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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- **Nazarbayev University**, Political Science and International Relations, Astana, Kazakhstan
Assistant Professor, 2022 – Present
 - **KIMEP University**, Political Science and International Relations, Almaty, Kazakhstan
Assistant Professor, 2022
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EDUCATION

- **Australian National University**, Canberra, Australia
PhD in Political Science, 2017 – 2021
Thesis: *Democratic Support, Protests, and Authoritarian Violence in Non-Democracies*
Panel: Svitlana Chernykh, Ian McAllister, Bjoern Dressel
 - **Helsinki University**, Helsinki, Finland
Master of Social Science, 2014 – 2016
Thesis: *Russian-Ukrainian Crisis and Democratic Consolidation in Ukraine*
 - **KIMEP University**, Almaty, Kazakhstan
Bachelor of Political Science (Cum Laude), 2010 – 2014
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RESEARCH INTERESTS

State violence, gender-based violence, public opinion, qualitative methods, interpretivism, AI-augmented social science methodology

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed

1. **Ibadildin, N., Pisareva, D., and Tastaibek, N.** 2025. “[After January: Kazakhstan’s Journey through Identity and Geopolitics.](#)” *Palgrave Macmillan*.
2. **Mede, N.G., Cologna, V., Berger, S. et al.** 2025. “[Public Communication about Science in 68 Countries: Global Evidence on How People Encounter and Engage with Information about Science.](#)” *Science Communication*.
3. **Cologna, V., Meiler, S., Kropf, C.M. et al.** 2025. “[Extreme Weather Event Attribution Predicts Climate Policy Support across the World.](#)” *Nature Climate Change*, 15, 725–735.
4. **Cologna, V., Mede, N.G., Berger, S. et al.** 2025. “[Trust in Scientists and Their Role in Society across 68 Countries.](#)” *Nature Human Behaviour*, 9, 713–730.
5. **Mede, N.G., Cologna, V., Berger, S. et al.** 2025. “[Perceptions of Science, Science Communication, and Climate Change Attitudes in 68 Countries – the TISP Dataset.](#)” *Scientific Data*, 12, 114.
6. **Pisareva, D.** 2024. “[Autocrats and Peaceful Resignation in the Post-Soviet Space: A Political Culture Explanation.](#)” *East European Politics*, 40(3), 495–520.
7. **Pisareva, D.** 2023. “[Do People Protest for Democracy? Investigating the Democratic Theory of Protest Participation in Armenia’s Velvet Revolution of 2018.](#)” *Demokratizatsiya: The Journal of Post-Soviet Democratization*, 31(3), 285–308.

Under Review

- **Pisareva, D. et al.** “[Heteronormative Accountability and Public Attitudes towards Sexual and Gender Minorities in Kazakhstan.](#)” Under review, *Sex Roles*.

- **Pisareva, D., Scoggins, B., and Tastaibek, N.** “Securitisation Fatigue: Framing Effects and Police Trust in Kazakhstan.” Under review, *Journal of Peace Research*.
- **Pech, G., and Pisareva, D.** “Moscow’s Reliability Puzzle: Russian Security Commitments from the CSTO to the Korean Peninsula.” Under review, *Security Studies*.

Publications in Media

- **Pisareva, D. and Semenov, A.** “Two Heads Are Better Than One: A Practical Guide to Co-Teaching.” *Times Higher Education*, 2024.
 - **Pisareva, D. and Durnev, N.** “Educate, Empower Your Students and Prevent Harassment.” *Times Higher Education*, 2024.
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RESEARCH GRANTS

- **Nazarbayev University Faculty Development Research Grant** (2026)
Community-based participatory research on domestic violence crisis shelters in Kazakhstan.
 - **Nazarbayev University Social Policy Research Grant** (2024)
Survey experiment on authoritarian framing and public support for police violence in Kazakhstan.
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AI IN RESEARCH AND TEACHING

Course Design

- **AI from a Social Science Perspective** (new course, Fall 2026, co-designed with Claude). Philosophy of mind and AI ontology, prompting as methodology, AI-assisted research ethics, geopolitics of AI, governance frameworks.
- **Qualitative Research Methods** (graduate, redesigned with AI integration, Spring 2026). AI as co-analyst in qualitative inquiry; students critically cowork with AI while maintaining methodological rigor.
- **Introduction to PS Research Methods** (redesigned with AI integration, Spring 2026). Critical coworking with AI across the research process.
- **Interpretivism as Philosophy and Method** (graduate, new course, Spring 2026). Non-positivist research traditions and their application in contemporary social science; students develop interpretivist research designs working with AI as a reflexive partner.

Supervision

- **AI co-supervision experiment** (2026–present). Co-supervising an MA thesis with a colleague and Claude as a third supervisor; 5-stage protocol with independent coding comparison.
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CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND INVITED TALKS

1. **Pisareva, D.** (2026). *How to Partner with AI*. Faculty and student workshops, Nazarbayev University. April 2026.
 2. **Pisareva, D.** (2026). *AI as Cognitive Partner in Teaching and Research*. Community of Practice talk, Nazarbayev University. March 11, 2026.
 3. **Pisareva, D.** (2024). *Authoritarian Framing and Support for Violence: The Qandy Qantar Case in Kazakhstan*. 2nd Conference, New Advances in the Political Economy of Development in Eurasia. KIMEP University, AlmaU, LMU Munich, and Harriman Institute, Columbia University. Almaty, June 6–8, 2024.
 4. **Pisareva, D.** (2024). *Authoritarian Framing and Support for Violence: The Qandy Qantar Case in Kazakhstan*. Protest Legacies in Non-Democratic Regimes. Indiana University and Michigan University. Berlin, May 30–31, 2024.
 5. **Pisareva, D.** & Scoggins, B. (2023). *Support for Democracy in Kazakhstan: A Conjoint Experiment*. New Advances in the Political Economy of Development in Eurasia. Nazarbayev University, Harriman Institute, Columbia University. Astana, June 2–4, 2023.
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UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- **Anti-Harassment Committee Co-Chair**, Nazarbayev University, 2025 – Present
Oversee university-wide anti-harassment policy, training, and prevention initiatives. Co-designed the REP (Respect, Empower, Prevent) course for all freshmen (1,200 students completed).
- **NU Faculty Senate Member**, Nazarbayev University, 2024 – Present
Represent the School of Humanities and Social Sciences in university-wide decision-making.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **DAAD Fellowship**, Visiting Researcher at University of Bremen, Germany (2023)
- **Institute for Qualitative and Mixed-Method Research**, Syracuse University (2018)

SKILLS AND METHODS

- **Software:** R, Qualtrics, Atlas.ti, Obsidian
- **Methods:** Experimental design, qualitative research, interpretivism, CBPR, constructivist grounded theory, mixed-methods
- **Languages:** Russian (native), English (fluent)

REFERENCES

- **Nazarbayev University** – Dr. Alexei Trochev, Associate Professor (atrochev@nu.edu.kz)
- **KIMEP University** – Dr. Gerald Pech, Associate Professor (gpech@kimep.kz)
- **Australian National University** – Dr. Ian McAllister, Distinguished Professor (Ian.McAllister@anu.edu.au)
- **Australian National University** – Dr. Bjoern Dressel, Associate Professor (bjoern.dressel@anu.edu.au)