

2003 – 2004 TA at New Economic School: Political Economy, Auction Theory (both graduate)
 2003 – 2004 TA, then lecturer, State University of the Humanities (Moscow): Public Economics (undergraduate)

Other employment and education

2007 – 2009 Research Assistant (Harvard, MIT, NBER)
 2003 – 2005 Junior Economist, CEFIR, Moscow
 2003 – 2005 Research Assistant, New Economic School
 Sept. 2004 Ronald Coase Institute Workshop, Tucson, AZ
 June 2004 15th Jerusalem Summer School in Economic Theory 'The Economics of Risk Bearing,' Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
 June 2002 CIME Summer School 'Real Methods in Complex and CR Geometry,' Martina Franca, Italy

Professional activities

Referee *AEJ-Macro, AEJ-Micro, AER, AER-Insights, AJPS, APSR, Comparative Political Studies, Econometrica, Economic Journal, Economics of Governance, Economics of Transition, EER, GEB, IJGT, International Journal of Press/Politics, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Theory, JEEA, Journal of Law, Economics and Organization, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Peace Research, JPE, Journal of Politics, JPubE, Journal of Public Economic Theory, Journal of Theoretical Economics, Journal of Theoretical Politics, Oxford Economic Papers, Public Choice, QJE, QJPS, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, RAND Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Dynamics, REStud, REStat, TE; also reviewed several NSF proposals*

Editorial service 2019– Associate editor, *American Economic Review*
 2025
 2018– Associate editor, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*
 2015– Associate editor, *Review of Economic Design*

Invited talks 2011– On editorial board of *Economics and Mathematical Methods* (Russian)
 2026 London Business School
 2025 Harvard University, Columbia University, Norwegian School of Economics, Helsinki Graduate School of Economics, Stockholm School of Economics, ITAM
 2024 University of Southern California, UC-Berkeley, Stanford University
 2023 University of Chile
 2022 Stanford Graduate School of Business
 2021 Joint Asian political economy seminar (virtual), UC Riverside (virtual), Vanderbilt university
 2020 University of Chicago (virtual), University of Oxford (virtual)
 2019 Ryerson University, University of Chicago – Harris School of Public Policy
 2018 Central European University, LMU-Munich, CERGE-EI, Princeton University, University of Warwick, London School of Economics, University of Chicago
 2017: University of Pittsburgh, University of Calgary, Yale University, Harvard University
 2016: University of Utah, Vanderbilt University, University of Wisconsin – Madison
 2015: Simon Fraser University, Sciences Po, University of Waterloo, University of Wisconsin – Madison

	2014:	Duke University, Higher School of Economics (Moscow)
	2013:	University of Mannheim, Max Planck Institute (Bonn), University of British Columbia, University College London, Queen’s University (Belfast), U. of Chicago
	2012:	University of Illinois, University of Oslo, Princeton, Columbia, European University Institute (Florence), ITAM (Mexico City), University of Miami, Cornell, University of Pennsylvania, New York University, Harvard/MIT Positive Political Theory Workshop
	2011:	LSE, Warwick, Harvard-MIT Applied Theory Workshop, Georgetown University, Stanford University
	2010:	Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona), Harvard – MIT Positive Political Economy Workshop, George Mason University, Purdue University
	2009:	Harvard – MIT Positive Political Economy Workshop, Yale University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
	2008:	Kellogg MEDS, Kellogg Political Economy seminar, Berkeley Positive Political Theory seminar
Selected conference presentations		Madrid Political Economy Workshop (keynote, 2025) Princeton Political Economy Conference (2024) Berkeley Conference on Political Economy and Governance (2023) IOG-BFI Conference (Chicago, 2021, 2022) Private Politics Academic Conference and Discussion (Chicago, 2019) 14 th Meeting of the Society for Social Choice and Welfare (Seoul, 2018) NICEP conference (Nottingham, 2018) Political Economy Conference (Cornell, 2018) Social Movements and Private Environmental Governance: Summary and Synthesis (Ann Arbor, 2017) Wallis Conference on Political Economy (Rochester, 2017, 2011, 2013) NBER Summer Institute – Political Economy (July 2016) NBER Political Economy meeting (April 2015) Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (SITE) Summer Workshop, The Dynamics of Collective Decision Making (2014) Political Economy in the Chicago Area conference (2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2018) Marburg Centre for Institutional Economics (keynote, Marburg, 2013) NBER Summer Institute, Political Economy of Public Finance (2011, 2013) Strategy and the Business Environment (Stanford, 2012) National Academy of Sciences Sackler Colloquium (2010), MOVE Workshop on Selection of Politicians (Barcelona, 2010) Determinants of Social Conflicts conference (Madrid, 2010) Conference on Endogenous Institutions and Political Conflict (Berkeley 2008, 2011) Conference on Dynamic Political Economy (Princeton, 2008)
Organizing conferences	2026:	Strategy and Business Environment (Northwestern)
	2025:	Political Economy of AI (Northwestern)
	2024:	NBER Summer Institute Political Economy meeting (program committee member)
	2024:	Political Economy of Ideas and Ideology (Northwestern)
	2024:	Great Lakes Political Economy Theory Conference (Northwestern)
	2023:	Autocracies and Conflict conference (Northwestern)
	2022:	North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society (program committee member)

- 2020: 15th Meeting of the Society for Social Choice and Welfare (program committee member)
- 2016: Conflict and Cooperation conference at Northwestern (co-organizer)
- 2014: Political Economy in Chicago Area (PECA) 8th Annual Conference (organizer)
- Society for Economic Dynamics meeting in Toronto (program committee member)

Outside activities

- October 2025 Distinguished Visitor, Becker Friedman Institute for Economics at University of Chicago
- 2023 – Board member, Yerevan Economic School
- 2020 – 2024 Speaker, Sulphur World Symposium (2020, virtual; 2022 and 2024, in-person)
- 2016 – Member (2021 – coordinator), New Economic School (NES) International Advisory Board (IAB)
- 2014 Selection Board for Assistant Professor position, University of Oslo
- 2013 Policy proposal evaluation, Czech Republic
- June-July 2012 Visitor at Einaudi Center for Economics and Finance (Rome)

Awards and honors

- 2023 Chairs' Core Course Teaching Award, Kellogg School of Management
- 2022 The Ronald Coase Institute Award for Outstanding Achievement
- 2018 Social Choice and Welfare Prize (one of two co-recipients)
- 2009 New Economic School Alumni Association award
- 2007 Danieli Award, Harvard University, Department of Economics
- 2006 – 2007 Cox Fellowship, Harvard University
- 2005 – 2007 Harvard University Fellowship
- 2003 Best Student Paper, New Economic School
- 2000 – 2004 Research Grants of the Russian Foundation for Basic Research
- 1998 – 2001 Mayor of Moscow Fellowship for Distinguished Students
- 1995 2nd prize in International Soros Mathematical Olympiad

Publications: peer-reviewed

- Why Did Putin Invade Ukraine? A Theory of Degenerate Autocracies (with Konstantin Sonin), 2026. *American Journal of Political Science*, forthcoming.
- Electoral College and Election Fraud (with Konstantin Sonin), 2026. *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, forthcoming.
- The Political Economics of Non-democracy (with Konstantin Sonin), *Journal of Economic Literature*, 2024, 62(2): 594-636.
- Justifying Dissent (with Leonardo Bursztyn, Ingar Haaland, Aakaash Rao, and Christopher Roth), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2023, 138(3): 1403–1451.
- Elections in Non-Democracies (with Konstantin Sonin), *Economic Journal*, 2021, 131(636): 1682-1716.
- Divided We Stay Home: Social Distancing and Ethnic Diversity (with Ruben Enikolopov, Alexey Makarin, and Maria Petrova), 2021, *Journal of Public Economics*, 194: 104328.
- From Extreme to Mainstream: The Erosion of Social Norms (with Leonardo Bursztyn and Stefano Fiorin), 2020, *American Economic Review*, 110(11): 3522-3548.

- Strategic Communication with Minimal Verification (with Gabriel Carroll), *Econometrica*, 2019, 87(6): 1867-1892.
- Cool to Be Smart or Smart to Be Cool? Understanding Peer Pressure in Education (with Leonardo Bursztyn and Robert Jensen), *Review of Economic Studies*, 2019, 86(4): 1487-1526.
- Social Mobility and Stability of Democracy: Reevaluating De Tocqueville (with Daron Acemoglu and Konstantin Sonin), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2018, 133(2): 1041-1105.
- Private Politics and Public Regulation (with Bard Harstad), *Review of Economic Studies*, 2017, 84(4): 1652-1682.
- Delegation and Nonmonetary Incentives (with Attila Ambrus), *Journal of Economic Theory*, 2017, 171: 101-135.
- Political Economy of Redistribution (with Daniel Diermeier and Konstantin Sonin), *Econometrica*, 2017, 85(3): 851-870.
- Electoral Rules and Political Selection: Theory and Evidence from a Field Experiment in Afghanistan (with Andrew Beath, Fotini Christia, and Ruben Enikolopov), *Review of Economic Studies*, 2016, 83(3): 932-968.
- Political Economy in a Changing World (with Daron Acemoglu and Konstantin Sonin), *Journal of Political Economy*, 2015, 123(5): 1038-1086.
- The Killing Game: A Theory of Non-Democratic Succession (with Konstantin Sonin), *Research in Economics*, 2015, 69(3) (Special issue on Political Economy): 398-411.
- A Political Theory of Populism (with Daron Acemoglu and Konstantin Sonin), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2013, 128(2): 771-805.
- Comment on “Commitment vs. Flexibility” (with Attila Ambrus), *Econometrica*, 2013, 81(5), 2113-2124.
- Dynamics and Stability of Constitutions, Coalitions, and Clubs (with Daron Acemoglu and Konstantin Sonin), *American Economic Review*, 2012, 102(4): 1446-1476.
- Political Model of Social Evolution (with Daron Acemoglu and Konstantin Sonin), *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 2011, 108(suppl. 4): 21292-21296.
- Dictators and Their Viziers: Endogenizing the Loyalty-Competence Trade-off (with Konstantin Sonin), *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 2011, 9(5): 903-930.
- Political Selection and Persistence of Bad Governments (with Daron Acemoglu and Konstantin Sonin), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2010, 125(4): 1511-1575.
- Why Resource-poor Dictators Allow Freer Media: A Theory and Evidence from Panel Data (with Sergei Guriev and Konstantin Sonin), *American Political Science Review*, 2009, 103(4): 645-668.
- Coalition Formation in Non-Democracies (with Daron Acemoglu and Konstantin Sonin), *Review of Economic Studies*, 2008, 75(4): 987-1009.
- Ramified Coverings over C^2 and the Jacobian Conjecture (2004) *Mathematical Notes*, vol. 76, № 2, pp. 172–182 (in Russian).
- An Example of Five-Sheeted Exotic Covering over C^2 (2002) *Mathematical Notes*, vol. 71, № 4, pp. 532–547 (in Russian).

Publications: other

- Political Information and Network Effects (with Sergei Guriev, Maxim Mironov, and Ekaterina Zhuravskaya), *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 2026, 24(1): 82-121.
- Social media and Xenophobia: Evidence from Russia (with Leonardo Bursztyn, Ruben Enikolopov and Maria Petrova), chapter in *The Political Economy of Social Media*, 2023 (CEPR Press, Filipe Campante, Ruben Durante and Andrea Tesei, eds), <https://cepr.org/publications/books-and-reports/political-economy-social-media>
- Scapegoating during Crises (with Leonardo Bursztyn, Ingar Haaland, Aakaash Rao, and Christopher Roth), *AEA Papers and Proceedings*, 2022, 112:151-55.
- Institutional Change and Institutional Persistence (with Daron Acemoglu and Konstantin Sonin), chapter in the *Handbook of Historical Economics*, 2021 (Alberto Bisin and Giovanni Federico, eds).

- Authoritarian Politics 101: Examples and Exercises (with Konstantin Sonin), *The Political Economist* (Newsletter of the Section on Political Economy, APSA), Winter 2011, XIII(2), pp. 2-4.
- Do Juntas Lead to Personal Rule? (with Daron Acemoglu and Konstantin Sonin), *American Economic Review: Papers and Proceedings*, 2009, 99(2): 298-303.
- Commercial Litigation under Imperfect Information (2004) *NES, Best Student Paper series*.

Working papers

- Multidimensional Signaling and the Rise of Cultural Politics (with Daron Acemoglu and Konstantin Sonin), 2026. NBER Working Paper 34909.
- Social Media and Xenophobia: Evidence from Russia (with Leonardo Bursztyn, Ruben Enikolopov, and Maria Petrova), R&R at *Journal of European Economic Association*.
- Persuasion on Networks (with Konstantin Sonin), 2020. NBER Working Paper 27631.
- Single-Issue Campaigns and Multidimensional Politics, 2015, NBER Working Paper 21265.
- Endogenous Research Agendas (with Mattias Polborn), 2012.
- Equilibrium Refinement in Dynamic Voting Games (with Daron Acemoglu and Konstantin Sonin), 2009.
- Political Accountability under Special Interest Politics, 2009.

Work in progress

- Artificial Intelligence and Political Polarization (with Konstantin Sonin).
- How Antidemocratic Rhetoric Increases Turnout (with Konstantin Sonin and Alexei Zakharov).
- A Theory of Democratic Consolidation (with Konstantin Sonin).
- Multipolar Balance of Power (with Daron Acemoglu and Konstantin Sonin).
- News Content in Government-Controlled Media (with Zhao Chen, Jingbing Feng, Nancy Qian, and Heyu Xiong).
- Firms and Factions (with Daniel Diermeier and Timothy Feddersen).
- (In)Credible Activists (with Bard Harstad).
- Campaigning on Policy and Campaigning on Personality.
- Experimentation with Institutions (with Maria Petrova and Carlo Prato).
- Withdrawal Penalties (with Attila Ambrus).