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Curriculum Vitae

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Career profile

- Programmatically oriented social scientist
- Strong area expertise on Russia and post-Soviet countries
- Research interests:
 - political participation
 - autocratic societies
 - political science
 - Russia and post-Soviet countries
 - statistics
 - programmatic research methods
 - reproducible research
 - open data science

Work experience

2021–present	PhD Researcher Helsinki, Finland	University of Helsinki/Aleksanteri Institute
2020–2020	Research Assistant Tampere, Finland	Tampere University of Applied Sciences
2019–2020	Report Author Helsinki, Finland	Finnish Ministry of Defence
2018–2019	Research Assistant Helsinki, Finland	Aleksanteri Institute
2018–2018	Intern Helsinki, Finland	Aleksanteri Institute
2017–2017	Intern Helsinki, Finland	Finland-Russia Society

Education

2021–present	Doctor of Philosophy Helsinki, Finland	University of Helsinki
2019	Master of Social Science Helsinki, Finland	University of Helsinki
2019	Expertise in Russian and Eastern European Studies (ExpREES) Helsinki, Finland	University of Helsinki/Aleksanteri Institute
2016	Russian language St. Petersburg, Russia	St. Petersburg State University
2014	Bachelor of Social Science Helsinki, Finland	University of Helsinki

Technical skills

- Statistical packages: R, SPSS
- Reporting languages: RMarkdown, LaTeX, BibTeX, CSS, HTML
- Content management system: GitHub, Netlify, Wordpress, Drupal
- Reference management tools: Zotero (with MS Word and RStudio interfaces)
- Office softwares: Microsoft Office

Language skills

- Finnish: native speaker
- English: full professional proficiency
- Russian: professional working proficiency
- Swedish: limited working proficiency

Publications

1. Mitikka, E. (2023). Hyökkäyssodan kannatus Venäjällä [War surveys as data source after the February 2022]. *Idäntutkimus*, 29(4), 4–25. <https://doi.org/10.33345/idantutkimus.121491>
2. Svenonius, O., & Mitikka, E. (2022). *Propaganda and Actual support – How to Make Sense of Russian Polls After February 24th? Vols. FOI Memo 7935*. FOI Totalförsvarets forskningsinstitut. <https://www.foi.se/en/foi/reports/report-summary.html?reportNo=FOI%20Memo%207935>
3. Oivo, T., & Mitikka, E. (2022). Suomen venäjänkielisten suhtautuminen mediaan ja sotaan. *Politiikasta.fi*. <https://politiikasta.fi/suomen-venajankielisten-suhtautuminen-mediaan-ja-sotaan/>
4. Mitikka, E., & Simonov, A. (2021). Kattava kokoomateos digitaalisen Venäjän tutkimisesta [Extensive compilation work on studying digital Russia]: Daria Gritsenko, Mariëlle Wijermars and Mikhail Kopotev (eds.): *The Palgrave Handbook of Digital Russia Studies*. Cham, Switzerland: Palgrave Macmillan, 2021. 612 s. ISBN: 978-3-030-42855-6. *Idäntutkimus*, 28(3), 95–96. <https://doi.org/10.33345/idantutkimus.112349>
5. Mitikka, E., & Zavadskaya, M. (2021). A Growing Militarism? Changing Meanings of Russian Patriotism in 2011–2017. In K. Pynnöniemi (Ed.), *Nexus of Patriotism and Militarism in Russia: A Quest for Internal Cohesion* (pp. 151–181). Helsinki: Helsinki University Press. <https://hup.fi/site/books/e/10.33134/HUP-9/>
6. Mitikka, E. J. (2020). *Venäjä ja turvallisuus: tutkimus ja asiantuntijatarjonta Suomessa [Russia and security: research and expert supply in Finland]*. Helsinki: Puolustusministeriö. <https://julkaisut.valtioneuvosto.fi/handle/10024/162644>
7. Mitikka, E. J. (2020). Should we trust Russian surveys? In *Baltic Rim Economies* (No. 2668). Turku School of Economics, Pan-European Institute. <https://sites.utu.fi/bre/should-we-trust-russian-surveys/>
8. Nazarenko, S., Aitamurto, K., Heusala, A.-L., Korhonen, V., Koski, S., Laine, V., Lassila, J., & Mitikka, E. J. (2019). Russia's internal development. In *Russia of Power*. Helsinki: Finnish Ministry of Defence. <https://julkaisut.valtioneuvosto.fi/handle/10024/161710>
9. Mitikka, E. J. (2015). Ukrainan talouskehitys neuvostotasavallasta tähän päivään [Ukraine's economic development from the Soviet republic to this day]. In A. Luukkanen (Ed.), *Ukraina kriisissä* (pp. 75–88). Helsinki: Auditorium.

Media appearances

1. MTV. (2023). Venäjä juhlii voitonpäivää tappioiden pelossa. *Huomenta Suomi*. <https://www.mtv.fi/sarja/huomenta-suomi-1485/venaja-juhlii-voitonpaivaa-tappioiden-pelossa-20558485>
2. Yle. (2023). Mitä lennokki-iskut Venäjälle tarkoittavat? *Ylen Aamu*. https://areena.yle.fi/1-65295900?utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=areena-ios-share
3. Yle. (2023). Millaista valtapeliä Venäjän sisällä käydään? *Ylen Aamu*. https://areena.yle.fi/1-65295900?utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=areena-ios-share
4. Yle. (2023). Nato-Suomen suhde Venäjään. *A-Studio*. <https://areena.yle.fi/1-63937738>
5. Tolvanen, P. (2022). Eriävät mielipiteet sodasta hajottavat venäläisiä perheitä – Kirill Masyukevich, 22, kertoo, miksi monet häntä vanhemmat uskovat propagandaa. *Ylen Uutiset*. <https://yle.fi/a/74-20001761>
6. Landen, X. (2022). Russian Confidence in Putin Ticks Past 80 Percent Despite War: State Media. *Newsweek*. <https://www.newsweek.com/russian-confidence-putin-ticks-past-80-percent-despite-war-fallout-1743928>

Volunteer experience

- Working Life and Cultural Representative at Sashtar
- Conference Assistant in the 2017 Aleksanteri Conference

Awards & hobbies

- University of Helsinki-funded salaried doctoral candidate position – full-time work employment contract across four years
- Finnish Foundation for the Support of Strategic Research (in Finnish: STRATU) research grant for doctoral students – 9270€ across four months
- University of Helsinki Doctoral School in Humanities and Social Sciences' (HYMY) 1400€ travel grant
- When I'm not too busy with other duties, I love to relax by playing guitar and by doing some sports