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Education

2018–current	PhD in Sociology with National Research University Higher School of Economics (HSE).
2017	Master’s with HSE University. Advisor: Olessia Koltsova.
2013	Degree in Social Work with Tomsk State University of Control Systems and Radioelectronics.

Research Interests and Experience

Currently, I am interested in social media, online news flows, and machine learning.

The Social and Cognitive Informatics Laboratory <small>(previously, Laboratory for Internet Studies)</small>	<i>Political news on Russia and its neighbors on social media: major content features, factors of trust and news truthfulness detection by users of different countries</i> , research assistant, 2019–present.
	<i>Online Spread of Socio-Political News: Fake News and its Mechanics</i> , research assistant, 2018–present.
	<i>PolSentiLex: Sentiment Detection in Socio-political Discussions on Russian Social Media</i> , research assistant, 2016–present.
Master’s	<i>The Representation of the Ukrainian Crisis in News: Frame Analysis with Topic Modeling</i> , 2016–2017.

Peer-Reviewed Papers

2020	Fast Tuning of Topic Models: An Application of Rényi Entropy and Renormalization Theory , in: <i>Proceedings of the 5th International Electronic Conference on Entropy and Its Applications</i> with Sergei Koltsov & Vera Ignatenko. How many clusters? An Entropic Approach to Hierarchical Cluster Analysis, in: <i>Computing Conference 2020</i> with Sergei Koltsov & Vera Ignatenko [in print].
2019	Agenda divergence in a developing conflict: Quantitative evidence from Ukrainian and Russian TV newsfeeds , in: <i>Media, War & Conflict</i> with Olessia Koltsova.
2018	A Full-Cycle Methodology for News Topic Modelling and User Feedback Research , in: <i>SocInfo 2018</i> with Sergei Koltsov & Sofia Dokuka.
2016	Topic Modelling for Frame Analysis of News Media , in: <i>Proceedings of the Artificial Intelligence and Natural Language AINL FRUCT 2016 Conference</i> .

Professional Service

Organizing Committee	Social Informatics 2018.
Reviewer	Journals: PLOS ONE, Media and Communication. Conferences: ICA, Social Informatics, Internet Science, CMSTW, DTGS.

Teaching

2019–present	Data Analysis with Python (HSE) Python Programming Language and Social Networks (HSE)
2018–2019	Social Media Analytics (HSE).

Presentations and Conferences

2019	Media Diets and News Agendas Online: A Case of the 2017 Protests in Russia <i>19th Annual Aleksanteri Conference “Technology, Culture, and Society in the Eurasian Space”</i> / Helsinki, Finland. Media Diets and News Agendas Online: A Case of the 2017 Protests in Russia <i>St. Petersburg Conference on Inequality and Diversity</i> / St. Petersburg, Russia. Topic Modelling as an Instrument of Soft Clustering in Social Sciences <i>HSE Digital Humanities Meet-up</i> / Moscow, Russia.
2018	A Full-Cycle Methodology for News Topic Modelling and User Feedback Research <i>10th International Conference on Social Informatics, SocInfo 2018</i> / Saint Petersburg, Russia. Agenda Divergence in a Developing Conflict: A Quantitative Evidence from a Ukrainian and a Russian TV Newsfeeds (with Olessia Koltsova) <i>68th Annual ICA Conference: Voices</i> / Praque, Czech Republic. Top Paper Award from the Political Communication Division of the International Communication Association.
2017	The Representation of Ukrainian Crisis in News: Frame Analysis with Topic Modelling. <i>5th International Conference Comparative Media Studies in Today’s World: Media Transformations in Times of Technological Boom and Political Polarization</i> / Saint Petersburg, Russia.
2016	Topic Modelling for Frame Analysis of News Media <i>Artificial Intelligence and Natural Language (AINL)</i> / Saint Petersburg, Russia.

Supplementary Education

Summer Schools	Empowering Your Academic Writing in English: Academic vs. General, HSE, September 30–November 24, 2019. Social Media Theory and Research, Radboud University, Nijmegen, 1–5 July 2019. Web Science Summer School (WWSSS'17)
Seminars	2019, FRRESH Spring Seminar / FIRST Intensive Course Included workshops on writing and teaching.
Coursera	2015, Exploratory Data Analysis, Johns Hopkins University. 2015, Practical Machine Learning, Johns Hopkins University. 2015, Questionnaire Design for Social Surveys, University of Michigan. 2014, Data Analysis, Johns Hopkins University. 2013, Computing for Data Analysis, Johns Hopkins University.

Languages

English	IELTS overall band score 8 (Academic module). CEFR level C1.
Russian	Native speaker.