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EMPLOYMENT

- Postdoctoral researcher** *Since September 2020*
Social Computing Group (Department of Informatics)
University of Zurich
- Postdoctoral researcher** *Since July 2020*
Institute of Communication and Media Studies
University of Bern
- Research assistant** *June 2018- June 2020*
Institute of Communication and Media Studies
University of Bern

EDUCATION

- PhD (summa cum laude)** *June 2018- May 2020*
Institute of Communication and Media Studies
University of Bern
Dissertation Title: "Polarisation on Social Media in Different National Contexts"
Supervisor: Dr. Silke Adam; Second Reviewer: Prof. Dr. Peter Van Aelst
- MA in Political Science** *2016-2017*
Central European University, Budapest
- BA in Asian Studies** *2012-2016*
Higher School of Economics, Moscow

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- EuroCSS Datathon Challenge Winner** *September 2019*
Together with Stefan Katz, Neal Tsur
The event took place at ETH Zurich
- Full grant for participation in SICSS Bamberg** *August 2019*
Alfred P. Sloan & Russell Sage Foundations
- Top Student Paper Award, ICA** *May 2019*
Political Communication Division of International Communication Association, ICA Annual Conference
Washington, DC
- CEU Master's Scholarship** *2016-2017*
Covering tuition fees, housing and a monthly stipend of 50,000 HUF
- Jaguar-Landrover Scholarship for Extracurricular Activities** *Spring 2015*
Higher School of Economics & Jaguar-Landrover
- HSE Merit-based Scholarship** *2012-2016*
Higher School of Economics
Covering 100% of Tuition Fees

PUBLICATIONS

- Urman, A., Katz S. (2020). **What they do in the shadows: examining the far-right networks on Telegram.** Information, Communication & Society. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1369118X.2020.1803946>
- Makhortykh, M., Urman, A., Ulloa, R. (2020). **How search engines disseminate information about the coronavirus and why they can do better.** Harvard Kennedy School Misinformation Review. <https://doi.org/10.37016/mr-2020-017>

Urman, A. (2019). **Context matters: political polarization on Twitter from a comparative perspective.** Media, Culture and Society. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0163443719876541>

Urman, A. (2019). **News Consumption of Russian Vkontakte Users: Polarization and News Avoidance.** International Journal Of Communication, 13, 25. Retrieved from <https://ijoc.org/index.php/ijoc/article/view/11161>

Urman, A., Makhortykh, M. (Accepted, Forthcoming in 2020). **There can be only one truth: Ideological segregation and online news communities in Ukraine.** Global Media and Communication.

TEACHING

Political Communication and the Internet. Instructor, course designer; Fall Semester 2019, Undergraduate course, University of Bern. Average teaching evaluation score: 4.75 out of 5.

Machine Learning for Social Science Research. Instructor, course designer; Fall Semester 2019, Undergraduate course, University of Bern. Average teaching evaluation score: 4.69 out of 5.

Introduction to R for Communication Research. Co-Instructor (with Ueli Reber, Dr. Tom Haeussler); Fall Semester 2019, Block course, University of Bern.

Social Media Analysis Using R. Instructor, course designer; Fall Semester 2018, Undergraduate course, University of Bern. Average teaching evaluation score: 4.2 out of 5.

OTHER EDUCATION

Network Science Project *Spring 2020*
ETH Zurich, Switzerland

Network Modeling *Fall 2019*
ETH Zurich, Switzerland

Summer Institute in Computational Social Science *August 2019*
University of Bamberg, Germany

Introduction to Agent-Based Modeling Workshop *July 2019*
IC2S2 Conference, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands

Text Mining with R *June 2019*
University of Hohenheim, Germany

Linguistic Temporal Trajectory Analysis Workshop *December 2018*
EuroCSS Symposium, GESIS, Cologne, Germany

Winter School on Data Analysis with R *January 2018*
Moscow, Russia

Global Business Journalism Program *Fall 2017*
Tsinghua University, China

Exchange Program *Fall 2015*
Kookmin University, South Korea

SELECTED PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Trolls, Bots and Everyone else: Online Disinformation Campaigns and 2019 Presidential Elections in Ukraine *September 2019*
Urman A. Makhortykh M.
EuroCSS, ETH Zurich

Online Tracking Tools for Research Purposes: A Critical Review of Existing Approaches *July 2019*
Urman A., Christner C., Adam S., Maier M.
IC2S2, University of Amsterdam

It's All About Context: Political Polarization on Twitter and Electoral Systems *May 2019*
Urman A.
69th Annual ICA Conference, Washington, DC

East is East and West is West: Ideological Segregation and Online News Communities in Ukraine *May 2019*

Urman A. Makhortykh M.

69th Annual ICA Conference, Washington, DC

Political Polarization on Twitter Put Into Context

December 2018

Poster

Urman A.

EuroCSS, GESIS, Cologne

SKILLS

Research methods: Network analysis and modeling, quantitative text analysis, machine learning, web scraping, (basic) data visualization

Programming: R, basic Python

Languages: Russian (native); English (fluent); German, Spanish and French (pre-intermediate)