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Curriculum Vitae

Brown University
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Academic appointments

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| Sept. 2023- present | Postdoctoral fellow , Brown University
<i>Watson Institute for Public and International Affairs</i> |
| April 2022 – Aug. 2023 | Postdoctoral research fellow , Central European University |
| Jan 2021 – March 2022 | Junior visiting research fellow , Central European University |

Education

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| Nov. 2014 – March 2022 | Ph.D. in Cultural and Social Anthropology , University of Vienna (Austria), with honors
Ph.D. thesis titled <i>“Russia’s new middle classes and new consumption policies: changing consumption practices, forging strategic autonomy, and negotiating relationships with a de-responsibilizing state”</i> |
| June, 2016 | Summer school “The Unity of social sciences?”, School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences (l’EHESS) (Paris, France) |
| 2012- 2013 | M. A. in Sociology and Social Anthropology , Central European University, (Budapest, Hungary) with distinction
M.A. thesis titled “Ethnic identification in the context of an alternative state membership regime: the case of Belarusians acquiring Karta Polaka” |
| 2004-2009 | B.A. (Diploma) in Sociology , Belarusian State University (Minsk, Belarus) |

Fields of Academic Interests

State-citizen relations, policies, governance, political subjectivities, agency, political participation, politicization, political imaginaries, (middle) class, consumption, forced migration, Eastern Europe

Scholarships and Grants

Sep 2019 – Nov 2020	Junior Visiting Fellowship, Institute for Human Sciences (IWM, Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen, Vienna)
Feb 2018-Jan 2019	Marietta Blau Grant, The Federal Ministry of Science and Research of Austria
Nov 2014- Nov 2017	Uni:Doc Fellowship for Ph.D. students, University of Vienna
Sep 2012-June 2013	Partial CEU Fellowship for M.A. students

Publications

Peer-reviewed academic publications:

Biziukova, Volha. 2024. "Living with(in) and without the State: Russia's New Middle Classes Forging 'Strategic Autonomy.'" *Dialectical Anthropology*, September. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10624-024-09737-9>.

Co-editing Special Issue "Middle Classes under Authoritarianisms," *Dialectical Anthropology* (with Ayşe Seda Yüksel-Pecen) <https://link.springer.com/collections/aggggigig>

Biziukova, Volha. 2020. "Uncertain New Middle Classes: Changing Consumption Practices and State Policies in Russia." *East European Politics and Societies* 34 (2): 464–84. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0888325419852152>.

Other academic publications:

Biziukova, Volha, and Aliaksandr Bystryk. 2023. "The Belarusian Democratic Movement and Russia's War on Ukraine." PeaceRep Report: London School of Economics. <https://peacerep.org/publication/the-belarusian-democratic-movement-and-russias-war-on-ukraine/>.

Biziukova, Volha. 2019. "From Modernization to Import Substitution: Perspectives on State Development 'from Above' and 'from Below.'" *Universe of Russia/ Mir Rossii* 28 (3): 67–87. <https://doi.org/10.17323/1811-038X-2019-28-3-67-87>.

Academic publications in preparation:

Biziukova, Volha, Ruslana Koziienko, and Ayşe Çağlar “Beyond exception: the Ukrainian displaced in Vienna and the mazes of temporary protection in the EU and global contexts” (Advanced draft; will be submitted to *Ethnic and Racial Studies*)

Biziukova, Volha and Aliaksandr Bystryk. “‘Continuum of crisis’: Russia's war on Ukraine and the Belarusian democratic movement” (Draft available, will be submitted to *Globalizations* as part of the Special Issue “Ukraine’s place in the fragmentation of global order”)

Book Manuscript “*Russia’s middle classes and the State: (Un)Making politics between peace and war(s).*”

General media publications and interviews:

Biziukova, Volha, and Eric Reinhart. 2024. “The Postmodern War Machine: —A View of ‘Dyspolitics’ from Russia.” *Public Books*, September 3, 2024. <https://www.publicbooks.org/the-postmodern-war-machine-a-view-of-dyspolitics-from-russia/>

Biziukova, Volha, Ruslana Koziienko, and Anna Lazareva. 2023. “Arrival’ Infrastructures: Ukrainian Displaced People in Vienna.” *IWM Post*, June 2023, 131 edition. <https://www.iwm.at/publication/iwmpost-article/arrival-infrastructures-ukrainian-displaced-people-in-vienna>

Biziukova, Volha. 2022. “Russland: Warum der Massen-Widerstand gegen den Krieg ausbleibt.” *mosaik (blog)*. May 9, 2022. <https://mosaik-blog.at/russland-ukraine-antikriegsbewegung/>

Biziukova, Volha. 2021. “Condemning ‘the West’ and Redrawing the Realm of the Political in Russia.” *IWM Post*, January 5, 2021, 127 edition. <https://www.iwm.at/publication/iwmpost-article/condemning-the-west-and-redrawing-the-realm-of-the-political-in-russia>

Biziukova, Volha. 2020. “Whose Revolt Is It?” *Eurozine*. November 23, 2020. <https://www.eurozine.com/whose-revolt-is-it/>.

Biziukova, Volha. 2020. “I Was an Election Observer.” *Chronicle from Belarus, IWM (blog)*. August 18, 2020. <https://www.iwm.at/chronicle-from-belarus/volha-biziukova-i-was-an-election-observer/>.

Biziukova, Volha. 2020. “This Is a War of Terror by the State Against the People. An Interview by Christian Gibbons.” *Le Taurillon*. August 16, 2020. <https://www.thenewfederalist.eu/this-is-a-war-of-terror-by-the-state-against-the-people>.

Teaching Experience

- 2023/24 Instructor of Record “*Political (dis)engagement, (de)mobilization, and dissent in Eastern Europe*” (undergraduate), Brown University
- 2022/23 Instructor of Record “*Politics of Consumption*,” (masters), University of Vienna

Conferences and Public Talks

- 2024 Co-convening the panel “Time Warp: The Metamorphosis of Modernity Projects in the (Post-)Soviet Space,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Conference (ASEEES) 2024, November 21-24, Boston, MA, USA
- Conference Paper “*The Cause of ‘State-Civilization’: Multiplying Modernities and Reshaping Politics in Contemporary Russia*,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Conference 2024, November 21-24, Boston, MA, USA
- Conference Paper “*The ‘State-Civilization’ and the Political Workings of Geopolitical Imaginaries in Contemporary Russia.*,” European Association of Social Anthropology Biennial Conference, 23-26 July 2024, Barcelona, Spain
- Conference Paper “*Redefining the realm of the political in the ‘state-civilization’: political engagement and state-citizen relations in contemporary Russia.*” 28th Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), May 16-18, 2024, NYC, USA
- Conference Panel Discussant “*Protesting in Belarus Body, Trauma, and Identity Politics Before and After 2020*” 28th Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), May 16-18, 2024, NYC, USA
- Co-Panelist “*Solidarity in East-Central Europe: Ukraine, Poland, Belarus*” Brown Department of Slavic Studies, Brown History Department, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs., and Brown Alliance for Ukraine, April 18, Providence, USA
- 2023 Conference Paper “*The State of dis-belief: imagining and enacting citizen-state relations in contemporary Russia*,” American Anthropological Association/ Canadian Anthropology Society Annual Meeting, November 15-19, 2023, Toronto, Canada
- Co-panelist “*How does the international refugee system have to work?*”, Online panel organized by *Spilne | Commons* (Ukraine), November 6th, 2023
- Co-Panelist “*The Impact of War: An Update and Analysis on the Crisis in Ukraine*,” Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs., Brown University, November 1, Providence, US
- Presentation of key findings of the research “Arrival” Infrastructures of the Displaced from Ukraine in Vienna*,” Central European University, 2023, February 22, Vienna, Austria
Co-presented with Ayşe Çağlar, Ruslana Koziienko, and Anna Lazareva

- Presentation of key findings of the research “Arrival” Infrastructures of the Displaced from Ukraine in Vienna,”* IWM (Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen), 2023, February 9, Vienna, Austria
Co-presented with Ruslana Koziienko
- 2022 Panelist *“What Is the Future of Anthropological Collaboration with Russia?”* Roundtable participation, Vienna Anthropology Days (VANDA) 2022, September 26-29, Vienna, Austria
- Co-convening the panel *“The middle classes under rising authoritarianism and economic unevenness: between great expectations and lost illusions”* European Association of Social Anthropology Biennial Conference 2022, July 28-29, Belfast, UK
- Conference paper *“The state that gives and takes away: Russia’s new middle classes forging “strategic autonomy” vis-à-vis the state”,* EASA Biennial Conference 2022, July 28-29, Belfast, UK
- 2018 Conference paper *“Making cheese – repositioning the country: the embargo, import substitution, and visions of Russia’s development”* European Association of Social Anthropology Biennial Conference 2018, August 14-17, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2017 Conference paper *“Adjusting consumption and aspiring to ‘modernization’: the new middle classes and the new consumption policies of the Russian state”* 17th Annual Aleksanteri Conference, University of Helsinki, October 25-27, Helsinki, Finland
- 2016 Conference paper *“No cheese in the mousetrap: molding the citizenship of the new middle classes through consumption politics in Russia”* American Anthropological Association 115th Annual Meeting, November 16-20, Minneapolis, USA
- Conference paper *“The uncertainty of the new middle classes in Russia in the context of changing policies and consumption practices”* EASA Biennial Conference 2016, July 20-23, Milan, Italy

Workshop Papers

- 2023 *“Continuum of crisis’: Russia’s war on Ukraine and the Belarusian democratic movement,”* PeaceRep-Ukraine workshop *Ukraine’s Place in a Fragmented World Order”,* LSE/IWM, Vienna, Austria, July 10-11, 2023
Co-presented with Aliaksand Bystryk
- 2023 *“Arrival Infrastructures of the Displaced from Ukraine in Vienna.”* Cities and Human Mobility Research Collaborative Vienna Research Symposium, Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility /IWM, Vienna, Austria, March 1-2, 2023
Co-presented with Ruslana Koziienko
- 2020 *“The taste of the “global cheese power”: making cheese – repositioning the country”,* the IWM Junior Fellows Conference, June 23, Vienna, Austria
Workshop co-organizer

- 2019 *"Russia's new middle classes: the politics of (self)-autonomization and its consequences"*, the IWM Junior Fellows Conference, December 17, Vienna, Austria
Workshop co-organizer
- 2018 *"The State gives, and the State takes away. Policies of consumption and production and politics of state de-responsibilization in Russia"*, presentation at the seminar of the Laboratory of economic and sociological research, Higher School of Economics, November 10, Moscow, Russia
- 2017 *"The policy of import substitution and the embargo on food imports in Russia: regulating consumption and production and re-arranging the state"*, graduate students' workshop "The Many Social Lives of Policy", IKSA, April 27-29, Vienna, Austria
Workshop co-organizer
- 2017 *"The taste of "cheese superpower": cheese and consumption practices of the new middle classes in the context the embargo and import substitution in Russia"*, Erasmus workshop for graduate students, IKSA, June 29-30, Vienna, Austria
- 2016 *"Disciplining consumption on the road to modernization: consumption politics and policies in Russia"* Erasmus workshop for graduate students, IKSA, April 20-31, Vienna, Austria

Other Research Projects

- June 2022 -Sept. 2023 *"Arrival Infrastructures: Processes of Emplacement of the Refugees from Ukraine in Vienna"* Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen (IWM, Vienna)
- Nov 2022 – April 2023 *"Belarusian Democratic Movement and the War in Ukraine. Opinions, Debates, and Stakes in the Political Movement."*
PeaceRep. Ukraine.

Language and Computer skills

- Languages Russian, Belarusian (mother tongues), English (fluent), German (B2.1.), French (A2), Ukrainian (proficient in reading and listening)
- Computer Skills Atlas TI, SPSS, Express Scribe, Zotero