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01 RESEARCH FOCUS

6 AREAS

State violence

Gender-based violence

Qualitative methods

Interpretivism

AI in social science

02 POSITIONS

2022 – Present

Assistant Professor, Nazarbayev University
Political Science & IR · Astana, KZ

2022

Assistant Professor, KIMEP University
Political Science & IR · Almaty, KZ

03 EDUCATION

3 DEGREES · 3 CONTINENTS

2017 – 2021

PhD, Political Science · Australian National University · Canberra

"Democratic Support, Protests, and Authoritarian Violence in Non-Democracies"

Supervisors: Ian McAllister, Bjoern Dressel, Svitlana Chernykh

2014 – 2016

Master of Social Sciences · Helsinki University · Helsinki

"Russian-Ukrainian Crisis and Democratic Consolidation in Ukraine"

2010 – 2014

BA Political Science · Cum Laude · KIMEP University · Almaty

04 PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

9 TOTAL

01 2026

A Multinational Megastudy of the Effects of Gratitude Practices on Subjective Well-Being

Coles, N.A. et al.
PNAS · 123(20), e2537789123

02 2026

Authority Endorsements Backfire and Social Norms Fail to Increase Vaccination Intent in Post-COVID Kazakhstan

Karpa, D., Pisareva, D., Scoggins, B., Durnev, N., & Rochlitz, M.
SSM – Population Health · 101935

03 2025

After January: Kazakhstan’s Journey through Identity and Geopolitics

Ibadildin, N., Pisareva, D., & Tastaibek, N.
Palgrave Macmillan

04 2025

Public Communication about Science in 68 Countries

Mede, N.G. et al.
Science Communication

05 2025

Extreme Weather Event Attribution Predicts Climate Policy Support across the World

Cologna, V. et al.
Nature Climate Change · 15, 725–735

06 2025

Trust in Scientists and Their Role in Society across 68 Countries

Cologna, V. et al.
Nature Human Behaviour · 9, 713–730

07 2025

Perceptions of Science, Science Communication, and Climate Change Attitudes in 68 Countries — the TISP Dataset

Mede, N.G. et al.
Scientific Data · 12, 114

08 2024

Autocrats and Peaceful Resignation in the Post-Soviet Space: A Political Culture Explanation

Pisareva, D.
East European Politics · 40(3), 495–520

09 2023

Do People Protest for Democracy? Investigating the Democratic Theory of Protest Participation in Armenia’s Velvet Revolution of 2018

Pisareva, D.
Demokratizatsiya · 31(3), 285–308

9

PEER-REVIEWED PAPERS

2

MEGA-STUDY
COLLABORATIONS

4

COURSES W/ AI
INTEGRATION

68

COUNTRIES IN CROSS-
NATIONAL STUDIES

05 PREPRINTS

UNDER REVIEW

- P1 2026 [Visible Threats, Invisible Lives: A Constructivist Grounded Theory of Non-Heteronormative Visibility Management in Qazaqstan](#)
Pisareva, D. et al. · SocArXiv
- P2 2026 [Fieldwork with Aliens and Beavers: AI-Designed Scenarios for Assessing Reflexivity in Qualitative Methods](#)
Pisareva, D. · EdArXiv

06 PUBLICATIONS IN MEDIA

- M1 2024 [Two Heads Are Better Than One: A Practical Guide to Co-Teaching](#)
Pisareva, D. & Semenov, A. · Times Higher Education
- M2 2024 [Educate, Empower Your Students and Prevent Harassment](#)
Pisareva, D. & Durnev, N. · Times Higher Education

07 AI / TEACHING

2026

- FALL 2026 [AI from a Social Science Perspective](#)
- FALL 2026 [Qualitative Research Methods with AI](#)
- FALL 2026 [Introduction to Political Science Research Methods with AI](#)
- FALL 2026 [Interpretivism as Philosophy and Method with AI](#)

08 TALKS

- Mar 2026 [AI as Cognitive Partner in Teaching and Research](#)
Community of Practice
- Jun 2024 [Authoritarian Framing and Support for Violence: The Qandy Qantar Case](#)
Political Economy of Development in Eurasia
- Jun 2023 [Support for Democracy in Kazakhstan: A Conjoint Experiment](#)
Political Economy of Development in Eurasia

09 SERVICE · GRANTS · DEVELOPMENT

- 2025 – Present [Co-Chair, Anti-Harassment Committee](#)
Nazarbayev University
Oversee university-wide policy, training, and prevention. Co-designed the REP (Respect, Empower, Prevent) course for all freshmen — 1,200 students completed.
- 2024 – 2026 [Member, Faculty Senate](#)
Nazarbayev University
Represent the School of Humanities and Social Sciences in university-wide decision-making.
- 2024 [Social Policy Research Grant](#)
Nazarbayev University
- 2023 [DAAD Fellowship — Visiting Researcher](#)
University of Bremen, Germany

10 METHODS · REFERENCES

- SOFTWARE
- R · [Qualtrics](#) · [Atlas.ti](#)
- METHODS
- Experimental design · Qualitative research · Interpretivism · Reflexive thematic analysis · Constructivist grounded theory · Mixed methods
- LANGUAGES
- English (fluent) · Russian (native)
- REFERENCES
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