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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- BEHAVIOURAL & EXPERIMENTAL ECONOMICS: motivated reasoning, (mis)information, social & moral preferences;
- GAME & DECISION THEORY: information (complexity), motivated beliefs, (in)attention, social choice;
- POLITICAL ECONOMY: propaganda, democratization, transitional justice, autocracy, corruption, education.

## EDUCATION

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### DOCTORAL EDUCATION

2023 – p.t.	<b>PhD Candidate</b> <i>in Economics</i>	<b>Maastricht University</b> <span>[Maastricht, NLD]</span> <b>School of Business and Economics</b> Doctoral Degree in Behavioral Economics <i>Thesis:</i> 'Essays on Motivated Reasoning and (Mis)Information' <i>Academic advisor:</i> Alexander Vostroknutov <i>Academic co-advisors:</i> Elias Tsakas & Matthias Wibral
2026, winter <span>[Expected]</span>	<b>Visiting PhD Candidate</b>	<b>University of Chicago</b> <span>[Chicago, USA]</span> <b>Political Science Department</b> Visiting Doctoral Degree Candidate <i>Hosting professor:</i> Monika Nalepa
2025, spring	<b>Visiting PhD Candidate</b> <i>in Behavioural Economics</i>	<b>University of Amsterdam</b> <span>[Amsterdam, NLD]</span> <b>Amsterdam School of Economics</b> Visiting Doctoral Degree Candidate <i>Hosting professor:</i> Joël van der Weele

### PRE-DOCTORAL EDUCATION

2021 – 2023	<b>MRes</b> <i>in Economics</i>	<b>Utrecht University</b> <span>[Utrecht, NLD]</span> <b>Utrecht School of Economics, Faculty of LEG</b> Master of Research in Multidisciplinary Economics <i>Thesis:</i> 'You Are What You Listen To, Until You Choose To Stop' <i>Academic advisors:</i> Karlijn Morsink & Kris De Jaegher
2023, spring	<b>Visiting MRes Student</b> <i>in Behavioural Economics</i>	<b>Tilburg University</b> <span>[Tilburg, NLD]</span> <b>Tilburg School of Economics and Management</b> Courses in Behavioural Economics (Economics track)
2022, fall	<b>Visiting MRes Student</b> <i>in Behavioural Economics</i>	<b>Tilburg School of Social and Behavioral Sciences</b> Courses in Behavioural Economics (Psychology track)
2015 – 2019	<b>BSc, magna cum laude</b> <i>in Economics</i>	<b>Financial University</b> <span>[Moscow, RUS]</span> <b>Faculty of International Economic Relations</b> Bachelor of Science in Economics <i>Thesis:</i> 'Essays on Gold and World Financial Crises' <i>Academic advisor:</i> Svetlana Tsvirko
2003 – 2015	<b>Diploma of Gymnasium</b>	<b>Moscow International Gymnasia</b> <span>[Moscow, RUS]</span> Member of UNESCO Associated Schools Project Network

## RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

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2026 <span>[Accepted]</span>	<b>Malyi Visiting Fellow</b>	<b>University of Chicago</b> <span>[Chicago, USA]</span> <b>Malyi Center for the Study of Institutional and Legal Integrity, Chicago Law School</b>
2023 – p.t.	<b>Doctoral Researcher</b>	<b>Maastricht University</b> <span>[Maastricht, NLD]</span> <b>School of Business and Economics</b> Department of Microeconomics and Public Economics

2025, spring	<i>Visiting Researcher</i>	University of Amsterdam [Amsterdam, NLD] Center for Research in Experimental Economics and Political Decision Making (CREED) Hosting professor: Joël van der Weele
2024 – 2025	<i>Menger Fellow</i>	George Mason University [Fairfax, USA] Mercatus Center Carl Menger Virtual Fellowship
2023, spring	<i>Research Assistant</i>	Harvard University [Cambridge, USA] Department of Economics, Faculty of Arts and Sciences Professor: Benjamin Enke
2022 – 2023	<i>Research Assistant</i>	Utrecht University [Utrecht, NLD] Utrecht School of Economics, Faculty of LEG Professor: Karlijn Morsink
2022, summer	<i>Research Assistant</i>	University of Vienna [Vienna, AUT] Vienna Centre for Experimental Economics Professors: Jean-Robert Tyran & Christian Koch
2018 – 2021	<i>Research Assistant</i>	Higher School of Economics (HSE University) [Moscow, RUS] Int. Lab for Experimental and Behavioural Economics Professor & Lab Director: Alexis Belianin
2018, summer	<i>Research Intern</i>	
2017 – 2018	<i>Intern</i>	Transparency International (TI) Russia [Moscow, RUS] Laboratory for Anti-Corruption Policy Head: Elena Panfilova, TI Ex-Vice-President

## RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS<sup>‡</sup>

2024 – p.t.	<i>BITSS Catalyst</i>	University of California, Berkeley [Berkeley, USA] Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences
2024 – p.t.	<i>Affiliate</i>	Indiana University Bloomington [Bloomington, USA] Ostrom Workshop
2023 – p.t.	<i>Affiliate</i>	University of Ottawa [Ottawa, CAN] Institute for Replication
2023 – p.t.	<i>Fellow</i>	Dissernet [RUS] Fighting plagiarism in Russian doctoral and habilitation theses
2022 – 2023	<i>Research Affiliate</i>	University of Vienna [Vienna, AUT] Vienna Centre for Experimental Economics

## TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

2022 – p.t.	<i>Adjunct Professor<sup>‡</sup></i>	Brīvā Universitāte (Svobodny University) [(ex-)RUS & LVA] Free School of Science · 'Introduction to Behavioural Economics', BSc;
2023 – p.t.	<i>Tutor</i>	Maastricht University [Maastricht, NLD] School of Business and Economics · 'Economic Psychology', 3 <sup>rd</sup> yr. BSc; · 'Institutional Economics', 2 <sup>nd</sup> yr. BSc; · 'Economy Game', 1 <sup>st</sup> –3 <sup>rd</sup> yr. BSc;
2024 – p.t.	<i>Tutor</i>	University College Maastricht · 'Economic Psychology', 1 <sup>st</sup> –3 <sup>rd</sup> yr. BSc;
2023	<i>Tutor</i>	University College Venlo · 'Economic Psychology', 1 <sup>st</sup> –3 <sup>rd</sup> yr. BSc;
2024 – 2025	<i>Visiting Lecturer<sup>‡</sup></i>	Moscow School of Social & Economic Sciences [Moscow, RUS] (Shaninka University) Department of Political Science, Faculty of Arts · 'Introduction to Game Theory and Social Choice', 1 <sup>st</sup> yr. MA;

<sup>‡</sup>Pro bono publico role.

2023 – 2024	<b>Visiting Lecturer<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>Department of Applied Psychology, Faculty of Psychology</b> · MA thesis supervisor;
2023 – 2024	<b>Visiting Lecturer<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>European University at Saint Petersburg</b> [ <i>St.Petersburg, RUS</i> ] <b>Department of Economics</b> · 'Behavioural Economics Reading Group', 2 <sup>nd</sup> yr. MA;
2021 – 2022	<b>Junior Lecturer</b>	<b>Utrecht University</b> [ <i>Utrecht, NLD</i> ] <b>Utrecht School of Economics, Faculty of LEG</b> · 'Statistics', 1 <sup>st</sup> yr. BSc; · 'Strategy and Organisation', 1 <sup>st</sup> yr. BSc;
2020 – 2022	<b>Lecturer</b>	<b>Higher School of Economics (HSE University)</b> [ <i>Moscow, RUS</i> ] <b>International College of Economics and Finance (ICEF)</b> · 'Behavioural and Experimental Economics', 4 <sup>th</sup> yr. BSc; · 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> yr. BSc term-papers Supervisor; · 'Microeconomics I', 2 <sup>nd</sup> yr. BSc (Grader only); · 'Linear Algebra', 2 <sup>nd</sup> yr. BSc (Grader only);
2019 – 2020	<b>Junior Lecturer</b>	<b>School of Psychology, Faculty of Social Sciences</b> · 'Behavioural Economics', 3 <sup>rd</sup> yr. BSc;

## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE<sup>†</sup>

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2024 – p.t.	<b>Seminar Co-organiser</b>	<b>Maastricht University</b> [ <i>Maastricht, NLD</i> ] <b>Department of Micro- and Public Economics, SBE</b> Brownbag Research Seminar Series (with Till Vater)
2024 – 2025	<b>Member</b>	<b>Brīvā Universitāte (Svobodny University)</b> [ <i>(ex-)RUS &amp; LVA</i> ] <b>University Board</b> List elected (1-year term) School of Science representative
2023 – 2025	<b>(Co-)Coordinator</b>	<b>School of Science</b> · '(Mis)Information: Multidisciplinary Summer School' [Accepted] · Minor in Behavioral Economics, MRes level; [in progress]

## RESEARCH TALKS

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2025	Erasmus University Rotterdam (23 <sup>rd</sup> ACEI Conference <sup>†</sup> ), University of Cologne (C-SEB Early Ideas Workshop), University of Chicago (82 <sup>nd</sup> MPSA Annual Conference*), Maastricht University (Brownbag Seminar of Behavioral Sciences; BEELab Meeting), University of Amsterdam (CREED Seminar; The Hot Politics Lab Seminar);
2024	University of Cologne (C-SEB Early Ideas Workshop), Maastricht University (BEELab Meeting);
2023	Utrecht University (USE Research Institute Seminar), Shaninka University ('Vectors' Conference*);
2022	KU Leuven ('Social Behavior and Public Policy' Summer School);
2021	HSE University (1 <sup>st</sup> FES Workshop for Junior Economists*);
2020	HSE University (Int. Lab. for Experimental and Behavioral Economics, XXII April Int. Conference);
2019	Carleton University (12 <sup>th</sup> Experimental Economics Summer School in Macroeconomics), HSE University (Int. Lab. for Experimental and Behavioral Economics);

## ACADEMIC SCHOOLS & ADDITIONAL EDUCATION & REPLICATIONS

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2025	Maastricht University ('Presentation Skills' course), Bard College (Academic Teaching Workshop <sup>†</sup> ), University of Ottawa (Replication Games* <sup>†</sup> );
2024	University of Bergen (Replication Games*); Tilburg University (AI Replication Games); University of Zurich & University of Fribourg (Swiss Summer School in Democracy Studies); Erasmus University Rotterdam (EEA-ESEM Rotterdam Replication Games); University of Chicago (The Chicago School in Experimental Economics*), Maastricht University (M-BEES, M-BEPS);

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\*Hybrid/virtual participation in the event.

<sup>†</sup>Scheduled event.

2023	Erasmus University Rotterdam (BEHnet/EsCHER Summer School on Behavioral and Experimental Health Economics), Queensland University of Technology (Winter School Evolutionary Foundations of Economic Behaviour*), Maastricht University ('Problem-based Learning');
2022	Max Plank Institute for Human Cognitive and Brain Sciences ('Computational Models in Neuroscience*'), University of Bergen ('Economic Experiments in Developing Countries' Bergen Summer Research School*), KU Leuven ('Social Behavior and Public Policy' ECORES Summer School), Elsevier Researcher Academy ('Fundamentals of Peer Review*');
2019	Carleton University (12 <sup>th</sup> Experimental Economics Summer School in Macroeconomics), Bank of Canada (10 <sup>th</sup> Workshop on Theoretical and Experimental Macroeconomics), HSE University (1 <sup>st</sup> Summer School 'Experimental Economics: purposes, design, tools');
2018	Bloomberg (Bloomberg Market Concepts), HSE University (5 <sup>th</sup> Int. School 'Active and Passive Methods of Brain Research & Autumn School 'Current Trends in Decision-Making Analysis');
2017	HSE University (4 <sup>th</sup> Summer School for Anti-Corruption Policy), New Economic School (HCEO Summer School on Socioeconomic Inequality), PWC (Tax Academy);

## GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, & PRIZES

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2025 – 2026	Visiting Fellowship & Research Grant, Malvi Center for the Study of Institutional and Legal Integrity, University of Chicago [\$19,800]: with Monika Nalepa;
2025 – 2026	U.S.–Russia Academic Renewal and Exchange Program (U.S.–RAR) Fellowship, American Councils for International Education: teaching [\$2,500] and visiting stipend;
2025, March	Research Grant, Amsterdam Center for Behavioral Change (CREED), University of Amsterdam [€10,000]: with Cristina Figueroa;
2024, Dec.	Small Research Grant, Technical University of Munich [~€3,000]: with Sebastian J. Goerg;
2024 – 2025	Carl Menger Fellowship, Mercatus Center, George Mason University;
2024, March	Business School Small Research Grant, Birmingham University [£2,600]: with Michalis Drouvelis;
2023, May	Small Research Grant for MRes Thesis, Research Institute (USE), Utrecht University [€3,000];
2021 – 2023	Utrecht Excellence Scholarship, Utrecht University [~€56,000]: MRes full tuition & stipend;
2021, June	Yandex.Toloka 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Small Research Grant [\$500]: with Varvara Ushakova;
2021, April	Yandex.Toloka 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Small Research Grant [\$500]: with Philipp Chapkovski;
2019, June	12 <sup>th</sup> Experimental Economics Summer School in Macroeconomics, Pompeu Fabra University [\$1,000];
2016 – 2019	Increased National Academic Scholarship [~€2,000];
2015 – 2016	National Academic Scholarship [~€450];
2015 – 2019	State-Funded Grant, Ministry of Science and Higher Education: full tuition for BSc program [~€22,000];
2017, July	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize at project competition at 4 <sup>th</sup> Summer School for Anti-Corruption Policy, HSE University;
2015, March	Winner of Moscow Olympiad in Social Sciences;

## DIGITAL SKILLS

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*Programming:* R, Stata, Python, HTML, SQL | *Frameworks:* oTree, Qualtrics, zTree, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

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Russian (C2: native), English (C1: CAE<sub>2018</sub>), French (~A2)

## PUBLICATIONS

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### BOOK REVIEWS & BOOK NOTES

- Book Review of 'Principles of Statistical Analyses: Learning from Randomized Experiments' by Ery Arias-Castro, **Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series A**, 2025, vol. 188, no. 1, pp. 340–341. [\[HTML\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#)
- Book Review of 'Game Theory and Behavior' by Jeffrey Carpenter & Andrea Robbett,

- Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics*, 2024, vol. 113, pp. 102294. [\[HTML\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#)
- Book Review of 'After Authoritarianism: Transitional Justice and Democratic Stability' by Monika Nalepa, *Democratization*, 2024, vol. 31, no. 8, pp. 1939–1940. [\[HTML\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#)
  - Book Review of 'The Effect: An Introduction to Research Design and Causality' by Nick Huntington-Klein, *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series A*, 2024, vol. 187, no. 3, pp. 853. [\[HTML\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#)
  - Book Note on 'Why Humans Fight: The Social Dynamics of Close-Range Violence' by Siniša Malešević, *Journal of Peace Research*, 2024. [\[online only\]](#) [\[HTML\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#)
  - Book Review of 'The Power of Experiments' by Michael Luca and Max H. Bazerman, *Personnel Psychology*, 2023, vol. 76, no. 4, pp. 1219–1221. [\[HTML\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#)
  - Book Review of 'Voicing Politics: How Language Shapes Public Opinion' by Efrén Pérez & Margit Tavits, *Democratization*, 2023, vol. 30, no. 8, pp. 1628–1630. [\[HTML\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#)
  - Book Review of 'Social Preferences: An Introduction to Behavioural Economics...' by Michalis Drouvelis, *Journal of Economic Methodology*, 2023, vol. 31, no. 3, pp. 181–185. [\[HTML\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#)
  - Commissioned Book Review of 'Spin Dictators: ...' by Sergei Guriev & Daniel Treisman, *Political Studies Review*, 2023, vol. 21, no. 4, pp. np7–np8 [\[HTML\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#)
  - Book Review of 'The Voltage Effect: How to Make Good Ideas Great and Great Ideas Scale' by John List, *Public Choice*, 2023, vol. 194, pp. 229–230. [\[HTML\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#)
  - Book Review of 'Rationality: What It Is, Why It Seems Scarce, Why It Matters' by Steven Pinker, *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics*, 2022, vol. 101, pp. 101951. [\[HTML\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#)
  - Book Review of 'Noise: A Flaw in Human Judgment' by Cass Sunstein, Olivier Sibony, & Daniel Kahneman, *Journal of Behavioral Economics for Policy*, 2022, vol. 6, no. 1, pp. 53–54. [\[HTML\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#)
  - Book Review of 'How We Misunderstand Economics and Why It Matters' by David Leiser & Yhonatan Shemesh, *Journal of Behavioral Economics for Policy*, 2019, vol. 3, no. 1, pp. 46–47. [\[HTML\]](#) [\[PDF\]](#)

## WORKING PAPERS

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### RESEARCH PAPERS

- (Politically) Motivated Information Acquisition: A Minimal Formal Framework (Jan., 2025); [\[PDF\]](#)
- A Robust Definition of Subjective Complexity (June, 2025), [\[PDF\]](#)  
with Elias Tsakas;
- Democracy's Chance: The Shaping of Public Opinion Through Transitional Justice (June, 2025), [\[SOON\]](#)  
with Monika Nalepa;
- Breaking Through the Information Bubble: How Surprise Shapes Belief Updating Across Media Sources (2025), [\[PDF\]](#)  
with Elias Tsakas, Alexander Vostroknutov, and Kaj Thomsson;
- (De)Motivating Sentiments: The Role of Emotions in Asymmetric Belief Updating (June), [\[SOON\]](#)  
with Michalis Drouvelis;

### RESEARCH META PAPERS

- Comparison of Human, AI-Assisted, and Quasi-Automated Approaches to Assessing Research Reproducibility in Quantitative Social Science (Jan., 2025), I4R Discussion Paper Series, no. 195. [\[HTML\]](#)  
with Abel Brodeur, and 165 other co-authors,  
*Nature : Revise & Resubmit*

### REVIEW PAPERS & REVIEW ESSAYS

- Dissernet: Overcoming Scientific Misconduct in Post-Soviet Academia (Jan., 2025), [\[SOON\]](#)  
with Andrey Rostovtsev;

### COMMENTS AND REPLICATION REPORTS

- Replication Report on 'A Road to Efficiency through Communication and Commitment' (Apr., 2024), [\[SOON\]](#)  
with Lachlan Deer and Cristina Figueroa;

## WORK IN PROGRESS<sup>§</sup>

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### RESEARCH PAPERS

- Motivated Efforts (June, 2025);

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<sup>§</sup>Selected projects in progress.

- *Convenience over Conviction* (March, 2025);
- *Does the Bell Still Toll? How Civil War Narratives Shape Current Political Preferences in Spain* (June, 2025), with Cristina Figueroa;
- *The Vaguer—The Clearer: How Interpretability Shapes (Errors in) Belief Updating* (June, 2025), with Sebastian J. Goerg;
- *How Long Does the Truth Take? The Stopping Problem of (Un)Biased Truth Commissions* (June, 2025), with Monika Nalepa;
- *Deontology in Sequential Games* (June, 2025), with Andrés Perea;
- *Wartime Preferences: The Effect of Violence Exposure on Time and Risk Attitudes* (March, 2025), with Hannes Rusch, and Fiona McEwen;
- *The Origins of Categorical Thinking* (May, 2025), with Rahul Bhui, Peiran Jiao, and Erik Mohlin;
- *Affective Decision Making* (May, 2025), with Alexander Vostroknutov, Reza Vaezi, and Alexandros Karakostas;

#### REVIEW PAPERS & REVIEW ESSAYS

- *Unmasking Postmodern Autocratic Propaganda: What We Know About It And What We Don't* (Jan., 2024), **World Politics : Proposal Approved**;

#### COMMENTS AND REPLICATION REPORTS

- *Replication Report on 'Countering Capture in Local Politics: Evidence from Eight Field Experiments?'* (Dec., 2024), with Narges Darwish;

#### BOOK REVIEWS & BOOK NOTES

- *Book Review of 'The Economic Experience: An Introduction through Experiments' by Charles A. Holt and Erica Sprott*, with Matthias Wibral, **Journal of Economic Psychology : Proposal Approved**;

#### MASS MEDIA APPEARANCES

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**Troitskiy Variant (TrV Science)** [in Russian] :

- *Daniel Kahneman and Prospect Theory* (Apr., 2024) [[THIS-NOTE PDF](#)] [[FULL-ISSUE PDF](#)] [[HTML](#)];

**London School of Economics (LSE) European Politics and Policy (EUROPP)** [in English]:

- *How European Universities Can Counter Russia's Intellectual Isolation* (Oct., 2023) [[HTML](#)];

**London School of Economics (LSE) Review of Books** [in English]:

- *Review of 'Wellbeing: Science & Policy' by R. Layard and J.-E. De Neve* (Sept., 2023) [[HTML](#)];
- *Review of 'A Research Agenda for Experimental Economics' by A. Chaudhuri* (Sept., 2022) [[HTML](#)];

**Echo of Moscow** [Blocked by the Russian authorities in March 2022] [in Russian] :

- *Coronavirus Vaccination in Russia: the Effect of Political Propaganda* (Nov., 2021) [[HTML](#)];

#### OTHER PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENTS

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<b>Ad-hoc Refereeing:</b>	<i>American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Frontiers in Behavioral Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Political Economy Microeconomics, PNAS Nexus, Theory and Decision, Voprosy Ekonomiki</i> ;
<b>First / Co-Supervisor:</b>	Jens Hupfer (MA thesis, SBE, UM) [ <a href="#">2025</a> , <a href="#">Expected</a> ]; Aleksandr Vysokikh (MA thesis, FoPsycho, Shaninka) [ <a href="#">2024</a> ]; Anton Ilchuk (BSc term paper, ICEF, HSE) [ <a href="#">2022</a> ];
<b>Theses Co-Reader:</b>	'Human Decision Science' Master program, SBE, Maastricht University [ <a href="#">2024</a> – <a href="#">2025</a> ];
<b>Discussant:</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> Swiss Summer School in Democracy Studies, Universities of Zurich & Fribourg [ <a href="#">2024</a> ]; ECORES Summer School, KU Leuven [ <a href="#">2022</a> ];
<b>References (Placement):</b>	Stepan Aleinikov (European University at St. Petersburg) [ <a href="#">2024</a> ];
<b>Conference Secretary:</b>	Society for the Advancement of Behavioral Economics (SABE) [ <a href="#">2020</a> – <a href="#">2021</a> ]; Yasin/April International Conference, HSE University [ <a href="#">2018</a> – <a href="#">2021</a> ];