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**Appointments**

Postdoctoral Fellow, Vanderbilt University, 2020–present

**Education**

PhD in Political Science, University of Michigan, 2020  
MA in Statistics, University of Michigan, 2020  
MA in Social Psychology, Utrecht University (Netherlands), 2010  
BA in Economics, St Petersburg State University (Russia), 2008

**Publications**

- Zhirkov, Kirill. Forthcoming. “Estimating and Using Individual Marginal Component Effects from Conjoint Experiments.” *Political Analysis*.
- Zhirkov, Kirill, and Nicholas A. Valentino. Forthcoming. “Revisiting the Measurement of Group Schemas in Political Science.” In *The Cambridge Handbook of Implicit Bias and Racism*, edited by Jon A. Krosnick, Tobias H. Stark, and Amanda L. Scott. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Valentino, Nicholas A., Kirill Zhirkov, D. Sunshine Hillygus, and Brian Guay. 2020. “The Political Consequences of Personality Biases in Online Panel Surveys.” *Public Opinion Quarterly*. Published ahead of print. <https://doi.org/10.1093/poq/nfaa026>
- Zhirkov, Kirill. 2020. “Who Are ‘the Immigrants’? Beliefs about Immigrant Populations and Anti-Immigration Attitudes in the United States and in Britain.” *Social Science Quarterly*. Published ahead of print. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.12925>
- Zhirkov, Kirill. 2020. “Discriminating between Issue Voting Rules in Multiparty Elections Using Finite Mixture Modeling.” *Electoral Studies*. Published ahead of print. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2020.102249>
- Grigoriev, Ivan S., and Kirill Zhirkov. 2020. “Do Political Connections Make Businesspeople Richer? Evidence from Russia, 2003–2010.” *Research and Politics* 7 (4). <https://doi.org/10.1177/2053168020979434>
- Groenendyk, Eric W., Michael W. Sances, and Kirill Zhirkov. 2020. “Intraparty Polarization in American Politics.” *Journal of Politics* 82 (4): 1616–20. <https://doi.org/10.1086/708780>
- Zhirkov, Kirill. 2019. “Dogmatism and Militant Internationalism among Foreign Policy Elites: Evidence from Russia, 1995–2016.” *Post-Soviet Affairs* 35 (5–6): 422–32. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1060586X.2019.1662199>
- Zhirkov, Kirill. 2014. “Nativist but not Alienated: A Comparative Perspective on the Radical Right Vote in Western Europe.” *Party Politics* 20 (2): 286–96. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1354068813511379>
- Zhirkov, Kirill, Maykel Verkuyten, and Jeroen Weesie. 2014. “Perceptions of World Politics and Support for Terrorism among Muslims: Evidence from Muslim Countries and Western

Europe.” *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 31 (5): 481–501.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0738894213510121>

### **Under Review**

The Origins and Consequences of Racialized Schemas about U.S. Parties (with Nicholas A. Valentino)

Rethinking Measurement Invariance: The Neglected Role of Within-Country Dispersions (with Christian Welzel and Ronald F. Inglehart)

Social Dominance Orientation and Differential Affect toward Immigrant Origin Groups: Evidence from Three Immigration-Receiving Countries

Racialized Images of Immigrant Origin Groups and Their Political Implications: Evidence from the United States and Britain

Elites’ Messages, Social Conformity, and Reduction of Prejudice: An Experimental Test of the Political Leadership Model (with Maykel Verkuyten and Eduard Ponarin)

### **Work in progress**

The Centrality of Ethnicity and Religion for Stereotypes about Immigrants and Its Political Consequences: Evidence from the U.S. and Britain

Evaluating the Use of Conjoint Experiments to Measure Stereotype Content (with C. Daniel Myers and Kristin Lunz Trujillo)

Comparing Methods for Sampling Individuals Within Households: A Field Experiment in Costa Rica (with Noam Lupu, J. Daniel Montalvo, Mitchell A. Seligson, and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister)

The Other Side of Sorting: Social Fractionalization of American Parties (with Eric Groenendyk) Grievances, Emotions, and Anti-American Attitudes: Experimental Evidence from Russia (with Eduard Ponarin)

Polarization or White Backlash? Voters’ Responses to Politicians’ Tweets on Race Issues (with Leah Christiani)

How Charges of Racism Affect Citizen Policy Evaluations (with Eugenia Quintanilla)

### **Awards**

Best Paper in Political Behavior Award, Midwest Political Science Association, 2018 (with Nicholas A. Valentino)

### **Grants and Fellowships**

Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies, 2018–2021: \$12,000

Gerald R. Ford Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2018–2020: \$50,500

Garth Taylor Fellowship in Public Opinion Research, University of Michigan, 2018–2019: \$10,000

Jean Monnet Graduate Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2018: \$5,000

Rackham Graduate Student Research Grants, University of Michigan, 2017–2018: \$4,500

Angus Campbell Scholars Fund, University of Michigan, 2017: \$7,000

International Institute Student Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2017: \$4,250

Summer Grant for Research and Internships in Europe and Eurasia, University of Michigan, 2016: \$1,500

Weiser Emerging Democracy Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2014–2015: \$26,000

Utrecht Excellence Scholarship, Utrecht University (Netherlands), 2008–2010: €27,000

## **Research Experience**

Visiting Researcher, University of Gothenburg (Sweden), 2018  
Graduate Student Research Assistant to Professor Ted Brader, University of Michigan, 2018  
Visiting Researcher, GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences (Germany), 2017  
Graduate Student Research Assistant to Professor Nicholas A. Valentino, University of Michigan, 2016–2017  
Research Fellow, Higher School of Economics (Russia), 2011–2014  
Visiting Scholar, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan, 2013  
Research Assistant to Professor Maykel Verkuyten, Utrecht University (Netherlands), 2009

## **Teaching**

“Introduction to Empirical Methods in Political Analysis” (graduate), University of Michigan, primary instructor: Professor Walter R. Mebane, Jr.  
“Introduction to Comparative Political Science” (undergraduate), University of Michigan, primary instructor: Professor Robert J. Franzese, Jr.  
“Multilevel Structural Equation Modeling” (summer school), Higher School of Economics (Russia), primary instructor: Professor Hermann Duellmer  
“Quantitative Research Seminar” (graduate, in Russian), Higher School of Economics (Russia), primary instructor: Professor Eduard Ponarin  
“State and State Formation” (undergraduate, in Russian), Higher School of Economics (Russia), primary instructor: Roberto Foa

## **Additional Training**

London School of Economics Summer Program (UK), 2013  
Oslo Summer School in Comparative Social Science Studies (Norway), 2012  
Georgetown University Summer Sessions, 2012  
ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, 2011

## **Professional Memberships**

American Political Science Association, International Society for Political Psychology, Society for Political Methodology, Midwest Political Science Association, European Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association

## **Departmental Service**

Graduate Student Professional Development Committee, University of Michigan, 2019–2020  
Interdisciplinary Workshop in American Politics, University of Michigan, 2018–2019  
Admissions Committee, University of Michigan, 2016–2017