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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Economics, Development, Economic Theory

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

New Economic School, SUEK Professor of Economics, 2009 – present
Kellogg School of Management, Visiting Professor of Managerial Economics and Decision Sciences, September 2009 – March 2010
New Economic School and CEFIR, SUEK Assistant Professor, 2001-09
Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, USA, Member, 2004-05
Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University, Post-doctoral Fellow, 2000–01
Central Economics and Mathematics Institute, RAS, Research Fellow, 1998-2001

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate

Microeconomics, Game Theory, Political Economics, Auctions, New Economic School

Undergraduate

Risk Modeling in Political Science, Mathematics for Journalists, Theory of Money and Financial Markets, Higher School of Economics, Moscow

MBA

Strategic Management in the Non-market Environment, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University

Summer schools

Courses for university teachers of Micro, Public Economics, Auction Theory, Political Economics, Ural State University, Volgograd State University

Ronald Coase Institute Workshops, 2003-04, 2007, 2010

EDUCATION

Moscow State University, Department of Mathematics and Mechanics, Ph.D. (kandidat) in Mathematics, 1998, M.Sc. (diploma) in Mathematics, 1995

New Economic School, Moscow, MA in Economics, 1998

Bochum-Ruhr University, Bochum, Germany, September 1996 – February 1997

PUBLICATIONS¹

Political Selection and the Persistence of Bad Government (with Daron Acemoglu and Georgy Egorov), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, forthcoming.

Dictators and Their Viziers: Endogenizing the Loyalty-Competence Trade-off (with Georgy Egorov), *Journal of European Economic Association*, forthcoming.

Determinants of Expropriation in the Oil Sector: A Theory and Evidence from Panel Data (with Sergei Guriev and Anton Kolotilin) *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*, forthcoming.

Businessman Candidates (with Scott Gehlbach and Ekatherina Zhuravskaya), *American Journal of Political Science*, 54 (3), 718-736, July 2010.

Provincial Protectionism, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 38 (2), 111-122, 2010.

Why Resource-Poor Dictators Allow Freer Media: A Theory and Evidence from Panel Data (with Georgy Egorov and Sergei Guriev), *American Political Science Review*, 103 (4), 645-668, November 2009.

Do Juntas Lead to Personal Rule? (with Daron Acemoglu and Georgy Egorov), *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*, May 2009.

Dictators and Oligarchs: A Dynamic Theory of Contested Property Rights (with Sergei Guriev), *Journal of Public Economics*, 93(1-2), 1-13, February 2009.

Coalition Formation in Non-Democracies (with Daron Acemoglu and Georgy Egorov), *Review of Economic Studies*, 75(4), 987-1009, December 2008.

A Theory of Brinkmanship, Conflicts, and Commitment (with Michael Schwarz), *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*, 24(1) 163-183, 2008.

Are Russian Commercial Courts Biased? Evidence from a Bankruptcy Law Transplant (with Ariane Lambert-Mogiliansky and Ekaterina Zhuravskaya), *Journal of Comparative Economics*, symposium issue on Courts and Judges, 35-2, 253-442. June 2007.

Corruption and Collusive Market-Sharing in Procurement (with Ariane Lambert), *Journal of Economics and Management Strategy*, 15, 4, 883-908, Winter 2006.

Passive Creditors (with Koen Schoors), *International Finance*, 8 (1), 57-86, March 2005.

Information Revelation and Efficiency in Auctions (with Anna Mikoucheva), *Economics Letters*, 83, 277-284, 2004.

¹ See the list of Russian-language publications at <http://fir.nes.ru/ru/people/Pages/Display.aspx?itemid=17>.

Why the Rich May Favor Protection of Property Rights, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 31 (4), 715-731, 2003, symposium issue on Appropriate Institutions for Growth. (Reprinted in M.Henrekson and R. Douhan, eds., *The Political Economy of Entrepreneurship*, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2007.)

Krull Dimension of Malcev-Neumann Rings, *Communications in Algebra*, 26 (9), 2915-31, 1998

WORKING PAPERS

Dynamics and Stability of Constitutions, Coalitions, and Clubs (with Daron Acemoglu and Georgy Egorov), revised and resubmitted to *American Economic Review*

Equilibrium Refinements in Dynamic Voting Games (with Daron Acemoglu and Georgy Egorov)

A Political Theory of Populism (with Daron Acemoglu and Georgy Egorov)

The Killing Game: Reputation and Knowledge in Non-democratic Succession (with Georgy Egorov)

Efficient Actions in a Dynamic Auction Environment (with Michael Schwarz)

Government Control of Media (with Scott Gehlbach)

Money, Effort, and Votes: The Non-Emergence of a Political Party (with Joshua Tucker)

Dictators, Repression and the Median Citizen: An "Eliminations Model" of Stalin's Terror (Data from the NKVD Archives) (with Paul Gregory and Philipp Shroeder)

Is Political Risk Company-Specific? The Market Side of the Yukos Affair (with Alexei Goriaev)

A Dynamic Model of the Research University (with Irina Khovanskaya and Maria Yudkevich)

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Best Professor Award, NES Alumni Association, 2008

Deutsche Bank Membership for the Institute for Advanced Study, 2004-05

Research Medal of the Global Development Network, 2004 (1st), 2006, 2009 (2nd)

Award for a Best Economist of the Russian Academy of Science, 2002, 2003

Research Grant of the Economic Education and Research Consortium, 1998, 2000

Zvi Griliches Award of the Economic Education and Research Consortium, 1999

Best Student Paper, New Economic School, 1998

Research Grant of the IRIS Center, University of Maryland, USA, 1997

Research Grants of the Russian Foundation for Basic Research, 1996-97, 1999

CONFERENCE AND INVITED SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

Invited seminar presentations 2004-2009: U. Wisconsin/Madison, Rochester, Berkeley, NYU, Columbia, Princeton, Middlebury, Washington University, Penn State, Harvard/MIT, U. Chicago, Harvard, GSB Stanford, Northwestern

Conferences 2004-2009: AEA, 2008-09, EEA/ESEM, 2004-06, 08, International Society for New Institutional Economics, 2004-07, NASM Econometric Society, 2004-06, MPSA, 2005-06, GDN Annual Conference, 2004, 2006, 7th World Congress of the Econometric Society, 2005; ACES/ASSA Meetings, 2004-05, 2008-09, CEPR conferences (Public Economics Program), 2008, 2009, Princeton Conference on Dictatorships, 2008

NON-ACADEMIC WRITINGS

Fortnightly column in *The Moscow Times* and weekly column in *Vedomosti* (in Russian) and occasional contributions to all major Russian media outlets

State Capture in Transition, *New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics*, 2nd edition

Bankruptcy in Russia: Away from Creditors Protection and Restructuring (with Ekatherina Zhuravskaya), *Russian Economic Trends*, v.1, 2001

Review of Gaddy, Clifford and Barry Ickes, Russia's Virtual Economy, in *Journal of Economic Literature*, 2005

Putin's Rule of Law is Mere Rhetoric, in *Kremlin Echo*, Foreign Policy Centre, London, 2005

America Through Russian Eyes: Two Images in an Old Mirror, *LeBanquet* (in French), 2004

REFEREE SERVICE

American Economic Review, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Econometrica*, *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Games and Economic Behavior*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, *Comparative Economic Systems*, *Economics of Transition*

OTHER AFFILIATIONS, PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, AND MEMBERSHIP

Acting Vice-Rector – Director of Undergraduate Studies, New Economic School

Center for Advanced Study, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Research Director

Bank of Finland Institute for Economies in Transition, member of the Scientific Advisory Board

Center for Economic Policy Research, London, UK, Research Affiliate

European Journal of the Political Economy, member of the Editorial Board

Journal of Comparative Economics, member of the Editorial Board