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EDUCATION

2024 MSc with Distinction in Economic History (Research), London School of Economics

2022 BSc in Economics (GPA: 4.72/5.0), Plekhanov Russian University of Economics

Minor in Data Science, co-taught with Joint Institute for Nuclear Research and Central Economic Mathematical Institute (GPA: 5.0/5.0)

Non-degree coursework: Selective Inference (PhD advanced level, LTCC, grade: A); Macroeconomics for Research Students (PhD level, LSE Econ EC539, audited); Microeconomics (PhD level, Trinity College Dublin, audited)

RESEARCH FIELDS

Economic History

Macroeconomics

Econometrics

APPOINTMENTS

2024– Free University (Brīvā Universitāte Latvia)
Lecturer, *pro bono* course: "Topics in Russian Economic History"
Graduate class for students affected by the Russia–Ukraine war

2024–25 Trinity College Dublin
Pre-doctoral Research Assistant, Department of Economics, CEPH
Research with Marvin Suesse; cleaned and harmonised multiple waves of nineteenth-century Russian manufacturing censuses

2018–22 Plekhanov Russian University of Economics
Research Assistant, Education Lab of Modern Financial Technology, 2022
Research Assistant, Dual Position with York Entrepreneurship Development Institute, 2021–22
Research Assistant, Lab of Monetary Research and Financial Market Analysis, 2020–21
Research Assistant, Department of History and Philosophy, 2018–19

PUBLICATIONS

Working Papers

2026 K. Kushnarev. *Labour Market Concentration Since the British Industrial Revolution*. LSE Economic History Working Paper No. 396. [Latest version]

Abstract: Using linked individual-level data on business entities from 1850 onward, this paper studies the relationship between the labour share, market concentration, and business dynamism since the British Industrial Revolution. It documents business dynamism as a key driver of labour-share fluctuations: concentration rises alongside the labour share during periods of increasing dynamism, but rises more sharply as the labour share and dynamism decline.

2024 K. Kushnarev. *Spillover Effects from Chess, 1891–2021*. Working paper. [Latest version]

Abstract: Using a novel dataset of 2,155 Soviet/Russian chess protocols and 11,115 players (1891–2021), this paper studies the effects of local intellectual density under socialism. I exploit geographic variation in chess competitiveness to estimate effects on participation in the 1989 cooperative movement and modern political protest.

Selected Peer-Reviewed Publications

2021 K. Kushnarev "Beyond the community: review on the book 'Good Economics for Hard Times' by Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo." In: *Economic Policy*, 16: 124–133 (in Rus.).

2021 K. Kushnarev, P. Sokerin, A. Volkova "Object detection in financial reporting documents for subsequent recognition." In: *International Journal of Advanced Smart Convergence*, 10: 1–11 (in Eng.).

2020 K. Kushnarev "Transformation of Kuznets cycles in post-socialist countries. Relationship of study cycles with economic growth." In: *Scientific Works of the Free Economic Society of Russia*, 224: 541–553 (in Rus.).

2020 K. Kushnarev and A. Bolvachev "Economic views of S. Kuznets and the reception of the theory of medium-term cycles in the political-economic narrative." In: *University Bulletin*, 8: 88–101 (in Rus.).

2020 K. Kushnarev et al. "The mechanism of self-regulation of the art market as a factor of counteraction to the legalization of financial flows." In: *Financial Research*, 4: 94–108 (in Rus.).

2020 K. Kushnarev and A. Bolvachev "Mathematical and statistical model of price formation in the art market: finance and market equilibrium." In: *Financial Management*, 1: 51–63 (in Rus.).

Other Publications

2021 K. Kushnarev "Bound Leviathan: How to Build and Maintain a Democracy. Review of the book 'The Narrow Corridor' by Daron Acemoglu and James Robinson." Gorky Media (in Rus.).

Complete publication list available on Google Scholar.

GRANTS, HONORS & AWARDS

Grants

2022 £22,000 grant to estimate how the shift in government spending from social projects to military investments has reshaped local development narratives (Principal Investigator) Awarded by Plekhanov Russian University of Economics under its Early Career Researchers initiative.

2021 £1,500 grant for research on art-market regulations in Russia, with results published by the Russian Financial Intelligence Agency (Rosfinmonitoring) (Principal Investigator) Awarded by Plekhanov Russian University of Economics under the Undergraduate Research Initiative.

2020 £3,700 grant to develop financial risk estimation models using Python, adapting factorization methods from physics as part of the lab grant (Research Assistant)

Scholarships

2021 Russian Government Scholarship, £200

2020 PJSK Rosneft Oil Company Scholarship, £3,600

2018 Government Scholarship for a 4-Year Bachelor's Degree Without an Entry Examination, £16,000

Awards

2024 ESCoE Master's Dissertation Programme First Prize, £500

2022 Plekhanov Proud Award, University-Wide Research Track

2021 Commendation from the Ministry of Science and Higher Education

2021 First Prize in the International Academic Competition on Financial Security, co-organized by the Financial Action Task Force, FATF

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND SCHOOLS

Selected presentations

2025 SPEECH Seminar (LSE)

2024 ESCoE Early Researchers; Delhi School of Economics; CEPH Seminar (Trinity College Dublin)

Summer Schools

2025 Macrofinance Online Summer School (Princeton)

2024 Summer School in Dynamic Structural Econometrics (Wisconsin-Madison)

2019 Summer School in Econometrics and Statistics of the Econometric Society (Xiamen, China)

TEACHING

Free University (Brīvā Universitāte Latvia)

Topics in Russian Economic History (Lecturer and Course Convenor) [Course Materials]

Plekhanov Russian University of Economics

Empirical Models Evaluation in Economics (Graduate Instructor for MA International Economics)

SOFTWARE

HySI package in Stata

Implements hybrid confidence intervals for valid inference after LASSO selection [Latest version]

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. net install hysi, replace from("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/kkushnarev/hysi/main/")
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Software skills: Python (multiprocessing, joblib; HPC), Stata (Mata), Julia, Lean (proof verification), R

SERVICE

Ran the YouTube channel with pop-sci summaries of economics/social science books "Economics in Books", 10 episodes (2021–2022); 10k+ total views; top episode 6.1k views [YouTube playlist]

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