

# RUBEN ENIKOLOPOV

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## Positions:

2014- ICREA Research Professor  
2016- Associate Professor, Universitat Pompeu Fabra  
2013- Researcher, Barcelona Institute of Political Economy and Governance  
2013- Affiliate Professor, Barcelona School of Economics  
2018- Professor, New Economic School (from 2022 – visiting)  
2018-2022 Rector, New Economic School  
2015-2018 Associate Professor, New Economic School  
2013-2016 Assistant Professor, Universitat Pompeu Fabra  
2010-2015 Nordea Assistant Professor, New Economics School  
2013-2014 Junior Researcher, Barcelona Institute for Political Economy and Governance  
2012-2013 Member, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton  
2008-2009 Assistant Professor, New Economics School

## Other Positions:

2023- Advisor to Governor of Central Bank of Armenia  
2022- Member of the Economic Policy Council under the Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia  
2022 Board Member, Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics  
2016- Research Fellow, Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR)  
2016- Research Affiliate, International Growth Center (IGC)  
2013-2019 Research Fellow, Center for The Study of Diversity and Social Interactions, New Economic School  
2011-2016 Senior Research Fellow, Center for New Media and Society  
2017-2018 Academic Advisor of the Rector, New Economic School

## Editorial Positions:

2017- Co-Editor, *Journal of Comparative Economics*  
2018- Editorial Board, *Review of Economic Studies*  
2019- Editorial Board, *Journal of European Economic Association*  
2019- Editorial Board, *Russian Journal of Economics*  
2016- Editorial Board, *Applied Econometrics*  
2012- Editorial Board, *Economics and the Mathematical Methods*  
2015-2019 International Advisory Board Member, *Russian Journal of Economics*

## Education:

2008 PhD in Economics, Harvard University  
2002 MA in Economics, New Economic School  
2001 Diploma in Physics, Moscow State University, cum laude

## **Publications:**

- "Divided We Stay Home: Social Distancing and Ethnic Diversity" (2021) with Georgy Egorov, Aleksey Makarin, and Maria Petrova, *Journal of Public Economics*. 194: 104328.
- "Political Effects of the Internet and Social Media," (2020) with Ekaterina Zhuravskaya and Maria Petrova, *Annual Review of Economics*, 12: 415–438.
- "Social Media and Protest Participation: Evidence from Russia," (2020) with Maria Petrova and Alexey Makarin, *Econometrica*, 88(4), 1479–1514.
- "Social media and Corruption" (2018) with Maria Petrova and Konstantin Sonin, *American Economic Journals: Applied Economics*, 10(1): 150-174.
- "Does Direct Democracy Limit Resource Capture? Experimental Evidence from Afghanistan" (2017) with Andrew Beath and Fotini Christia, *Journal of Development Economics*, 124, 199-213.
- "Electoral Rules and Political Selection: Theory and Evidence from a Field Experiment in Afghanistan" (2016) with Andrew Beath, Fotini Christia, and Georgy Egorov, *Review of Economic Studies*, 83(3): 932-968.
- "Radio And The Rise Of The Nazis In Pre-War Germany" (2015) with Maja Adena, Maria Petrova, Veronica Santarosa, and Katia Zhuravskaya, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 130 (4): 1885-1939.
- "The National Solidarity Programme: Assessing the Effects of Community-Driven Development in Afghanistan" (2015) with Andrew Beath and Fotini Christia, *International Peacekeeping*, 22 (4): 302-320.
- "Politics, Instability, And International Investment Flows" (2015) with Art Durnev, Maria Petrova, and Veronica Santarosa, *Journal of Corporate Finance*, 30, 299-324.
- "Politicians, Bureaucrats and Targeted Redistribution," (2014), *Journal of Public Economics*, 120: 74-83.
- "Cross-Border Media And Nationalism: Evidence From Serbian Radio In Croatia" (2014), with Stefano DellaVigna, Vera Mironova, Maria Petrova and Ekaterina Zhuravskaya, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 6(3): 103–132.
- "Firm Value in Crisis: Effects of Firm-Level Transparency and Country-Level Institutions" (2014), with Maria Petrova and Sergey Stepanov, *Journal of Banking and Finance*, 46, 72-84
- "Empowering Women: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Afghanistan" (2013), with Andrew Beath and Fotini Christia, *American Political Science Review*, 107(3): 540-557.
- "Assessing Health System Performance: A Model-Based Approach" (2013), with John Gerring, Strom Thacker, Julián Arévalo, and Matthew Maguire, *Social Science & Medicine*, 93: 21-28.
- "Electoral Fraud in Russian Parliamentary Elections in December 2011: Evidence from a Field Experiment" (2013), with Vasily Korovkin, Maria Petrova, Konstantin Sonin, and Alexei Zakharov, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 110(2): 448-452.
- "Media and Political Persuasion: Evidence from Russia" (2011), with Maria Petrova and Ekaterina Zhuravskaya, *American Economic Review*, 111(7): 3253-85.
- "Decentralization and Political Institutions" (2007), with Ekaterina Zhuravskaya, *Journal of Public Economics*, 91: 2261-2290.

## **Book chapters**

- "Media Capture: Empirical Evidence," with Maria Petrova, in *Handbook of Media Economics*, Simon Andersen, David Strömberg, Joel Waldfogel (eds.), Elsevier (2015).

"Corporate Governance in Russia" with Sergey Stepanov, in *Handbook of the Russian Economy*, Michael Alexeev and Shlomo Weber (eds.), Oxford University Press. (2013)

"Federalism and Political Centralization" (with Ekaterina Zhuravskaya), in *Political Institutions and Development: Failed Expectations and Renewed Hopes*, Natalia Dinello and Vladimir Popov (eds.), Edward Elgar: Cheltenham, UK (2007).

## Working Papers

"Are Bureaucrats Really Paid Like Bureaucrats?" *Revise & Resubmit Journal of Law, Economics and Organization*

"Winning Hearts and Minds through Development Aid: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Afghanistan," with Andrew Beath and Fotini Christia

"Do Elected Councils Improve Governance Outcomes? Experimental Evidence on Local Institutions in Afghanistan," with Andrew Beath and Fotini Christia

"Social Media and Xenophobia: Evidence from Russia," with Leonardo Burzstyn, Georgy Egorov, and Maria Petrova

"Social Networks, Peer Effects, and Protest Participation," with Maria Petrova, Aleksey Makarin, and Leonid Polishchuk

"The Effect of Independent Online Media in an Autocracy" with Michael Rochlitz, Koen Schoors, Nikita Zakharov

"Who Benefits from Tax Evasion of Politically Connected Firms?" with Sergey Mityakov

"Bombs, Broadcasts, and Betrayal at the Home Front: Determinants of Resistance in Germany during World War II," with Maja Adena, Maria Petrova, and Hans-Joachim Voth

## Work in Progress

"Have Online Networks Undermined Local Communities? Evidence from Facebook" with Maria Petrova, Gianluca Russo, and David Yanagizawa-Drott

"Personalization of Search Engine Results and Political Polarization" with Ruben Durante and Ro'ee Levy

## Honors, Scholarships, and Grants:

2018	Excellence in Refereeing Award, <i>American Economic Review</i>
2017	Fundacion BBVA Grant (principal investigator) 99,943 Euro
2015	European Research Council Starting Grant (principal investigator) 1,170,625 Euro
2015	Plan Nacional, Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness (co-investigator) 90,000
2014	Seed Grant, Barcelona GSE (principal investigator) \$5,000
2013	Diploma, "2013 National Competition in Applied Economics"
2012-2013	Deutsche Bank Membership, Institute for Advanced Study
2012	Diploma, "2012 National Competition in Applied Economics"
2011	UN WFP/USAID Wheat Grant and Logistics for Afghan Development Evaluation (~\$725,000)
2011	Research grant, International Growth Center (co-principal investigator) \$150,000
2011	Research grant, Canadian International Development Agency (co-principal investigator) \$150,000
2010	Diploma, "2010 National Competition in Applied Economics"
2006	First Prize in the Global Development Network Medals Competition for Research in Development

## Other Professional Experience

2016-2017	NORC at the University of Chicago, Co-Principal Investigator of and impact evaluation of a municipal governance and development initiative in the West Bank
2007- 2012	World Bank, Co-Principal Investigator in the randomized impact evaluation of the National Solidarity Program, the biggest development program in Afghanistan (approximate budget of \$1.5 million)
2007-2008	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Consultant
Summer 2003	Visiting Researcher, CEFIR, Moscow, Russia
2001-2002	Junior Researcher, CEFIR, Moscow, Russia

## Professional Activities

Teaching Experience	<i>Undergraduate level</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Development Economics, New Economic School, 2014-2016</li></ul>
	<i>Graduate level</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Political Economy, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, 2014-2018, 2021-2023</li><li>• Political Economy, New Economic School, 2014-2023</li><li>• Topics in Applied Economics, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, 2014-2018</li><li>• Development Economics, New Economic School, 2015-2016</li><li>• Inequality and Redistribution, New Economic School, 2009, 2012, 2014</li><li>• Politics and Finance, New Economic School, 2009-2012, 2014</li><li>• Applied Microeconometrics, New Economic School, 2008-2010</li><li>• Financial Econometrics, New Economic School, 2008-2012</li><li>• Corporate Finance, New Economic School, 2009-2010</li><li>•</li></ul>
	<i>Executive Education and Short Courses</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Data Driven Strategy, Matena, Armenia, 2023</li><li>• HCEO Summer School on Socioeconomic Inequality Moscow 2017, Guangzhou 2017, Moscow 2021</li><li>• Finance, INSEAD-NES joint Sberbank 500 program, 2011-2014</li><li>• European School on New Institutional Economics, 2010</li><li>• Applied Econometrics, Higher School of Economics, 2010</li><li>• General Introduction to Public Economics, Russian Ministry of Finance, 2009</li><li>• Autumn School “Modern Methods in Economics”, Higher School of Economics, 2009</li></ul>
Other professional activities	Co-organizer of the “Political Institutions” workshop, Barcelona GSE Summer Forum 2014-2023
	Co-organizer of the 6th European Conference on Networks, Barcelona, 2018
	Co-organizer of the 15 <sup>th</sup> Workshop on Media Economics, Barcelona, 2017
	Member of the Program Committee of the NES 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference, Moscow 2017
	Member of the Program Committee of the EEA-ESEM, Lisbon 2017
	Member of the Program Committee of the “Economic Governance of Data-Driven Markets”, Tilburg 2017
	Co-organizer of the “Political Institutions” workshop, Barcelona GSE Summer Forum 2014-2018
Co-organizer of the “Economic Analysis of Electoral Politics” workshop, Barcelona GSE Summer Forum 2016	

Member of the Program Committee, 20th Annual Conference of the Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics (former ISNIE), Paris, France 2016

Member of the Williamson Best Conference Paper 20th Annual Conference of the Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics, 2016

Member of the Program Committee, 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of The International Society for New Institutional Economics, Durham, USA, 2014

Member of the Williamson Best Conference Paper Award 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of The International Society for New Institutional Economics, 2014

Co-organizer of the 9<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Media Economics, Moscow, 2011

Presentations  
at  
Conferences

NES30 Academic Conference in Memory of Gur Ofer, European Economic Association Congress, NBER Summer Institute, Studying Critical Junctures in Real Time (2022) 2nd Conference "Corruption, Tax Evasion and Institutions", AEA Meeting (2021) BEROC Conference, Social Diversity, Development and Stability: The Role of Context, AEA Meeting (2019) European Economic Association Congress, Cornell Political Economy Conference, 6th European Conference On Networks, AEA Meeting (2018), NBER Political Economy Meeting (2017) The Sixth Annual International Conference in Economics and Finance, Belarus; Stockholm Institute of Transition Annual Academic Conference; Social Interactions, Institutional Norms and Economic Development Conference, NES; Armenian Economic Association Meeting; 4<sup>th</sup> European Meeting on Networks (2016) SMaPP Global meeting, Priorat Workshop in Theoretical Political Science (2015) ISNIE Meeting, IEA World Congress, Media and Communications Conference (Chicago), Political Economy Workshop (Milan), Elections and Electoral Institutions (Toulouse), AEA Meeting (2014) Priorat Workshop in Bargaining and Politics; The First SAFE Workshop on Transparency; IGC Growth Week; NBER Summer Institute; Barcelona GSE Summer Forum; Political Economy of the Muslim World, AEA Meeting (2013); 3<sup>rd</sup> BEROC Conference; 10<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Media Economics; 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of "Experiments in Governance and Politics"; AEA Meeting (2012), AEA Meeting; CEPR Workshop on Politics, Information, and the Macroeconomy; 9<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Media Economics; New Methodologies and Applications in Comparative Politics and International Relations, Princeton (2011), ISNIE; NBER Political Economy Group Meeting; Econometric Society World Congress; Russian-French conference at Higher School of Economics; EEA Congress (2010), 6<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Media Economics (2008) Midwest Political Science Association Meeting (2007), European Economic Association Congress (2006), XI Spring Meeting of Young Economists (2006), Comparing the Experience of Transition (2003), WDI/CEPR Annual International Conference on Transition Economics (2003), Public Sector Transition (2002), XI Research Conference on Russian Economic and Political Institutions in Transition (2002)

Presentations  
at Seminars

University of Zurich, ETH University, Ashoka University, BOFIT, Florida State University (2021) Stockholm University (2019) Stanford University (2018) University Wisconsin-Madison, Kellogg School of Management - Northwestern University, Trinity College Dublin, Cambridge University, Hebrew University, Harris School - University of Chicago (2017) Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance, University of Mannheim, University of Macau, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Berlin Applied Micro Seminar (2016) Bocconi, Helsinki Center of Economic Research, New York University, Paris Empirical Political Economics Seminar (2015) Tilburg University, London School of Economics, University of Warwick, Institut d'Economia de Barcelona, CREI Lunch Seminar, Higher School of Economics (2014) University College London, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Harris School - University of Chicago, Kellogg School - Northwestern University, Berkeley, Caltech, Cornell,

Anderson School – UCLA, University of Maryland, Princeton, Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard, IIES, Bocconi, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Columbia (2013) Brown University, European University Institute, Higher School of Economics, Moscow State University (2012) World Bank, Higher School of Economics (2010) BICEPS (2008)

Referee

Journals: *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *American Economic Review*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Econometrica*, *Journal of Political Economy*, , *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics*, *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*, *Journal of European Economic Association*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Economic Journal*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Economic Growth*, *British Journal of Political Studies*, *European Economic Review*, *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, *IMF Economic Review*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *European Journal of Political Economy*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Economics of Transition*, *The B.E. Journals in Economic Analysis & Policy*.

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