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Appointments

Assistant Professor (General Faculty), University of Virginia, 2021–present
Postdoctoral Fellow, Vanderbilt University, 2020–2021

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, Saint Petersburg State University (Russia), 2008

Publications

- Zhirkov, Kirill. 2021. “Estimating and Using Individual Marginal Component Effects from Conjoint Experiments.” *Political Analysis*. Published ahead of print.
<https://doi.org/10.1017/pan.2021.4>
- Zhirkov, Kirill, Maykel Verkuyten, and Eduard Ponarin. 2021. “Social Conformity and Prejudice toward Immigrants: The Role of Political Messaging.” *Social Influence*. Published ahead of print. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15534510.2021.1989028>
- Zhirkov, Kirill. 2021. “Who Are ‘the Immigrants’? Beliefs about Immigrant Populations and Anti-Immigration Attitudes in the United States and Britain.” *Social Science Quarterly* 102 (1): 228–37. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.12925>
- Zhirkov, Kirill. 2021. “Estimating Relative Prevalence of Competing Issue Voting Rules in Multiparty Elections Using Finite Mixture Modeling.” *Electoral Studies* 69: 102249. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2020.102249>
- Zhirkov, Kirill. 2021. “Social Dominance Orientation and Differential Affect toward Immigrant Origin Groups: Evidence from Three Immigration-Receiving Countries.” *International Journal of Intercultural Relations* 85: 170–83.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijintrel.2021.09.014>
- Valentino, Nicholas A., Kirill Zhirkov, D. Sunshine Hillygus, and Brian Guay. 2020. “The Consequences of Personality Biases in Online Panels for Measuring Public Opinion.” *Public Opinion Quarterly* 84 (2): 446–68. <https://doi.org/10.1093/poq/nfaa026>

- 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>

Forthcoming

- Zhirkov, Kirill. "Perceptions of Stereotypically Immigrant Groups as Darker-Skinned and Politics of Immigration in the United States and Britain." *Politics, Groups, and Identities*.
- Zhirkov, Kirill, and Nicholas A. Valentino. "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.

Under Review

- The Origins and Consequences of Racialized Schemas about U.S. Parties (with Nicholas Valentino; R&R in the *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*)
- Stereotypes about Immigrants and Attitudes toward Immigration: Evidence from Conjoint Experiments in the United States and Britain
- Evaluating the Use of Conjoint Experiments to Measure Stereotype Content: The Example of Welfare Recipients (with Daniel Myers and Kristin Lunz Trujillo)
- Value Consensus and Measurement Inequivalence: The Case of Sexual Emancipation Values (with Christian Welzel)
- Ill-Conceived, Unfair, or Racist? The Effects of Charges in Policy Debates on Citizens' Opinions (with Eugenia Quintanilla)
- Testing the Validity of the Child-Rearing Authoritarianism Scale in a Non-Western Context: Evidence from Mass and Elite Surveys in Russia (with Eduard Ponarin and Sharon Rivera)
- Institutional Decay Under Autocracy: Evidence from Business–State Relations in Russia (with Ivan Grigoriev)

Work in Progress

- The Other Side of Sorting: Social Fractionalization of American Parties Causes Affective Polarization (with Eric Groenendyk)
- Comparing Methods for Sampling Individuals Within Households: A Field Experiment in Costa Rica (with Noam Lupu, Daniel Montalvo, Mitchell Seligson, and Elizabeth Zechmeister)
- Drivers of Affective Polarization: The Relative Impact of Race, Religion, Income, and Ideology (with Nicholas Valentino)

A Conjoint Experiment on Sanctuary Jurisdictions in the United States and Moving Preferences among Mexicans
How Framing Can Polarize Opinions between and within Partisan Coalitions: The Case of the Free Speech Debate
Authoritarian Predisposition, Grievances, and Anti-American Attitudes among Russian Mass Publics and Foreign Policy Elites (with Eduard Ponarin and Sharon Rivera)
Polarization or Backlash? Group Empathy and Whites' Reactions to Politicians' Tweets on Race and Religion
Americans' Preferences with Respect to Immigrant Origins: Evidence from a Conjoint Experiment
Comparing the Impact of Social and Political Polarization on Support for Democracy (with Noam Lupu and Elizabeth Zechmeister)

Awards and Honors

Best Dissertation Award, International Society of Political Psychology, 2021
Best Paper in Political Behavior Award, Midwest Political Science Association, 2018 (with Nicholas 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

Presentations and Talks

2021: American Political Science Association (APSA)
2019: APSA, European Political Science Association (EPSA), International Society for Political Psychology (ISPP), Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Society for Political Methodology, Southern Political Science Association (SPSA), University of Minnesota
2018: APSA, EPSA, Hamilton College, Indiana University Bloomington, ISPP, MPSA
2017: APSA, ISPP, MPSA
2016: EPSA, MPSA, University of California–Los Angeles
2015: EPSA, MPSA

Teaching

Advanced Topics in Multivariate Analysis (graduate), University of Virginia
Mathematics for Political Science (graduate), University of Virginia
Statistical Measurement (graduate), University of Virginia
Introduction to Empirical Methods in Political Analysis (graduate), University of Michigan
Introduction to Comparative Political Science (undergraduate), University of Michigan

Multilevel Structural Equation Modeling (summer school), Higher School of Economics (Russia)
Quantitative Research Seminar (graduate, in Russian), Higher School of Economics (Russia)
State and State Formation (undergraduate, in Russian), Higher School of Economics (Russia)

Visiting Researcher

University of Gothenburg (Sweden), 2018
GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences (Germany), 2017
Higher School of Economics (Russia), 2016
University of Michigan, 2013

Departmental Service

Co-Chair, Political Methodology Subfield, University of Virginia, 2021–present
Graduate Student Professional Development Committee, University of Michigan, 2019–2020
Coordinator, Interdisciplinary Workshop in American Politics, University of Michigan, 2018–
2019
Admissions Committee, University of Michigan, 2016–2017

Professional Memberships

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

Reviewer

2021: American Journal of Political Science; Electoral Studies; European Political Science
Review; International Interactions; International Journal of Public Opinion Research;
International Migration Review; Journal of Politics; Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and
Politics; Political Science Research and Methods; Social Forces; Terrorism and Political
Violence
2020: American Political Science Review; Australian Journal of International Affairs; Bulletin of
Latin American Research; European Journal of Political Research; Government and
Opposition; Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics; Party Politics; Political Research
Quarterly; Public Opinion Quarterly
2019: American Journal of Political Science; European Journal of Political Research; Party
Politics; Political Research Quarterly
2018: European Journal of Political Research; European Political Science Review; Plos One;
Terrorism and Political Violence
2017: British Journal of Political Science; Conflict Management and Peace Science; Party
Politics
2016: European Journal of Political Research; European Political Science Review; Foreign
Policy Analysis; Social Currents
2015: Journal of Contemporary European Studies