

# Alexey Makarin

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<b>Fields</b>	Primary: Political Economy Secondary: Economics of Media and Digitization, International Trade	
<b>Employment</b>	Assistant Professor of Applied Economics, MIT Sloan School of Management, 2022– Mitsubishi Career Development Assistant Professor in International Management, MIT Sloan, 2023–	
<b>Research Visits &amp; Affiliations</b>	Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics, Harvard University, 2025–2026 Research Fellow, Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR), 2024– Geoeconomics RPN Member, Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR), 2023– Research Affiliate, MIT Stone Center on Inequality and Shaping the Future of Work, 2025– Affiliate, CESifo Research Network, 2025–	
<b>Past Employment, Visits, &amp; Affiliations</b>	Assistant Professor, Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance (EIEF), Italy, 2019–2022 Research Affiliate, Political Economy, Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR), 2019–2023 Visiting Scholar, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, 2020–2021 Honorary Fellow, CREECA, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2019–2020	
<b>Education</b>	Ph.D., Economics, Northwestern University, 2019 Dissertation: Essays in Political Economy and Development Committee: Nancy Qian (Chair), Lori Beaman, Georgy Egorov, Nicola Persico, Christopher Udry M.A., Economics, Northwestern University, 2014 B.A., Economics ( <i>Valedictorian</i> ), Higher School of Economics, Moscow, 2012	
<b>Publications</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. “Supply Chain Disruptions and Reorganization: Theory and Evidence from Ukraine’s War” with Vasily Korovkin and Yuhei Miyauchi, <b>Review of Economic Studies</b>, <i>forthcoming</i></li> <li>2. “Social Image, Networks, and Protest Participation” with Ruben Enikolopov, Maria Petrova, and Leonid Polishchuk, <b>Journal of Politics</b>, <i>forthcoming</i></li> <li>3. “The Impact of Dating Apps on Young Adults: Evidence From Tinder” with Berkeren Büyükeren and Heyu Xiong, <b>American Economic Journal: Applied Economics</b>, April 2026, 18(2), pp. 61-106</li> <li>4. “The Political Legacy of Nazi Annexation” with Mario Cannella and Ricardo Pique, <b>Economic Journal</b>, July 2024, 134, pp. 1721–1759</li> <li>5. “Conflict and Inter-Group Trade: Evidence from the 2014 Russia-Ukraine Crisis” with Vasily Korovkin, <b>American Economic Review</b>, January 2023, 113(1), pp. 34–70</li> <li>6. “Social Media and Mental Health” with Luca Braghieri and Ro’ee Levy, <b>American Economic Review</b>, November 2022, 112(11), pp. 3660–3693</li> <li>7. “Divided We Stay Home: Social Distancing and Ethnic Diversity” with Georgy Egorov, Ruben Enikolopov, and Maria Petrova, <b>Journal of Public Economics</b>, February 2021, 194</li> <li>8. “Social Media and Protest Participation: Evidence from Russia” with Ruben Enikolopov and Maria Petrova, <b>Econometrica</b>, July 2020, 88(4), pp. 1479–1514</li> <li>9. “National or Sub-National Parties: Does Party Geographic Scope Matter?” with Ricardo Pique and Fernando Aragon, <b>Journal of Development Economics</b>, September 2020, 146</li> <li>10. “Can Online Off-The-Shelf Lessons Improve Student Outcomes? Evidence from A Field Experiment” with Kirabo Jackson, <b>American Economic Journal: Economic Policy</b>, August 2018, 10(3), pp. 226–254</li> </ol>	

11. “Reducing Bureaucratic Corruption: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on What Works” with Jordan Gans-Morse, Mariana Borges, Theresa Mannah-Blankson, Andre Nickow, and Dong Zhang, **World Development**, May 2018, 105, pp. 171–188

#### Working Papers

1. “Trade Sanctions” with Konstantin Egorov, Vasily Korovkin, and Dzhamilya Nigmatulina
2. “The War of Ideas: Institutions and Global Media Bias,” with Sibio Liu, Jinfeng Wu, and Dong Zhang
3. “War and Nation-Building: Evidence from Ukraine” with S. Abramenko, V. Korovkin, and Moses Shayo
4. “Export Controls and Innovation in Sanctioned Countries” with X. Liu, Yu Liu, and Jaya Wen, *revise and resubmit at the Journal of International Economics*
5. “Threat of Sanctions” with Konstantin Egorov, Vasily Korovkin, and Dzhamilya Nigmatulina, *revise and resubmit at the Journal of International Economics*

#### Selected Work in Progress

1. “The Political Economy of Nuclear Energy: Evidence from Chernobyl” with Nancy Qian and Shaoda Wang
2. “Generation 3G” with Nikita Melnikov

#### Non-Refereed Publications

- “Trade Sanctions against Russia: Stylized Facts” with Konstantin Egorov, Vasily Korovkin, and Dzhamilya Nigmatulina, **AEA Papers & Proceedings**, May 2025, 115, pp. 578–82
- “Social Media as an Identity Barometer: Evidence from the Russia-Ukraine War” with Serhii Abramenko and Vasily Korovkin, **AEA Papers & Proceedings**, May 2024, 114, pp. 70–74

#### Conferences & Seminars

2026: Goeconomics and Political Economy in the Alps Workshop by HEC Lausanne; Brown University Development, Institutions, and Political Economy Seminar; JIE-GCAP-GSB Conference on Goeconomics at Stanford<sup>‡</sup>; MIT Applied Microeconomics Seminar; Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona & Institute for Economic Analysis; UPF Applied Economics Seminar; Toulouse Business School; LSE-Kiel-CEPR-CfM Conference on Defence Economics; NBER Economics of Culture and Institutions; Washington-area Political Economy Conference (WPECO)<sup>†</sup>; Workshop on Sanctions at Rice University; 9th Economics of Media Bias Workshop

2025: McGill-UofT Wellbeing Research Seminar; Chicago Harris Political Economy Seminar; JHU Goeconomics Conference<sup>†</sup>; LMU International Economics Seminar; ifo Big Data Seminar; CEPR Workshop on Media, Technology, Politics, and Society; CESifo Venice Workshop on Digital Platforms; NBER International Economics and Geopolitics<sup>‡</sup>; ES World Congress; Central Asian Economics Conference; Columbia Political Economy Seminar; IO+ Conference; USC Applied Micro Seminar; Harvard International & Macroeconomics Seminar; Columbia Trade and Spatial Workshop; AI+Economics Workshop at University of Zurich; Ronald Coase Institute Workshop at University of Perugia

2024: AEA Meetings; University Paris-Dauphine; Tufts University; NBER Digital Economics and AI; Theoretical Research in Development (ThReD) Conference; NES; NBER International Trade & Investment<sup>‡</sup>; Quebec Political Economy Conference; MIT Club of Boston Biosummit; Warwick-Princeton-Yale-CEPR Political Economy Symposium; Nova SBE; Bielefeld-Kiel; SIOE; Ronald Coase Institute Alumni Conference; NBER SI Political Economy<sup>‡</sup>; IIES; Montreal Workshop on Production Networks, Trade, and Development; BU Trade Mini-Conference; RASA Conference

2023: WZB Berlin; Harvard/MIT Development Economics Seminar; Warwick; LSE; Quebec Political Economy Conference; MIT Organizational Economics Seminar; PSE/Science Po Paris Empirical Political Economy Seminar; Firms, Labor Markets, and Development Workshop<sup>†</sup>; CEPR Workshop on Media, Technology, Politics, and Society; NBER SI IT & Digitization<sup>†</sup>; SSRC Workshop on the Economics of Social Media<sup>†</sup>; Kiel-CEPR Conference on Goeconomics

2022: AEA Meetings; McGill University; Nova SBE; STEG Annual Conference; Georgetown University; MIT Sloan Applied Economics; Stanford GSB Political Economy; Boston University; University of Michigan; Chicago Booth; IEB Barcelona; Midwest Eurasian Political Economy Workshop at MPSA; Naples Workshop on Networks and Development; CEPR-Misum-SITE Development Economics Conference; Parliamentary Budget Office of Italy; NBER SI IT & Digitization<sup>†</sup>; NBER SI Economics of National Security<sup>‡</sup>; STEG Theme Workshop; MIT Medical; Hong Kong Online Trade Seminar

2021: AEA Meetings<sup>†</sup>; Northwestern University; ENS Lyon; University of Strathclyde; George Mason University; HSE Center for Institutional Studies; University of Nottingham; MWIEDC<sup>†</sup>; SIOE; Workshop on Political Economy of Wars; Conference on Political Economy of Power Relations at IGIER-Bocconi; LACEA-LAMES; Berlin Applied Micro Seminar; ASEES<sup>†</sup>

2020: AEA Meetings; Oz Virtual Econ Research Seminar (UNSW); EACES-HSE Political Economy Workshop; HSE Center for Institutional Studies; SIOE; ES World Congress; UC Merced; NEUDC; Virtual HPE Workshop; ASREC24h; HSE/NES Political Economy Seminar; Sapienza University of Rome\*; CSAE Oxford Conference\*; RES\*

2019: BEROE Conference; ESWM at Erasmus University; SIOE; MPSA; CERGE-EI; Toulouse School of Economics; Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics (SITE); Collegio Carlo Alberto; EIEF; Queen Mary University of London; Compass Lexecon (Chicago)

2018: Higher School of Economics; New Economic School; Northwestern; NEUDC at Cornell; PacDev at UC Davis; DEVPEC at UC Berkeley; Strategy and Business Environment Conference at Wharton; International PhD Conference at University of Leicester; EACES-HSE Political Economy Workshop; Wisconsin Russia Project Young Scholars Workshop at UW-Madison

Pre-2017: SIOE at Columbia University; NEUDC at MIT Sloan; Development Day at Michigan State University; APSA 2016; MPSA 2016; Workshop on Interdisciplinary Study of Corruption at Northwestern University<sup>†</sup>; APPAM 2015; MPSA 2014; Social Media and Political Participation (SMaPP) Workshop at NYU-Florence; Ronald Coase Institute Workshop at Tsinghua University

<sup>‡</sup> Presented by a co-author

<sup>†</sup> Discussant

\* Canceled or postponed due to COVID-19

## Teaching Experience

Instructor, MIT Sloan School of Management

15.012 Applied Macro- and International Economics, [MBA](#) (Fall 2022; Fall 2023; Fall 2024)

15.014 Economic Policy for Managers, [MBA](#) (Spring 2025)

15.702 Macroeconomics and Global Markets, [EMBA](#) (Fall 2023; Fall 2024)

15.S11 SSIM: Economics and Politics of Media, [Ph.D.](#) (Spring 2024, Spring 2025)

Guest Instructor, MIT, [Department of Economics](#)

14.773 Graduate Political Economy II, [Ph.D.](#) (Spring 2025, Spring 2026)

14.150 Networks, [Undergraduate Education](#) (Spring 2024)

14.770 Graduate Political Economy I, [Ph.D.](#) (Fall 2022)

Guest Instructor, Harvard University, [Department of Economics](#)

ECON 2329 Political Economy of Electoral Democracies, [Ph.D.](#) (Spring 2024; Spring 2025; Fall 2025)

ECON 1546 International Finance and Macroeconomics, [Undergraduate Education](#) (Spring 2026)

Instructor, EIEF, [RoME Master in Economics](#)

Information Economics (Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022)

Instructor, EIEF, [Rome Economics Doctorate \(RED\)](#)

Ph.D. Reading Group (Fall 2021, Spring 2022)

Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University

Political Economics: Bruno Strulovici (Spring 2015)

Intermediate Microeconomics: Eric Schulz (Fall 2014, Fall 2017); Yingni Guo (Winter 2018)

## Fellowships & Awards

JFRAP Award, MIT Sloan, 2026 [\$30,000]

*American Economic Review* Excellence in Refereeing Award, 2025

JFRAP Award, MIT Sloan, 2025 [\$30,000]

EFA Head Fund Junior Faculty Research Award, MIT Sloan, 2025 [\$5,000]

MIT-Belgium-UCLouvain Seed Fund (co-PI), 2025 [\$30,000]

Swiss National Science Foundation grant (co-PI), 2023 [\$415,000]

JFRAP Award, MIT Sloan, 2023 [\$33,000]

Health Systems Initiative (HSI) grant, MIT Sloan, 2023 [\$80,000]

*The Economic Journal* Excellence in Refereeing Award, 2022

ESEM Best Paper Award (Social Media and Mental Health), 2022

Wiley Certificate of Achievement for one of the most cited and downloaded papers in *Econometrica*, 2022

GACR grant (co-PI), Czech Science Foundation, 2019–2021 [\$145,000]

Emergent Ventures award (co-PI), 2019 [\$40,000]

Harriman Institute Research Grant, Columbia University, 2018 [\$12,000]

USAID Grant, Synthesizing Evidence on Key Questions, 2016 [\$4,000]

Distinguished TA Award, Northwestern University, 2015

Research Grant, Higher School of Economics, 2012–2013 [\$8,000]

"Golden Vyshka" Award for Outstanding Academic Performance (best student among >20,000 students), Higher School of Economics, 2011 [\$2,000]

## Professional Activities

**Referee:** *American Economic Review, Econometrica, Journal of Political Economy, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, American Economic Review: Insights, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Journal of European Economic Association, Economic Journal, Review of Economics and Statistics, JPE Microeconomics, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Law, Economics and Organization, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, European Economic Review, Economica, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Health Economics, Economic Development and Cultural Change, World Development, Explorations in Economic History, European Journal of Political Economy, Economic Letters, Journal of Population Economics, Economics of Transition and Institutional Change, American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, British Journal of Political Science, Post-Soviet Affairs, Computers Human Behavior, Social Forces, Government & Opposition, Journal of East Asian Studies, HSE Economic Journal*

**Grant Reviewer:** *European Research Council (ERC) Advanced Grant, SSHRC Insight Grants, Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) Grant, STEG SRG and PhD Grant, EIEF Research Grant*

**External Dissertation Referee:** Erminia Florio (University of Rome Tor Vergata '20); Julieta Peveri (Aix-Marseille School of Economics '22); Jaime Marques Pereira (Bocconi '23)

**Ph.D. Student Supervision:** Ella Sargsyan (CERGE-EI '24; Placement: UC Louvain, postdoc), Berkeren Büyükeren (EIEF and LUISS '26; Placement: Universitat Pompeu Fabra, postdoc), Serhii Abramenko (EIEF and LUISS '27)

**Master Student Supervision:** Aleksandr Shneider (RoME '20; Placement: University of Minnesota, Ph.D. in Economics); Georgii Zhrebilov (RoME '21; Placement: Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Ph.D. in Economics); Valerio Sergio Castaldo (RoME '22; Placement: European Investment Bank)

**Past Research Assistants:** Aleksandr Gevorkian (RoME '21; Placement: UCLA Anderson School of Management, Ph.D. in Economics); Zeyang Xue (RoME '21; Placement: BU Questrom School of Business, Ph.D. in Finance); Lan Wang (Kellogg '22; Placement: UCSB, Ph.D. in Economics); Oksana Kuznetsova (RoME '23; Placement: Columbia University, Ph.D. in Economics); Artyom Lipin (RoME '24; Placement: Kellogg School of Management, Ph.D. in Managerial Economics and Strategy); Pryce Davies (MIT Sloan '24; Placement: University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy, Ph.D. in Public Policy); Adiya Sadanova (RoME '25; Placement: University of Mannheim, Ph.D. in Economics); Revekka Gershovich (MIT Sloan '26; Placement: RAND School of Public Policy, Ph.D. in Policy Analysis); Aleksandr Vedishchev (RoME '26; Placement: LSE, Ph.D. in Economics and Management); Andrey Samarskiy (RoME '26; Placement: Northwestern University, Ph.D. in Economics)

### Organization of Seminars, Workshops, and Conference Sessions:

MIT Applied Microeconomics Seminar, 2024–2026

CEPR Workshop on Media, Technology, Politics, and Society, 2022, 2023, 2025, 2026

AEA, Session on Recent Perspectives on Firms, Supply Chains, and Trade in Developing Economies, 2022

EIEF Applied Microeconomics Seminar, 2019–2022

**Program Committee Member:** EMCON 2016, NEUDC 2019

**Advisory Board Member:** *International Economics Olympiad*, 2024–

**Service:** Junior Recruiting, EIEF, 2019–2020

## Personal Information

Citizenship: Russia, Moldova

Languages: English (fluent), Russian (native), Italian (intermediate), French (beginner)

**References**

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