

# Olga Zeveleva

## Curriculum Vitae

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## EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Department of Sociology, University of Cambridge, 2019
- Ph.D. Department of Social Sciences, National Research University Higher School of Economics, 2015
- M.A. International Relations Programme, Free University Berlin, with distinction, 2012
- B.A. Department of History, University of Virginia, with highest distinction, 2010

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2019-present Postdoctoral Researcher, funded by the European Research Council, Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki (team member on internationally funded project titled 'GulagEchoes in the Multicultural Prison', project duration 2019-2023)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2021 **Zeveleva, O.**, Nazif-Muñoz, Jose-Ignacio, COVID-19 and European Carcerality: Do National Prison Policies Converge When Faced with a Pandemic? *Punishment and Society*. Published online before inclusion in journal issue.
- 2020 Towards a Bourdieusian Sociology of Self-Censorship: What We Can Learn From Journalists Adapting to Rapid Political Change in Crimea After 2014. *European Journal of Communication*. 35/1: 3-11.
- 2020 Schimpfössl, E., Yablokov, I., **Zeveleva, O.**, Fedirko, T., Bajomi-Lazar, P., Self-Censorship Narrated: Journalism in Central and Eastern Europe. *European Journal of Communication*. 35/1: 46-59.
- 2019 When States Tighten Control: A Field Theory Perspective on Journalism in Contemporary Crimea. *British Journal of Sociology*, 70/4: 1225-1244.
- 2019 **Zeveleva, O.**, Bludova, A., Borders Moving Across People: Experiences of Mobile Young People from Crimea. *Current Sociology*. 67/7: 1056-1076.

- 2019 States and Standardisation: Constructing Co-Ethnic Migrant Identity in Germany. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 45/4: 636-655.
- 2017 Biopolitics, Borders, and Refugee Camps: Exercising Sovereign Power Over Nonmembers of the State. *Nationalities Papers*, 45/1: 41-60.
- 2014 Political Aspects of Repatriation: Germany, Russia, Kazakhstan. A Comparative Analysis. *Nationalities Papers*, 42/5: 808-827.

### Book Chapters

- in print, 2022 States and Standardisation: Constructing Co-Ethnic Migrant Identity in Germany. In: Delano Alonso, A. and Mylonas, H., *The Microfoundations of Diaspora Politics*. Routledge.
- 2014 Political Aspects of Repatriation. Germany, Russia, Kazakhstan: A Comparative Analysis. In: Menzel, B. and Engel, C., *Rückkehr in die Fremde?: Ethische Remigration russlanddeutscher Spätaussiedler*. Berlin: Frank & Timme, pp. 35-56.

### Book Reviews

- 2014 Review of Howard Adelman and Elazar Barkan. *No Return, No Refuge. Rites and Rights in Minority Repatriation*. New York: Columbia University Press. 2011. 908-910. *Nationalities Papers* 42/5.

### Working Papers

- 2015 The Discursive Construction of Co-Ethnic Migration. *Working Papers by the Higher School of Economics, Series SOC 'Sociology'*. No. WP BRP 61/SOC/2015.

### In Preparation

Journal article. Journalism Beyond the Nation-State: Multiscalar Fields and How To Navigate Them. *American Sociological Review*. Under Review.

Journal article. Discourses of difference: How Russian Human Rights Workers Construct the Prisoner. *International Journal of Human Rights*. Under Review.

Journal article. With Costanza Curro. Becoming a European Prisoner: Citizenship and State Social Control in Georgia and Estonia. To be submitted to *The European Journal of Sociology* in July 2021.

Journal article. With Gavin Slade. Europeanization, punishment, and prisons in Estonia and Lithuania. To be submitted to *The British Journal of Criminology* in September 2021.

## FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- 2018 Competitive supplementary funding for writing up PhD thesis, Cambridge political Economy Society, University of Cambridge (£1500)
- 2016 Fieldwork funding, Department of Sociology, University of Cambridge (£5090)
- 2015 Fieldwork funding, Newnham College Cambridge (£618)
- 2015 Newnham College Principal's Studentship, Newnham College Cambridge (£21000)
- 2015 Competitive funding for writing up research paper, Basic Research Programme Grant, National Research University Higher School of Economics (£25000)
- 2015 Competitive funding for writing up research paper, Support Programme for Young Academic Professionals, National Research University Higher School of Economics (£8000)
- 2014 Fieldwork funding, Department of International Mobility of Students, National Research University Higher School of Economics (€1500)
- 2014 Travel grant for Metropolis 2014 Conference on Migration (Milan, Italy), Academic Fund, National Research University Higher School of Economics (€625)
- 2013 Fieldwork funding, Office of Postgraduate Studies, National Research University Higher School of Economics (€8350)
- 2013 Travel grant for 45<sup>th</sup> ASEEES Annual Convention (Boston, MA), Office of Postgraduate Studies, National Research University Higher School of Economics (€1820)
- 2013 Travel grant for 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) Convention, Harriman Institute, Columbia University (\$2411)
- 2012 Graduate Academic Stipendiary Fellowship, National Research University Higher School of Economics (£22680)
- 2010 DAAD Scholarship Award for conducting own research project in Germany, Free University Berlin (€18000)

## INVITED TALKS

- 2021 Carcerality, class, and ethnicity in Estonia, at the UCL SSEES Politics and Sociology Seminar Series, 24 February.
- 2018 Shifting Borders, Regimes, and Professions: How Journalists Engage in Self-Censorship During Rapid Political Change, at 'Self-Censorship and Professional Journalistic Ethics in the Former Eastern Bloc' Workshop, University of Leeds, 14 December.
- 2017 Media Regimes and Journalism in Contemporary Crimea, Liege University, 29 November.
- 2016 Shifting Media Topographies of Crimea, Faculty of Arts, Humanities, and Cultures, University of Leeds, 6 December.
- 2016 Biopolitics, Borders, and Refugee Camps: Exercising Sovereign Power Over Nonmembers of the State, at 'Borders of Biopolitics' Conference, FRINGE Centre for the Study of Social and Cultural Complexity, UCL SSEES, 7-8 October.

## CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

### Panels Organized

- 2017 Women in the Prison System, Keynote w/ Maria Alekhina of Pussy Riot, Conference on Gender and the Political Academy, University of Cambridge, 2 May.
- 2015 Attitudes Towards Migration in Russian Society Today, w/ Vladimir Magun, XVI International Conference on Economic and Social Development, National Research University Higher School of Economics, 7-10 April.

### Papers

- 2021 Becoming a European Prisoner: Penal Reforms and European Belonging in Georgia and Estonia (joint paper with Costanza Curro), 'Minority Experiences and European Narratives' Conference, Center of Excellence in Law, Identity, and European Narratives, University of Helsinki, 14-16 April.
- 2019 The State and the Media: Rethinking Journalistic Autonomy in Russia, BASEES Annual Conference, University of Cambridge, UK, 12-14 April.
- 2017 Media and Power in Crimea: Notes From the Field, at Black Sea Networks Workshop: Crimea, Centre of Gravity in the Black Sea. University of Cambridge, 21 April.
- 2016 Borders and Bordering in Crimea: The Social Construction of a New Territory, BASEES Annual Conference, University of Cambridge, UK, 2-4 April.
- 2014 The Transit Camp as a Feature of German Migration Policy: Inclusion, Exclusion, and the Nation-State, Metropolis Conference on Migration, Milan, Italy, 3-7 November.
- 2014 Transit Camps as Discourse: A Stage for German Migration Policies, at 'Why Discourse Matters: Theoretical and Methodological Practices' Conference, Goethe University Frankfurt, 25-26 April.
- 2013 Repatriation and National Identity: The Russian and German Experiences, ASEES Annual Convention, Boston, MA, 21-24 November.
- 2013 Political Aspects of Repatriation: A Comparative Analysis of Germany, Russia, and Kazakhstan, 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) Convention, Harriman Institute, Columbia University, New York City, NY, 18-20 April.

## ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

**Administering the selection and hiring of PhD students and research assistants** on the internationally funded collaborative research project GulagEchoes (European Research Council, 2019-2023).

**Administering the public outreach activities** of a team of seven researchers on the internationally funded collaborative research project GulagEchoes (European Research Council, 2019-2023): administering the project website, the research blog, and coordinating public outreach activities such as contact with the media, public events in Helsinki, and collaborations with NGOs and human rights groups.

**Administering data management activities** (using cloud storage, external secure storage devices, and the qualitative data analysis programme Atlas.ti) for a team of seven researchers on the the internationally funded collaborative research project GulagEchoes (European Research Council, 2019-2023).

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### **Peer Reviewer**

*Nationalities Papers; Russian Politics; International Migration Review; Journalism; Laboratorium*

### **To Department**

Wellbeing Committee, Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki, 2019-2020

Decolonising the Curriculum Sociology Committee, University of Cambridge, 2017-2019

Committee on improving department online presence, Department of Sociology, University of Cambridge, 2015-2016

Graduate Student Faculty Representative, Department of Sociology, University of Cambridge, 2015-2016

## **DISSEMINATION AND IMPACT ACTIVITIES**

### **Publications in the Media**

- 2021 Interview with Finnish public broadcaster YLE: Alexei Navalny's road to prison – is the time of persecution and Soviet rule back in Russia? <<https://yle.fi/uutiset/3-11832208>>
- 2021 Interview with Finnish public broadcaster YLE, Swedish YLE Areena Audio: Polarization is increasing in Russia and young people are speaking a new language <<https://areena.yle.fi/audio/1-50760768>>
- 2021 Interview with Finnish newspaper Helsingin Sanomat: Police cracked down on Moscow protests – “This is a turning point,” says researcher <<https://www.hs.fi/ulkomaat/art-2000007781474.html>>
- 2021 Interview with Finnish newspaper Ilta-Sanomat: Navalnyi sent to remote camp far away from his supporters – such are Russia's “general discipline camps” <<https://www.is.fi/ulkomaat/art-2000007781517.html>>
- 2020 Interview with Sverige Radio (Swedish Radio): Researchers call to release more prisoners to prevent the spread of infection. <<https://sverigesradio.se/artikel/7466233>>
- 2020 Interview on the podcast The Naked Pravda: Pandemic Justice. How COVID-19 and coronavirus containment measures have exacerbated problems in Russia's courts and prisons <<https://meduza.io/en/episodes/2020/04/17/pandemic-justice-how-covid-19-and-coronavirus-containment-measures-have-exacerbated-problems-in-russia-s-courts-and-prisons>>

- 2019 OpenDemocracy: How Ordinary Crimeans Helped Russia Annex Their Home, 14.03.19  
<<https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/odr/how-ordinary-crimeas-helped-russia-annex-their-home/>>
- 2018 Huffington Post: Facebook and Cambridge Analytica are not the Problem. The Problem is Social Inequality, 23.03.2018 <[https://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/entry/facebook-and-cambridge-analytica-are-not-the-problem\\_uk\\_5ab413b5e4b004fe2469986d?guccounter=1](https://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/entry/facebook-and-cambridge-analytica-are-not-the-problem_uk_5ab413b5e4b004fe2469986d?guccounter=1)>
- 2017 Huffington Post: Why Immigrants Voted for the Far Right in Germany, 13.10.2017  
<[http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/olga-zeveleva/germany-election-afd\\_b\\_18193702.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/olga-zeveleva/germany-election-afd_b_18193702.html)>
- 2016 Politico: Trump Fever Grips Russia, 15.11.2016  
<<http://www.politico.eu/article/trump-fever-grips-russia/>>
- 2015 Quartz: Pussy Riot's Nadya Tolokonnikova: How to revolutionize the Russian prison system, 11.08.2015 <<https://qz.com/476357/pussy-riots-nadya-tolokonnikova-how-to-revolutionize-the-russian-prison-system/>>
- 2015 OpenDemocracy, Russia, Rights: Russian passport, please, 08.01.2015  
<<https://www.opendemocracy.net/od-russia/olga-zeveleva/'russian-passport-please'>>
- 2014 The New York Times: Op-Ed, Russia's Unwelcome Citizens, 07.10.2014  
<[http://www.nytimes.com/2014/10/08/opinion/russias-unwelcome-citizens.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/10/08/opinion/russias-unwelcome-citizens.html?_r=0)>
- 2014 BBC Radio, World Have Your Say: What is driving Putin in the Ukraine crisis?, 04.03.2014  
<<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01strfc>>
- 2014 BBC Radio, World Have Your Say: Russia Have Your Say, 18.03.2014  
<<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01tmmzm>>
- 2014 The Calvert Journal, Culture and Tech: "Knowledge is power: why is the Russian government editing Wikipedia?" 06.08.2014 <<http://calvertjournal.com/comment/show/2967/wikipedia-russian-government-edits>>

### **Impact Activities**

Consulting for journalists at AP, LRB, Vox, The Atlantic on media, politics, society (advising on sources, interviewees, alternative and multi-sided perspectives, especially on Russia and Ukraine).

Liaising with Russian and Georgian prison NGOs on human rights issues in global comparative perspective (providing them with academic papers on topics they lobby on; helping to prepare data for reports discussed with the Russian Presidential Council on Human Rights).

Liaising with the research wing of the Russian media project OVD-Info on creating a strategy for their monitoring activities on imprisonment and arrest in Russia.

### **LANGUAGES**

English: Native

Russian: Native

German: Advanced reading, writing, speaking

## **PROFESSIONAL SKILLS**

### **Data Collection**

Interviewing (narrative, semi-structured, structured), focus groups, participatory methods, ethnography, digital ethnography.

### **Data Analysis**

Critical Discourse Analysis.

Software: Atlas.ti, Dedoose for coding qualitative audio, visual, text data.

### **Other Software**

Slack for group work and group communication on group projects; Moodle.