

Maria Seredina

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative Politics, Post-Soviet Politics, Democratization, Dominant party systems, Hybrid Regimes, Authoritarian Political Systems, Russian Studies.

EDUCATION

Texas Tech University, Lubbock TX 2014-2019

Ph.D. in Political Science

Major: Comparative Politics, International Relations

Minor: Methods

Dissertation: *Party System Institutionalization and Nationalization in Dominant Party Systems* (expected).

Committee: Frank C. Thames (Chair), Stephen A. Meserve, Dennis Patterson

Texas Tech University, Lubbock TX 2014-2016

MA in Political Science

Major: Comparative Politics, International Relations

Minor: Methods

Thesis: *Party System Institutionalization in Dominant Party Systems*

Voronezh State University, Voronezh, Russia 2007-2013

BA in International Relations, graduation with honors

GPA: 3.73

Thesis: *Foreign policy of the USA in the beginning of the XXI century under President B. Obama*

President of the cohort

Participation in regional conferences

EMPLOYMENT

Political Science Department, Texas Tech University, Lubbock TX 2014-2019

Teaching Assistant

Political Science Department, Texas Tech University, Lubbock TX Fall 2016

Research Assistant for Dr. Daniel Epstein

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant

Asian Government and Politics (Fall 2018), American Government (Fall 2018), Texas Politics and Topics (Summer 2018), Congress (Spring 2018), Introduction to Political Analysis (Spring 2018), Introduction to Political Analysis (Fall 2017), Introduction to Political Analysis (Spring 2017), Transnational Issues (Fall 2016), International Politics (Summer 2016), Introduction to Political Analysis (Spring 2016), Introduction to Game Theory (Fall 2015), International Politics (Spring 2015), American Public Policy (Fall 2014)

TEACHING TRAINING

Turning Good Teaching on its Head: A Thought Experiment, Texas Tech University

Talk Discussion Series: Facilitating Effective Discussions, Texas Tech University

Teaching Workshop: Office Hours, Texas Tech University

30-Minute Miracle: Performance Strategies in the Classroom, Texas Tech University

Embracing Change and Improving Flexibility in the Classroom, Texas Tech University

Know Your Core: Attitudes Beliefs and Values in the Workplace, Texas Tech University

QUANTITATIVE TRAINING

Data Science: Probability (online). Rafael Irizarry, Harvard University

Data Science: R Basics (online). Rafael Irizarry, Harvard University

Advanced Political Analysis: Text Analysis. Iñaki Sagarzazu, Texas Tech University

Advanced Political Analysis: Game Theory. Daehee Bak, Texas Tech University

Advanced Political Analysis: Time Series. Hoon Lee, Texas Tech University

Advanced Data Analysis. Stephen A. Meserve, Texas Tech University

Data Analysis. Frank C. Thames, Texas Tech University

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

<i>Texas Tech Financial Aid Awards</i>	2018
Is provided by Texas Tech University, covers financial support in the form of summer assistantship.	
<i>Texas Tech University Travel Grant</i>	2018
Was provided by the Graduate School of Texas Tech University and Political Science Department, covered the costs of participating in Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting	
<i>Texas Tech University Travel Grant</i>	2017
Was provided by the Department of Political Science, covered the costs of participating in Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting	
<i>Texas Tech Financial Aid Awards</i>	2016
Is provided by Texas Tech University, covers financial support in the form of summer assistantship.	
<i>Texas Tech Graduate Teaching Assistantship</i>	2014 – 2019
Is provided by Texas Tech University, covers financial support in the form of graduate assistantship.	
<i>Opportunity Fund</i>	2013
Is provided by the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, covers the costs associated with the application process to degree programs at accredited universities in the United States. Covers all expense, including testing fees, application fees, U.S. visa fees, transportation to the United States and initial costs of living in the U.S.	

INTERSHIPS

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation	2012
The internship included the service to Russian citizens living abroad by offering assistance with the repatriation process, document preparation, filing complaints and appeals. The internship also included a series of lectures for interns about the work in the Ministry of International Affairs, its structures and functions, and Russian foreign policies and institutions.	

CONFERENCES

<i>Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, USA</i>	2018
“Party System Nationalization in Dominant Party Systems: the Case of Russia”, main author	
<i>Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, Canada</i>	2017
“Party System Institutionalization in Dominant Party Systems”, main author	

WORKING PAPERS

“ <i>Party System Nationalization in Dominant Party Systems: the case of Russia.</i> ” This paper asks how party system nationalization in dominant party systems is different from the one in democratic countries.	
“ <i>The Effect of the Dominant Party on Party System Institutionalization in Russia.</i> ” The paper investigates the interaction between dominant parties and institutionalization of the party system. Using electoral volatility as institutionalization measure, it is evident that the presence of a dominant party in elections significantly influence the level of electoral volatility in elections.	
“ <i>Party Discipline in Dominant Party Systems.</i> ” This paper is an analysis of the interaction between a dominant party and other parliamentary parties’ discipline. By examining weighted Unity scores as party unity measure, the results show that the emergence of a dominant party in parliament significantly influence the level of other parliamentary parties’ unity.	
“ <i>Voting Behavior in Dominant Party Systems.</i> ” This paper asks how dominant parties influence the voting behavior. Using candidate volatility and turnout, the results show that the presence of a dominant party in elections significantly change voting behavior in elections.	
“ <i>The Determinants of Party Vote in Russia.</i> ” The paper examines what kind of determinants for the party vote exist in Russia, using the examples of the dominant party (United Russia) versus the other parties.	

LANGUAGES & TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Russian (native), English (fluent), Spanish (beginner), French (beginner)
Software: Stata, R, L^AT_EX

REFERENCES

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