 2020*

*Master of Arts in Political Science (with distinction)*

- Concentration: Political Economy, Comparative Politics  
Dissertation «Perception of Corruption and Firm Performance in Post-Communist Countries: Institutional Perspective»  
(2020 Best MA Dissertation Award)

**LUISS Guido Carli University** *Jan 2018 - May 2018*

*Visiting BA Student*

**National Research University Higher School of Economics** *Sep 2015 - Jun 2019*

*Bachelor of Arts in Political Science*

- Concentration: Quantitative Methods  
2018 HSE Student Research Paper Competition Award

## WORK EXPERIENCE

---

**Trinity College Dublin** *Sep 2023 - Jan 2024*

- Adjunct Assistant Professor. Course: International Relations A

**Dublin City University** *Sep 2023 - Jan 2024*

- Lecturer. Course: Post-Soviet Politics

**Trinity College Dublin** *Jan 2022 - Sep 2023*

- Teaching Assistant for International Relations A, B

**Dublin City University** *Sep 2020 - Dec 2022*

- Teaching Assistant for International Political Economy, Post-Soviet Politics, Political Ideologies

**NRU Higher School of Economics  
International Center for the Study  
of Institutions and Development**

*May 2020 - Dec 2022*

- Research Assistant. Project: Anti-COVID Regulations in Russian Regions

## WORK EXPERIENCE (CONT.)

---

### World Bank

Jan 2021 - Feb 2022

- Data Analyst. Project: Firm Efficiency and Service Quality in Russia

### Boston Consulting Group

Sep 2019 - May 2020

- Research Assistant. Knowledge Team, Case Support

### NRU Higher School of Economics Laboratory for Monitoring the Risks of Socio-Political Destabilization

Apr 2019 - Dec 2019

- Research Intern. Project: «Proliferation of Internet and Terrorist Activity»

## PUBLICATIONS

---

- Khokhlov N. 'We Don't Abandon Our Own People: Public Rhetoric of Russia's Governors during the Full-Scale Invasion of Ukraine' / *Post-Soviet Affairs*. 2024. Vol. 40 No. 4. Pp. 278-295.
- Baturo A., Khokhlov N., Tolstrup J. Playing the Sycophant Card: The Logic and Consequences of Professing Loyalty to the Autocrat. Accepted in *American Journal of Political Science*.
- Khokhlov N. Political Economy of COVID-19 Response in Autocracies. Accepted, *Europe-Asia Studies*.
- Khokhlov N., Korotayev A. Internet, Political Regime and Terrorism: A Quantitative Analysis / *Cross-Cultural Research*. 2022. Vol. 56 No. 4. Pp. 385-418.
- Khokhlov N., Vasiliev A., Belichenko A., Kirdyankina P., Korotayev A. Ekho Arabskoj Vesny v Zapadnoj Evrope: Opyt kolichestvennogo analiza (in Russian) [Echo of Arab Spring in Western Europe: A Quantitative Analysis] / *Mezhdunarodnye processy*. 2021. Vol.19 No.2 (65). Pp. 21-49.
- Khokhlov N., Korotayev A. Internet i terroristicheskaya aktivnost' v stranakh s raznymi politicheskimi regimami (in Russian) [Internet and Terrorist Activity in Countries with Different Political Regimes] / *Politiya: Analis. Khronika. Prognos*. 2020. Vol.97. No. 2. Pp. 67-86.

## WORKING PAPERS

---

- Complexity of Political Speech in Autocracies: When do Authoritarian Elites Adapt Rhetoric to their Audience? (with A. Baturo, under review in *British Journal of Political Science*).
- Personalization and Elite Rhetoric: How the Autocrat's Popularity and Political Repression Influence Speech of Regime Officials (with A. Baturo, under review in *Politics and Policy*).
- Staying on Message: Credible Communication, Cooptation, and Autocratic Issue Attention (with A. Baturo and J. Tolstrup, under review in *Comparative Political Studies*)
- Destroying Opposition in Autocracy: The Case of Russia in 1991-2024 (chapter in a Handbook of Political Opposition, edited by A. Baturo, under review).
- War and Authoritarian Rhetorical Adaptation: The Case of Russian Elites during the Full-Scale Invasion of Ukraine (with D. Romanov and A. Baturo, working paper).
- Mobilizing the Demobilized: Authoritarian Regime Inducements to Participation in Conflict (with D. Romanov and N. Buckley, pre-registered survey experiment)
- Post-Office Careers of Authoritarian Elites: Evidence from Russia's Governors (with A. Baturo)
- Repression of Elites and Intergenerational Transfer of Social Status: Evidence from post-World War II Poland (with D. Rosenberg, D. Ivanov and K. Krakowski)

## SELECTED CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

---

- 2nd Conference "New Advances in the Political Economy of Development in Eurasia" (Almaty, Kazakhstan) (with a paper «Personalization and Elite Rhetoric in Autocracies»), *May 29-31, 2024*
- "Understanding Authoritarianism: New Frontiers in the Study of Dictatorship and Democracy" (Ostrava, Czech Republic), May 29-31, 2024 (with a paper «Public Rhetoric of Russian Governors during the War in Ukraine»), *May 29-31, 2024*
- 81st Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (Chicago) (with a paper «Public Rhetoric of Russian Governors during the War in Ukraine: Professing Loyalty to the Regime vs. Pleasing the Population»), *April 4-7, 2024*
- Workshop "Regional Dimension of Russian Regime's Resilience during Its War against Ukraine", (Delmenhorst), *January 18-19, 2024*
- 119th American Political Science Association Annual Meeting & Exhibition (Los Angeles) (with a paper «Post-Office Careers of Authoritarian Elites»), *August 31 - September 3, 2023*
- European Political Science Association 13th annual conference (Glasgow) (with a paper «Complexity of Political Speech in Autocracies»), *June 22-24, 2023*
- New Advances in the Political Economy of Development in Eurasia (Astana) (with a paper «How Russian Legislators Portray the 2022 Invasion of Ukraine on Social Media?»), *June 1-3, 2023*
- 5th ANNUAL COMPTTEXT Conference 2023 (Glasgow) (with a paper «Complexity of Political Speech in Autocracies»), *May 12-13, 2023*
- 80th Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (Chicago) (with a paper «Playing the Sycophant Card: The Logic of Subnational Leaders' Expression of Loyalty to the Autocrat»), *April 13-16, 2023*
- Harriman Institute and the Columbia Global Center in Istanbul Workshop «Topics in Political Economy of Development» (Istanbul) (with a paper «Playing the Sycophant Card: The Logic of Subnational Leaders' Expression of Loyalty to the Autocrat»), *September 30 - October 1, 2022*
- 79th Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (Online) (with a paper «Political Factors of Sub-National Responses to COVID-19 in Authoritarian Countries: Evidence from Russia»), *April 7-10, 2022*
- The European Consortium for Political Research General Conference (Innsbruck, Austria) (with a paper «Political Economy of COVID-19 Response in Autocracies: Evidence from Russian Regions»), *August 22-26, 2022*
- British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies 2022 Conference (Cambridge / Online) (with a paper «Political Factors of Sub-National Responses to COVID-19 in Authoritarian Countries»), *April 8-April 10, 2022*
- The 2021 Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis. Course: «Advanced Methods for Text as Data: Natural Language Processing» *July 26-August 6, 2021*
- 78th Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (Online) (with a paper «Anti-COVID Regulations in Russian Regions: An Automated Text Analysis»), *April 14-18, 2021*
- The Postgraduate Conference of the Political Studies Association of Ireland (Online) (with a paper «Political Economy of COVID-19 in Russian Regions»), *January 30, 2021*
- Political Science Day (The Austrian Association of Political Science, Online) with a paper «Corruption and Firm-Performance in Post-Communist Countries: An Institutional Perspective», *November 27, 2020*
- Winter Academy «EU-US-Russia Relations: Challenges and Opportunities» (Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Berlin), *February 18-22, 2019*

## GRANTS AND FUNDING

---

- Dublin City University Post- Graduate Research Scholarship within the School of Law and Government funded by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, 2020-2024, €19,000 per annum
- Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich Travel Grant, 2024 (€450)
- German Association for East European Studies Travel Grant, 2024 (\$500)
- American Political Science Association Political Communication Section Travel Award, 2024 (\$500);
- American Political Science Association Political Communication Section SPARK Award, 2023 (€750)
- Harriman Institute at Columbia University Travel Grant, 2022, 2023 (\$1000, \$2000)
- European Consortium for Political Research Travel Grant, 2022 (\$500)
- Graduate Studies Office, Dublin City University, Travel Grant, 2022, 2023 (€1000)
- School of Law and Government, Dublin City University, Travel Grant, 2022 (€1500)

## SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

---

<b>Languages:</b>	Russian (native), English (fluent), German (intermediate)
<b>Software &amp; Tools:</b>	R (advanced), Python (advanced), LaTeX (advanced)

## REFEREES

---

### **Dr. Alexander Baturó**

*Associate Professor*  
*School of Law and Government*  
Dublin City University  
alex.baturó@dcu.ie

### **Dr. Paul Chaisty**

*Associate Professor, Department of*  
*Politics and International Relations*  
University of Oxford  
paul.chaisty@politics.ox.ac.uk

### **Dr. Jakob Tolstrup**

*Associate Professor,*  
*Department of Political Science*  
Aarhus University  
tolstrup@ps.au.dk