

# C U R R I C U L U M V I T A E

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### PERSONAL DETAILS

**Born:** 1986  
**Nationality:** Russian Federation

### EDUCATION

November 2008 – October 2011  
**MGIMO University, Russia**  
[www.mgimo.ru](http://www.mgimo.ru)

Doctoral degree in Political Science  
(*kandidat politicheskikh nauk*), dissertation on  
“Modelling of spatial factors of Oceania states  
and territories development” defended in  
December 2011 (supervisor prof Mikhail Ilyin)

September 2013 – October 2015  
**University of Manchester, UK**  
<http://www.manchester.ac.uk/>

Master of Arts in History.  
Degree with merit

September 2003 – June 2008  
**St. Petersburg State University, Russia**  
<http://www.spbu.ru>

Diploma of Specialist in Linguistics and  
Intercultural Communication (BA equivalent)

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2019 – present  
**MGIMO University, Moscow**  
<https://mgimo.ru/about/structure/ucheb-nauch/imi/geo/>

Director & Professorial Research Fellow,  
Center for Spatial Analysis  
in International Relations

2014 – 2019  
**MGIMO University, Moscow**  
[www.mgimo.ru](http://www.mgimo.ru)

Associate Professor,  
Department of Comparative Politics

2012 – 2014  
**MGIMO University, Moscow**  
[www.mgimo.ru](http://www.mgimo.ru)

Assistant Professor,  
Department of Comparative Politics

2012 – 2017  
**MGIMO University, Moscow**  
[www.mgimo.ru](http://www.mgimo.ru)

Deputy Dean,  
School of Political Science

### TEACHING AND RESEARCH

June 2018, June 2019  
**West Virginia University, Austin, USA**  
[www.wvu.edu](http://www.wvu.edu)

Visiting Professor

November 2017  
**St. Edwards University, Austin, USA**  
[www.stedwards.edu](http://www.stedwards.edu)

Visiting Scholar

2012 – present  
**MGIMO University, Moscow**  
<http://mgimo.ru/okunev>

Associate Professor of Comparative Politics and  
Political Geography

2013 – present  
**Higher School of Economics, Moscow**  
<http://www.hse.ru>

Associate Professor of Political Geography

### MEMBERSHIP IN EDITORIAL BOARDS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Co-Chair, International Political Science Association, Research Committee on Geopolitics  
<http://rc41.ipsa.org>

Member, Association of American Geographers <http://www.aag.org>

Member, Russian Geographical Society <http://www.rgo.ru>

Member, International Studies Association <http://www.isanet.org>

Executive Editor, *Comparative Politics* <http://www.comparativepolitics.org>

Editorial Board member, *Cultural Relations Quarterly Review*  
<http://culturalrelations.org/publications/quarterly-review/>

### ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP IN RESEARCH GRANTS

2019–2022 — *Russian Science Foundation*

*Transformation of electoral behavior in the regions of foreign countries bordering  
on the Russian Federation: comparative spatial analysis*

2017–2019 — *Russian Science Foundation*

*Transformation of Territorial Identity in the Merged Autonomous Regions of Russia  
(Comparative Analysis Based on Field Studies)*

2015–2016 — *Russian Foundation for Humanities,*

*Capital in State-Building: Genesis, Social Constructivism, Typology.*

### PROFESSIONAL HONORS

**MGIMO Ivan Tyulin Award**  
2020

Best research book (for “Basics of Spatial  
Analysis”)

**Russian International Studies Association**  
2017

Best International Studies Scholar (for book  
“Capital Cities in Critical Geopolitics  
Mirror”)

**Russian International Affairs Council**  
2014

Best Young Journalist in International  
Relations

### LANGUAGES

**Russian** (native); **English** fluent spoken and written, **French**: fair spoken and written;  
**Hindi**: basic knowledge

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Articles in English in peer-review journals:

1. Okunev, I., Oskolkov, P., Tislenko, M. (2019) Transforming the matryoshka: Merger of Russian regions. *Regions and Cohesion*, 3: 29-57.
2. Okunev, I. (2019) Where there's a will, there's a way: Ten ways of settling an insoluble territorial dispute. *Russia in Global Affairs*. 3: 152-174.
3. Okunev, I., Tislenko, M., (2017) Geopolitical positioning of twin cities: A case study of Narva/Ivangorod, Valga/ Valka, and Blagoveshchensk/Heihe. *Teorija in praksa*, 3-4: 592-605.
4. Okunev, I. (2017) Capitals and capitalness: institutional and symbolic dimensions (comparative analysis of Russian and Italian cases). *Giornale di Storia Costituzionale*, 1: 155-162.
5. Okunev, I. (2014) Different Realities. The Crimean Crisis Exposing the Decline of the World Order *Russia in Global Affairs*. 2: 46-53.
6. Okunev, I., Domanov, A. (2014) Space Imagination and Mixed Identity in Russian Towns Bordering on Finland. *Human Geographies*, 2: 101-110.
7. Okunev, I. (2013) A Foreign Policy to Suit the Majority? *Russia in Global Affairs*, 2: 78-86.
8. Okunev, I. (2013) The New Dimensions of Russia's Geopolitical Code. *Turkish Policy Quarterly*, 1: 67-75.