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EDUCATION

PhD Candidate in Political Science and Sociology, Scuola Normale Superiore.

– Dissertation: *Gendered Mobilization in Exile: Understanding the Activism of Post-2022 Russian Emigrants through Emotions, Structure, and Movement Dynamics*.

– Advisors: Martín Portos García and Lorenzo Zamponi. Expected defense: Oct. 2027.

2023–present

MA in Sociology, European University at St. Petersburg.

– Exchange Student, Venice International University.

2020–2022

BA in Sociology, Novosibirsk State University.

2016–2020

VISITING POSITIONS

Visiting Fellow, Davis Center, *Harvard University*. Host: Grzegorz Ekiert. (*forthcoming*)

Jan–Apr 2027

Visiting Research Fellow, Institute of Social Science, *University of Tokyo*. Host: Masaaki Higashijima.

Apr–Aug 2026

Visiting Research Fellow, Faculty of Human Sciences, *Waseda University*. Host: Naoto Higuchi.

Apr–Aug 2026

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- [1] **Nugumanova, K.** (2026). “Micromobilizing Emotion: How Feminist Anti-War Resistance Builds Affective Infrastructure in Exile.” *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, 59(1), 104–123. Paper
- [2] **Nugumanova, K.**, & Anonymous Author. (2023). “Great, Great Sorrow and Eternal Silence: An Experiment in Sociological Dream Interpretation after February 24, 2022.” *The February Journal*, 01–02, 63–82. Paper (co-author anonymised for security reasons)

Under Review

- [3] **Nugumanova, K.**, Kamalov, E., & Sergeeva, I. “Moral Responsibility and the Reverse Gender Gap: Political Participation Among Russian Wartime Emigrants.”

Other Publications

- [4] **Nugumanova, K.** Review of *Different and Unequal? Gendered Political Participation in European Democracies*, by Catherine Bolzendahl and Hilde Coffè. *European Political Science* (forthcoming 2026). Book Review
- [5] **Nugumanova, K.** (2024). “Men’s Words, Women’s Work: Exploring the Reverse Gender Gap in Post-2022 Russian Emigration.” *Russian Analytical Digest*, 316, 13–18. Article
- [6] Kamalov, E., **Nugumanova, K.**, & Sergeeva, I. (2025). *On the Move: Mobility, Integration, and Dynamics of Russian Emigration in 2022–2024*. OutRush. Report
- [7] Kamalov, E., **Nugumanova, K.**, & Sergeeva, I. (2025). *From Russia to Latin America: Integration, Challenges, and Aspirations of Russian Post-2022 Emigrants*. OutRush. Report
- [8] **Nugumanova, K.** (2024). *Mapping and Gathering Russian Artists and Cultural Workers in Exile*. Policy Brief
- [9] Kamalov, E., Sergeeva, I., Zavadskaya, M., **Nugumanova, K.**, & Kostenko, V. (2024). *One and a Half Years Later: Progress and Barriers in the Integration of Russian Emigrants*. OutRush. Report

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Co-authors are listed alphabetically, following the lead author where one is designated.

Working Papers

- Kamalov, E., **Nugumanova, K.**, & Sergeeva, I. “Citizenship as Leverage: Authoritarian Control Beyond Borders.” Five-wave panel; Callaway–Sant’Anna difference-in-differences; 579 interviews. Advanced draft APSA 2026; ECPR 2026
- **Nugumanova, K.** “The Gendered Opportunity Structure of Exile: How Host-Country Contexts Shape Migrant Political Participation.” Multilevel models across 100+ host countries. In preparation for submission
- Kamalov, E., **Nugumanova, K.**, & Sergeeva, I. “The Politics of Being Reachable: A Design Note on Lower-Traceability Contact in Sensitive Political Surveys.” Draft

- Work in Progress**
- Kamalov, E., **Nugumanova, K.**, & Sergeeva, I. “Destination Preferences in Secondary Migration among Politically Induced Migrants from Authoritarian States.” Conjoint experiment. Data collected; preregistered
 - Ruseishvili, S., Kamalov, E., **Nugumanova, K.**, & Sergeeva, I. “New Russian Migration to Latin America: Mobile Middle Classes, Flight from Illiberalism, and the Formation of New Urban Communities.” Analysis
 - Kozlov, V., Kamalov, E., **Nugumanova, K.**, Saitova, D., Sergeeva, I., Sokolova, E., & Veselovskaya, O. “Migration under Shock Conditions: Insecurity, Institutions, and Fertility Intentions.” Analysis

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- Competitive Grants & Awards**
- Selected Participant** – ISA PhD Lab (16 of 236 selected), fully funded, Doha, 2026.
- Selected Participant** – Gender, Peace and Security Workshop (33 of 800 selected), fully funded, British Institute of Eastern Africa / University of Oslo / ERC, Nairobi, 2025.
- €5,895** – Research Mobility Grant, Scuola Normale Superiore, 2023–2026.
- €4,458** – Visiting Fellowship Grant (University of Tokyo), Scuola Normale Superiore, 2026.
- €3,030** – Visiting Fellowship Grant (Harvard University), Scuola Normale Superiore, 2026.
- \$1,100** – Conference Travel Award, American Political Science Association, 2026.
- Travel Grant** – European University Institute SPS Summer Academy, 2022.
- National Sociology Olympiad**, Higher School of Economics – Silver (2022), Bronze (2021), Winner (2020).
- Doctoral & Masters Funding**
- PhD Fellowship (PNRR), Scuola Normale Superiore, 2023–2027; MA Fellowship, European University at St. Petersburg, 2020–2022.

PROJECTS AND DATA

- Projects**
- Co-I, *OutRush*** – Longitudinal Panel Survey of Russian Post-2022 Emigrants. 30,000+ observations, 5 waves, 100+ countries. Stanford & EUI. Website 2022–present
- PI, *The Science of Dreams*** – Survey of Russians’ wartime dreams as a window onto fear, self-censorship, and political subjectivity under authoritarianism. Website 2022–present
- Co-I, *Democracy in Exile (DemEx)*** – NSF-funded project on diaspora politics. Carleton University, University of Warsaw & GWU. 2024–present
- Co-I, *Feminist Anti-War Resistance in Exile***. Indiana University. 2023–2024
- Russia Expert & Foresight Facilitator, *European Commission*** – research lead on Russian artists and cultural workers in exile; designed and facilitated expert foresight workshops. 2024–2025
- PI, *Media Literacy and Critical Thinking***. WOT Foundation. 2021–2022
- Earlier research assistantships: Building a Commons in the Russian Diaspora* (Indiana University); *New Russian Migration to Latin America* (ICESI University); *OutRush* (European University Institute). 2022–2024
- Datasets**
- Co-I: Kamalov, E., Nugumanova, K., & Sergeeva, I.** *OutRush* Longitudinal Survey, Wave 5 (2025–2026; under embargo).
- Co-I: Kamalov, E., Nugumanova, K., & Sergeeva, I.** *OutRush* Longitudinal Survey, Wave 4 (2024; under embargo).
- PI: Nugumanova, K.** *Russian Dreams During the Full-Scale Invasion of Ukraine, 2022–2026*. Dataset, 1,000+ observations, Harvard Dataverse (under embargo).
- Co-I: Smyth, R., Baranova, V., Kostenko, V., Kovylyaeva, N., Nugumanova, K., & Utkina, V.** *Feminist Anti-War Resistance in Exile Dataset* (2023; under embargo).
- Open Science**
- Kamalov, E., **Nugumanova, K.**, & Sergeeva, I. *Destination Preferences in Secondary Migration Among Politically Induced Migrants from Authoritarian States*. OSF preregistration; embargo Sept. 2026.

TEACHING

Guest Lectures	Waseda University , Tokyo. “Emotions, War, and Political Action in Exile: Gendered Patterns of Mobilization among Migrants from Authoritarian Regimes.” 2026 Link
	University of Tokyo . “Moral Responsibility and the Reverse Gender Gap: Political Activism among Russian Post-2022 Emigrants.” Link 2026
	Scuola Normale Superiore , <i>Political Behavior</i> (MA/PhD course). Designed and taught a session on inequalities in political participation: causes and consequences. 2025 Syllabus
	European University at St. Petersburg , GENDER-LIKBEZ 4.0 Summer School. “Gender Differences in Political and Civic Activism among Russian Migrants.” 2023
Prepared to Teach	<i>Political Behaviour under Authoritarianism and Democratic Backsliding</i> (graduate); <i>Gender, Migration, and Transnational Activism</i> (advanced undergraduate/graduate); <i>Survey Research and Panel Data Analysis</i> (graduate). Outlines

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

2026	APSA Annual Meeting (Co-Author, Chair & Discussant); ECPR General Conference (Presenter).
2025	ASEEES Annual Convention (Invited Roundtable Speaker & Discussant); ECPR General Conference (Presenter); ISA / ESA / AIS Gens Conference (Presenter); Gender, Peace and Security Workshop , British Institute of Eastern Africa / University of Oslo / ERC, Nairobi (Presenter); Russia Expert Seminar , Robert Schuman Centre, European University Institute (Invited Speaker); Migration and Diversity Workshop , ZOIS, Berlin (Invited Speaker).
2024	ASEEES Annual Convention (Presenter); 15th European Graduate Network Conference , University of Zurich (Presenter & Discussant); Aleksanteri Conference , University of Helsinki (Presenter); Migration Working Group , European University Institute (Presenter); LCSR International Workshop on Comparative Values (Presenter); Cross-Border Voices Workshop , ZOIS / Ilia State University (Invited Speaker); New Russian Exodus Seminar , Yerevan State University (Invited Speaker); Russian Journalists in Exile Workshop , University of Helsinki / Riga (Invited Speaker).
2023	Aleksanteri Conference , University of Helsinki (Presenter & Co-Author); Problematising Migration , University of Palermo (Presenter).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Service	Editorial Fellow , <i>Mobilization: An International Quarterly</i> , onboarding 2026.
Reviewing	<i>Politics & Gender</i> ; <i>European Journal of Politics and Gender</i> ; <i>Problems of Post-Communism</i> ; <i>European Political Science</i> .
Conference Service	APSA Chair (2026); APSA Discussant (2026); ASEEES Discussant (2025); European Graduate Network Discussant (2024).
Memberships & Research Groups	APSA; ECPR; ASEEES. Working groups: MigraMove (Migrations, Movements and Borders); Gender and Politics, Scuola Normale Superiore (2026–present).

MEDIA AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Invited Expert Talks	Kovcheg Business.Network International Conference — “To Stay or to Return: Mobility, Integration, and the Dynamics of Russian Emigration” (Featured Speaker); Academic Bridges International Conference — “Three Years in Emigration: Results of a Panel Study” (Invited Speaker); Academic Bridges / Kovcheg / Science at Risk — “War Doesn’t Have a Woman’s Face? Political Behaviour and Civic Engagement of Russian Post-War Migrants” (Invited Speaker).
Essays	Posle Media — “How Do You Sleep during the War?”; Republic — “I Had a Dream about Putin: What Wartime Dreams Tell Us about Reality”.
Interviews & Broadcast	Meduza , <i>What Happened</i> — “What Do Russians’ Dreams Say About Them?”; SBS Radio — “How Russian Post-War Immigrants Live in Latin America”; SBS Radio — “Double Cancel: Russian Cultural Workers in Exile”; Republic — “People Who Live in Fear Tend to Have Very Realistic Dreams”; Paper — “What Sociologists Learned from 900 Dreams of Russians”; Feminist Anti-War Resistance — “Russians Who Left Are More Feminist-Minded”; Initium Media — “Russian Emigrant Communities and OutRush Findings”; co-host, <i>Politics Anew</i> , political analysis video blog.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Spring School on Democratic Backsliding and Political Conflicts, European University Institute & Scuola Normale Superiore (2026).
 GESIS Spring Seminar: Experimental Designs in Social and Behavioral Studies (2025).

Open Science & Research Data Management, Scuola Normale Superiore (2025).

Research Ethics: CITI Ethics in Human Research, Indiana University (2023); JSPS Research Ethics, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (2026).

5-Day Interviewer Training, *Building Commons in the Russian Diaspora*, Helsinki (2022).

EUI SPS Summer Academy, “(In)equality, Democracy and Solidarity in Europe” (2022).

SKILLS

Methods	Panel survey design and analysis; survey and conjoint experiments; difference-in-differences with staggered adoption; multilevel modeling; semi-structured interviewing; systematic qualitative coding; focus groups; feminist and trauma-informed research with vulnerable and displaced populations.
Software	Proficient: R, Quarto, $\LaTeX$, Qualtrics, MaxQDA, Git, MS Office. Knowledgeable: Stata, Python, SPSS, Tableau, QGIS.
Languages	Russian (native); English (fluent); Italian (intermediate); French (basic).

REFERENCES

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