

OTTO KIENITZ

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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley

PhD in Political Science

MA in Political Science with Distinction

Subfields: Comparative Politics, Post-Soviet Studies, Methodology and Formal Theory

August 2017 - Present

European University at St. Petersburg

MA in Russian and Eurasian Studies (IMARES)

Leonard Lauder Fellow, Dean's List

September 2016 - August 2017

University of Pennsylvania

BA in History and Political Science with Honors

Phi Beta Kappa, Summa Cum Laude, Rose Award for Undergraduate Research, Dean's List

September 2012 - May 2016

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative democratization, Russian politics, historical political economy, historical legacies of representative institutions, local democracy and public goods provision in authoritarian regimes

PROJECTS

Democratization out of State Capacity: Bureaucracy and Reform in the Russian Empire

MA Thesis

Co-Chairs: Jason Wittenberg and Ruth Collier

Engineering Russian Imperial Electoral Law: Minority Representation in the First Duma

MA Thesis

Co-Chairs: Alexey Miller and Vladimir Gel'man

Sir Percy Loraine and Anglo-Turkish Rapprochement, 1934-1939

BA Thesis

Kienitz, Otto. 2016. "The Emerging Storm: Sir Percy Loraine and Anglo-Turkish Rapprochement, 1934-1935." *Penn History Review*, Vol. 23, No. 2, pp. 87-114.

SKILLS

Computational Tools

R, Python, QGIS, L^AT_EX

Languages

English (native), Russian (ACTFL Advanced-Mid)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

PS 2: Comparative Politics

Head GSI, Professor Pradeep Chhibber

Spring 2020

PS 3: Introduction to Empirical Analysis and Quantitative Methods

Head GSI, Professor Jason Wittenberg

Fall 2019

PS 2: Comparative Politics

GSI, Professor Steven M. Fish

Spring 2019

FELLOWSHIPS

Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Graduate Student Training Grant (2019)
Institute of International Studies Pre-Dissertation Research Grant, Moscow, Russia (2019)
Title VIII Fellowship, Critical Languages Institute, St. Petersburg, Russia (2019)
Hertelendy Graduate Fellowship in Hungarian Studies (2019)
Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Graduate Student Training Grant (2018)
Title VIII Fellowship, University of Indiana, Summer Russian Language Workshop (2018)
Leonard Lauder Fellowship, European University at St. Petersburg (2016-2017)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Co-Founder and Graduate Student Organizer, Berkeley Historical Social Science Workshop (2019)
Chair, Presenter, "Imperial Russia in Transition: Social Science Approaches to Imperial Russian History," ASEEEES Annual Conference 2019 (San Francisco, CA)
Graduate Student Organizer, Berkeley Comparative Politics Colloquium (2019)
Presenter, American Political Science Association Annual Conference 2019 (Washington, D.C.)
Participant, Summer Workshop in the Historical Political Economy of Russia 2019 (Madison, WI)
Participant, American Political Science Association Annual Conference 2017 (San Francisco, CA)
Participant, Critical Issues in the Research of Contemporary Russian Politics 2017 (Helsinki, Finland)
Member, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEEES)
Member, Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ISEEES)
Presenter (Declined), 1st Chicago Area Comparative Historical Social Sciences Conference (2017)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Foreign Policy Research Institute (Philadelphia, PA)	<i>2015 - 2016</i>
• Eurasia Program (2016), Project on Democratic Transitions (2015)	
Global Ties U.S. (San Francisco, CA)	<i>Summer 2014</i>
• 2015 Emerging Leader (Washington, D.C.)	
University College London (London, UK)	<i>Fall 2014</i>
Smilow Center for Translational Research (Philadelphia, PA)	<i>2013 - 2015</i>
Penn-in-Venice (Venice, Italy)	<i>Summer 2013</i>

WEBSITE
