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## Positions:

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| 2008-present | Assistant Professor of Economics, New Economic School (NES), Moscow, Russia   |
| 2013-present | Research Fellow, Center for the Study of Diversity and Social Interactions (CSDSI), Moscow, Russia                        |
| 2014-present | Senior Research Fellow, Russian Economic History Center, Moscow, Russia   |
| 2008-present | Research Economist, Center for Financial and Economic Research, Moscow, Russia  |
| 2010-present | Adjunct Scholar, New York University, Development Research Institute, New York, New York                                  |
| 2013         | Visiting Assistant Professor, Stanford University, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research, Palo Alto, California |

## Education:

Ph.D. in Economics, New York University, 2008  
Thesis Title: “Three Essays on Property Institutions and Development”

M.A. in Economics, New York University, 2004

B.A. in Mathematics, Furman University, Magna Cum Laude, 2000

## Research Fields:

Development Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Law and Economics

## Publications:

[“Property Rights, Land Liquidity and Internal Migration”](#) with Eugenia Chernina and Andrei Markevich. *Journal of Development Economics* (forthcoming).

[“Specificity of Control: The Case of Mexico’s Ejido Reform”](#) with Tobias Pfutze. *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, volume 91, July 2013, pages 13–33.

“A History of Resistance to Privatization in Russia” with Andrei Markevich. *Journal of Comparative Economics* (forthcoming).

[“Signaling Credit-Worthiness: Land Titles, Banking Practices and Access to Formal Credit in Indonesia”](#) with Elizabeth Potamites, *Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies* (forthcoming)

“Federalism and Conflict” with Shlomo Weber, in *The Handbook of Fiscal Federalism II* (forthcoming), eds. Ethisham Ahmad and Giorgio Brosio.

“Ability to Deliver” and “Fiscal Capacity”, Chapters 3 and 4 in *Who Governs Rural Russia*, World Bank, 2010.

“Thinking about Money in Chaucer’s Shipman’s Tale” with Bill Rogers, in *New Readings in Chaucer’s Poetry*. Edited by Robert G. Benson and Susan J. Ridyard, Boydell and Brewer, 2003, pp. 119-38.

### **Working Papers:**

[“Labor Surplus and Mass Mobilization: Russian Agriculture during the Great War”](#) with Andrei Markevich (revise and resubmit, *Review of Economics and Statistics*)

[“Vote Suppression and Incomplete Property Rights”](#) with Tobias Pfütze (revise and resubmit, *Journal of Development Economics*)

[“Colonial Legacy, Linguistic Disenfranchisement and the Civil Conflict in Sri Lanka”](#) with Shlomo Weber and Victor Ginsburgh (revision requested, *Journal of Economic Growth*)

“The Potency of Power: Local Authority, Land Rights and Crop Production in Ghana” (revise and resubmit, *Journal of Development Studies*)

“Land Titles and Violent Conflict in Rural Mexico” with Tobias Pfütze (under submission)

“Land Tenure and Productivity in Agriculture: The Case of the Stolypin Reform in Late Imperial Russia” with Andrei Markevich (under submission)

[“Almost Anonymous Implicit Contracting”](#) with Andrei Bremzen (under submission)

“Crop Production under Duress: An Empirical Analysis of War Communism” with Alexey Khuraskin

### **Conference Presentations and Invited Seminars:**

2014: World Bank Land and Poverty Conference (Washington D.C.), XIII April International Academic Conference on Economic and Social Development (HSE Moscow), Seminar (HSE Moscow)

2013: AEA General Meetings (San Diego), PacDev (San Francisco), Cliometric Society (Honolulu), Midwestern International Development Economics Conference (UW-Madison), Seminar (New York University), Seminar (Middlebury College), Seminar (Stanford University), Seminar (University of Lomé, Togo)

2012: XIII April International Academic Conference on Economic and Social Development (HSE Moscow), ISNIE (USC), Russia and the World: 2012-2020 (ANE Moscow), Seminar (HSE Moscow)

2011: Southern Economic Association General Meetings (Washington D.C.), ICEF (HSE Moscow), Gary Becker Revisited Workshop (EUI), Seminar (ECARES), Seminar (U Carlos III, Madrid), All UC-Huntington (Caltech), ISNIE (Stanford University), Midwestern International Development Economics Conference (UW-Madison),

2010: American Law and Economics Association (Princeton University), ISNIE (Stirling, UK)

2009: European Economic Association (Barcelona), CEFIR Conference (Moscow), ICEF (HSE, Moscow)

2008: Seminar (NES), Seminar (University of Delaware), Seminar (George Mason University)

2007: Africana Social Sciences Seminar (NYU), Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference (Harvard University), Colloquium on Market Institutions and Economic Processes (NYU), Brookings Development Research Conference (Brookings Institution)

2006: Southern Economic Association General Meetings (Charleston), Mercatus Center (George Mason University), Roundtable Discussion at American Educational Research Association General Meetings (Chicago)

2005: Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference (Brown University), American Agricultural Economics Association General Meetings (Providence)

### **Professional Service:**

#### Referee:

*American Economic Review, Oxford Development Studies, Economic History Review, Economics of Governance, Environment and Development Economics, Journal of African Studies*

#### Grant and Fellowship Reviewer:

Fulbright International Scholars Program, Global Development Network Grant Competition, National Research University-Higher School of Economics Faculty Research Assessment, National Research University-Higher School of Economics Faculty Grant Competition

#### Internal Service at NES:

Chair, Faculty hiring committee (2011); Co-Chair, PhD applicant placement committee (2009-2012); Member, Faculty hiring committee (2011-present)

#### Other Service:

Supervisor, NYU Undergraduate independent study (2006, 2007); Mentor, Columbia University GSAS Undergraduate Summer Research Program (2006, 2007)

### **Teaching Experience:**

Assistant Professor of Economics, NES

Graduate Courses: Microeconomics I (Fall 2008-10, 2014), Development Economics (Winter 2009, 2011; Fall 2009, 2012, 2013; Spring 2015), Economic Analysis of Law (Winter 2009, Spring 2010), Law, Economics and Society (Fall 2011), History of Economic Thought (Fall and Winter 2012), Environmental Economics (Fall 2011)

CSDSI Winter School in Moscow, December 2013

CSDSI Summer School in Yelabuga, June 2014

NES Outreach Summer School in Irkutsk, March 2010

Instructor, NYU

Undergraduate Courses: Law and Economics (Summer 2004, 2006), Development Economics (Summer 2005)

Teaching Assistant, NYU

Undergraduate Courses: Development Economics (Spring 2008), Ethics and Economics (Spring 2004-06), Industrial Organization (Summer 2003)

### **Other Employment:**

Consultant, World Bank, Local Governance in Rural Russia, 2008-2010

Graduate Assistant, NYU, for the Colloquium on Market Institutions and Economic Processes, 2006

Graduate Assistant, NYU, for Mario Rizzo, Fall 2002-07

Research Assistant, NYU School of Law, for Jennifer Arlen, Summer 2003

### **Grants, Fellowships and Honors:**

CSDSI Internal Grant for Field Research, 2013

MacCracken Fellowship, 2001-2008

Bradley Foundation Fellowship, 2001-2008

Field Research Grant Social Science Research Council Program in Applied Economics,  
2004

Mont Pelerin Society General Meeting Fellow, 2004

Public Choice Outreach Conference Fellow, 2004

Phi Beta Kappa (Honor Society), 1999

Pi Mu Epsilon (National Mathematics Honor Society), 1997

**Languages:** English (native), French (basic), Russian (basic), Spanish (basic)

**Citizenship:** USA

**References:**

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