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Education

- 2017 PhD in Sociology, Northwestern University, USA
Dissertation title: “The Infrastructure of Authoritarianism: State-Society Relationships, Public Sector Organizations, and Authoritarian Resilience in Putin's Russia”
Dissertation committee: Ann Orloff (co-chair), Bruce Carruthers (co-chair), James Mahoney, Linda Cook (Brown University)
- 2008 MA in Higher Education, University of Michigan, USA
- 2002 Diploma in Sociology (with honors), Tomsk State University, Russia

Academic Positions

- 2018 – 20 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies, University of Michigan
- 2017 – 18 Postdoctoral Visiting Fellow, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, USA
- 2016 – 17 Pre-doctoral Fellow, Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law, Stanford University, USA
- 2002 – 06 Assistant Lecturer to Senior Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Tomsk State University, Russia

Articles and Book Chapters

- 2018 Forrat, N. “Shock-Resistant Authoritarianism: Schoolteachers and Infrastructural State Capacity in Putin’s Russia.” *Comparative Politics*. 50 (3): 417-449.
- 2016 Forrat, N. “The Political Economy of Russian Higher Education: Why Does Putin Support Research Universities?” *Post-Soviet Affairs* 32 (4): 299–337.
- Forrat, N. “A Response to Igor Chirikov.” *Post-Soviet Affairs* 32 (4): 345–349. (a response to a critique by another researcher)
- 2008 Forrat, N., Kosmarski, A. Professional Careers of Young Scholars in Russian Regions: Institutional Conditions and Personal Strategies. In Tom Claes, Frank McMahon and David Preston (Eds.), *Education and Leadership*. Rodopi: Amsterdam / New York, NY. Pp. 327-352.

Working Papers

- (working paper) Forrat, N. Patterns of State-Society Relationships, Grassroots Political Structures, and the Logic of Authoritarianism
- (working paper) Forrat, N. In the State We Trust: Veterans' (Pensioners') Councils in Russia
- (working paper) Forrat, N. Why Do We Need a Theory of Authoritarian Social Policy?
- 2012 Forrat, N. The Authoritarian Welfare State: a Marginalized Concept. Working Paper No. 12-005, *CHSS Working Paper Series*, the Roberta Buffett Center for International and Comparative Studies, Northwestern University.
- 2012 Forrat, N. Global Trends or Regime Survival: the Reforms in Russian Higher Education. Working Paper No. 12-001, *CHSS Working Paper Series*, the Roberta Buffett Center for International and Comparative Studies, Northwestern University.

Publications in Russian

- 2009 Forrat, N. Problema kachestva vysshego obrazovaniia: mirovye vyzovy i ikh rossiiskie transformatsii [The Problem of Educational Quality: Worldwide Challenges and their Russian Transformations], *Voprosy obrazovaniia [Educational Issues]*, 2, 121-138.
- *Best Article Award*, Competition for Young Scholars, Journal “*Voprosy obrazovaniya*” (*Educational Issues*) published by the State University – Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia
- 2007 Forrat, N. Prepodavanie v vuse v kontekste professional’nyh strategii molodykh uchenykh [Teaching in Higher Education Institution in the Context of Young Scholars’ Professional Strategies]. In E. Iarskaia-Smirnova and P. Romanov (Eds.), *Professii.doc. Sotsial’nye transformatsii professionalizma: vzgliady snaruzhi, vzgliady iznutri* (pp. 280-294). Moscow: OOO Variant Press; Center for Social Policy and Gender Studies.
- 2005 Forrat, N. Professional’naia avtobiographiia: sposoby samoprezentatsii molodykh uchenykh [Professional Autobiography: the Ways of Self-Presentation by Young Scholars], *The Journal of Sociology and Social Anthropology*, 1(30), vol. VIII, 113-127. (in Russian)
- 2002 Forrat, N. Tolerantnost’ sovremennoy molodezhi: issledovaniye tomskih studentov [Tolerance of Contemporary Youth: The Case of Students in Tomsk], *Acta Eurasica*, 3 (18), 28-50.
- Thesis on which the article is based received an *Open Competition Award* for the best student academic work in the fields of sciences, engineering and humanities (awarded by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation)

Research Interests

Comparative politics, comparative-historical sociology, state capacity and state-society relationships, political regimes, political economy of authoritarianism, civil society, social policy, and post-communist countries.

Grants, Fellowships and Awards (* – external)

- 2016 * Semi-finalist for the *Academy Scholars Program*, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies (top 35 out of 1193 applicants)
- 2016 * *Pre-doctoral fellowship* (\$30,000), Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law, Freeman Spogli Institute, Stanford University
- 2014 *Graduate Student Dissertation Research Travel Award* (\$2,500), Roberta Buffett Center for International and Comparative Studies, Northwestern University
- 2013 *Graduate Research Grant* (\$3,000), The Graduate School, Northwestern University
- 2011 – 13 * *Global Supplementary Grant Program* (\$12,000), Open Society Institute
- 2008 * *Best Article Award*, Competition for young scholars, Journal “*Voprosy obrazovaniya*” (*Educational Issues*) published by the State University – Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia
- 2007 *International Institute Individual Fellowship* (\$2,000), University of Michigan
- 2007 *Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant* (\$645), University of Michigan
- 2006 – 08 * *Fulbright Graduate Student Grant* (≈\$90,000) for Master’s degree study at the University of Michigan
- 2004 – 07 * *Ford Foundation Institutional Grant* (\$262,000) to the ERC “Con-text” for the Academic Community Project (roles – director of research program; principal investigator in a research project)
- 2003 * *Ford Foundation Research Grant* (\$1,700), for the project “Professional Autobiography: the Ways of Self-Presentation among Younger Scholars”
- 2003 * *Open Society Institute Grant* (tuition, travel, and living expenses), for participation in the Summer University program (Central European University, Budapest, Hungary)
- 2002 * *Open Competition Award* for the best student academic work in the fields of sciences, engineering and humanities (awarded by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation)
- 2000 – 02 *University Scholarship*, Tomsk State University, Russia

Invited Talks

- 2018 *People's Movement in Support of the State: Pensioners' Organizations in Russia*, Russian Studies Workshop and the Department of Sociology, Indiana University
- 2015 *Shock-Resistant Authoritarianism: Schoolteachers as Infrastructural State Capacity in Putin's Russia*, Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2014 *Shock-Resistant Authoritarianism: Teachers and Regime's Electoral Support in Putin's Russia*, Bose Speaker Series, Department of Political Science and Theory Workshop, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa

Invited Talks (continued)

- 2013 *Why Do We Need a Theory of Authoritarian Social Policy in Comparative Research?*
Center for Welfare State Research, the University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark

Selected Conference Papers

- 2018 *The Infrastructure of Authoritarianism: State-Society Relationships and Regime Resilience in Putin's Russia.* Presented at the Southern Political Science Association meeting
- 2017 *The Case of Kemerovo: How to Build a Strong Subnational Autocracy through Social Organizations and Little Coercion.* Presented at the meetings of MPSA, APSA, and ASEES
- 2016 *Shock-Resistant Authoritarianism: Schoolteachers and Infrastructural State Capacity in Putin's Russia.* Presented at the meetings of APSA and ASEES
- 2016 *The State that Betrays the Trust: Community Centers in a Russian Region as a political Tool of a Local Autocrat.* Presented at the mini-conference "Can Comparative Historical Sociology Save the World?", Seattle, WA and the meetings of APSA and SSHA
- 2015 *Why Does Putin Support Research Universities?* Presented at the SSHA meeting
- 2015 *Shock-Resistant Authoritarianism: Teachers and Regime's Electoral Support in Putin's Russia.* Presented at the meetings of MPSA, APSA, and ASEES
- 2013 *Why Do We Need a Theory of Authoritarian Social Policy in Comparative Research?* Presented at meetings of APSA and the European Network for Social Policy Analysis (Poznan, Poland)
- 2013 *Authoritarianism and the Market: the 'Neoliberal' Reforms in Russia's Higher Education.* Presented at the Annual Meeting of SASE (Milan, Italy); the European University Institute Summer Conference (Florence, Italy); and the Annual Conference of the International Initiative for Promoting Political Economy (the Hague, Netherlands)
- 2012 *Supporting Research Universities in Putin's Russia: the Tacit Contract in Authoritarian Social Policy.* Presented at the ASEES Convention and the GSGP Spring Conference, Open Society Foundations (New York, NY)
- 2012 *Global Trends or Regime Survival: the Reforms in Russian Higher Education.* Presented at the ASA meeting
- 2011 *Authoritarian State Embracing the Market in the Public Sector: the Case of Higher Education in Russia.* Presented at the meetings of SASE (Madrid, Spain) and SSHA
- 2010 *Quality Assurance Policies in Academic Organizations: Old and New Meanings of Accountability in Russian Universities.* Presented at the Joint Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society and the North Central Sociological Association
- 2008 *Putting Quality Management Policies into Practice: the Interpretation of State Policies by Russian Universities.* Paper presented at the Student Research Conference, Harvard Graduate School of Education, Harvard University

Teaching Experience

Undergraduate courses

- Public Goods in a Global Perspective (Northwestern University, International Studies Program, 2014-16)
- Linear Regression Analysis (Tomsk State University, 2013)
- Measurement Scales in Sociological Surveys (Tomsk State University, 2005)
- History of Sociology (seminars) (Tomsk State University, 2002-06)
- Introduction to Sociology (Tomsk State University, 2004)

Teaching Assistantships at Northwestern University

Analysis and Interpretation of Social Data; Work and Occupations: Focus on Gender; Youth and Society; Sociology of Rational Decision-Making; Economy and Society, Revolutions and Social Change; Introduction to Sociology

Service

Institutional Service

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| 2018 | Selection Committee for International Scholars Program, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame |
| 2014 | Student Representative, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University |
| 2010 – 11 | Graduate Student Coordinator, Comparative-Historical Workshop, Roberta Buffet Center for International and Comparative Studies, Northwestern University |
| 2005 – 06 | Initiator and leader, Youth Editorial Board of the Annual Student Articles Collection, Faculty of Philosophy, Tomsk State University |

Professional Service

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| 2016 | Policy Brief Series editor, Comparative and Historical Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association. |
| 2013 – 16 | Organizer, Working Group “Social Policy in Non-Democracies”, American Political Science Association |
| 2007 – 08 | Outreach Committee member and Campus Liaison, American Educational Research Association Graduate Student Council |
| 2002 | Editorial board member, Almanac of the School of Younger Author, Educational Research and Publishing Center “Vestnik Evrasii” with the financial support of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation |

Reviewer: American Journal of Sociology
Sociological Methodology
Journal of Politics
Journal of Eurasian Studies

Other Scholarly and Professional Activities

Research Assistance, Applied Research, and Paid Consulting (field organizer and analyst)

- 2015 *Social Policy in the Russian Federation: Directions, Policy Processes, Outcomes, Prospects*
part of the project “New Directions in Social Policy: Alternatives from and for the Global South”, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development,
Prof. Linda J. Cook, Department of Political Science, Brown University
- 2008 – 09 Research Associate at Survey Sciences Group, LLC; worked on the Postdoc Data Project
(client – the National Science Foundation; contractor – Survey Sciences Group, LLC)
- 2008 *Religion and Nationalism in Russia*
Prof. Genevieve Zubrzycki, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan
- 2007 *Wabash National Study of Liberal Arts Education*
Prof. Patricia King, School of Education, University of Michigan
- 2006 *Faculty Perceptions of Intercollegiate Athletics Survey*
Prof. Janet Lawrence, School of Education, University of Michigan
- 2000 – 06 Research for Youth Policy Department of Seversk Municipal Administration, Seversk
Committee of Representatives, Administration of Tomsk region, Tomsk Polytechnic
University and other public and private organizations
- 1999 – 2004 Public-opinion polls in several electoral campaigns (methods used: personal and phone
interview, focus-groups, exit polls)

References

- Ann Orloff Professor of Sociology and Political Science (Courtesy Appt.),
Northwestern University, a-orloff@northwestern.edu
- Bruce Carruthers Professor of Sociology, Director, Buffett Institute for Global Studies,
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- James Mahoney Professor of Sociology and Political Science,
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- Linda J. Cook Professor of Political Science and Slavic Studies (Courtesy Appt.),
Brown University, Linda_Cook@brown.edu
- Kathryn Stoner Deputy Director, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies,
Deputy Director of the Ford Dorsey Program in International Policy Studies,
Senior Fellow, Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law,
Stanford University, kstoner@stanford.edu
- Theodore P. Gerber Professor of Sociology,
University of Wisconsin-Madison, tgerber@ssc.wisc.edu