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I am a political scientist and lecturer specialising in nation-building, secessionism, minority politics, and security politics with emphasis on Western, Eastern Europe, and Eurasian post-Communist countries. My research combines mixed-methods and comparative designs, drawing on experience with the ERC project *EthnoGoods* (IBEI) and teaching at CIEE Amsterdam and the University of Trento. My work has been published in *Nations and Nationalism*, *Ethnopolitics*, and *Nationalities Papers*, and is supported by strong data and methods expertise (R, SQL, SPSS, NVivo/MaxQDA, QCA).

## Work Experience

**Lecturer, Center for International Educational Exchange (CIEE), Amsterdam, Netherlands — Jun 2024 – Present**

- Teaching & course syllabus design 'Political and Economic Development of the Netherlands and the EU'
- Teaching & course syllabus design 'Global Environmental Policy', 'Survey of International Economics'
- Teaching seminars and work groups; tutoring and supervising students
- Preparing teaching materials and marking assignments

**Research Fellow (non-residential), Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), Barcelona, Spain — Nov 2022 – Present.** ERC-funded project ETHNICGOODS

- Conducted data analysis, quality checks, resolved coding issues, data visualization and data management
- Completed analysis for 20 countries (post-Soviet, Eastern Europe, MENA, Latin America)
- Drafted country profiles for an online nation-building dataset (100 countries)
- Conducted legal analysis of constitutions and minority policies (1945-present)

**Lecturer & Research Assistant, University of Trento – School of International Studies, Trento, Italy — Sep 2020 – May 2023**

- Taught seminars in core course 'European and International Politics' (MEIS)
- Delivered lectures for elective course 'Minorities, Regionalism, and Borders in Europe'
- Supervised >100 students for their presentations (avg. grade 29/30) and managed Moodle platform

**Visiting Research Fellow, Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), Barcelona, Spain — Feb 2021 – Jun 2021**

- Developed codebook for media-frame analysis; analysed 15 000+ newspaper articles

- Interviewed experts on Catalan secessionism; conducted quantitative & qualitative media analysis

**Assistant Researcher, Center for Comprehensive European and International Studies (CCEIS), Moscow, Russia — Oct 2016 – Dec 2017**

- Drafted policy papers and literature reviews for government-commissioned projects
- Contributed to final project reports; performed text analysis

## Education

**PhD in International Relations, University of Trento, Italy — Nov 2019 – May 2023**

**Master's Degree in International Security (GPA 8.52), IBEI, Barcelona, Spain — Sep 2017 – May 2019** Thesis: "What Causes Lead to Secessionism? Explaining the Rise of Independence Claims in Catalonia, 2010-12"

**Bachelor in International Relations (with Honours, GPA 8.59), National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia — Sep 2013 – Jun 2017** Thesis: "The Evolution of Basque and Catalan Separatism at the Current Stage"

**Bachelor in Law, Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy & Public Administration, Moscow, Russia — Sep 2013 – Jun 2018**

## Languages

Russian (native); English (C1); Spanish (B2); Italian (B1); Ukrainian (reading & listening proficiency); Dutch (B1)

## Selected Publications

### Peer-reviewed journal articles

Amasyalı, E., Tarasov, A. 2025. "Nation-Building in the Wake of Empire: Identifying Patterns of Minority Policies in the Aftermath of Soviet Collapse." *Nations and Nationalism*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1111/nana.70006>

Tarasov A. 2025. **Frames and Media Bias in the Secessionist Process: Evidence from Catalonia (2010-2014)**. *Ethnopolitics*: 1–23. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17449057.2025.2513768>

Tarasov, A., Turenko, A. 2025. "Geography or Ideology? A Comparative Analysis of Left- and Right-wing Populist Positions on Development policy in Italy and Germany." *Perm University Herald* 19(3): 16-27. <https://doi.org/10.17072/2218-1067-2025-3-16-27>

Tarasov A., Passalacqua C. C., & Ventura R. 2024. "The Cherished Outcast: Italian Foreign Policy Change towards Russia in the Cases of Georgia (2008), Crimea (2014) & Ukraine (2022)." *Italian Political Science* 18 (1): 34-56.

Tarasov A., Belous Y. 2023. "Secessionism as the Mainstream: Regionalist Parties' Strategies in the Catalan and Scottish 2021 Regional Elections." *Nationalities Papers*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1017/nps.2023.65>

Belous Y., Tarasov A. 2022. “Coalition or Opposition? The Behaviour of Regionalist Parties in Multi-Level Competition: The Cases of the Basque Country and Scotland.” *RUDN Journal of Political Science* 24 (2): 141-154.

Белоус, Ю. А., Тарасов, А. С. (2021). “Факторы центробежных тенденций современной Испании: качественный сравнительный анализ.” *Вестник Пермского университета. Серия: Политология*, 15(1): 45-56.

Tarasov A. 2018. “Political and Legal Analysis of the Potential Secession of the Basque Country.” In *World Politics in the XXI Century: Logic of Transformational Changes*: 90-108. Moscow University Press.

### Working papers & other scholarly outputs

Tarasov A., 2026. “Between Nationalisation and Russification: Language Policy in Public Schools in the Soviet and post-Soviet Context.” Conference Paper “*Ethnicity, Indigeneity, and Identity in Soviet and Post-Soviet Contexts*,” University of Amsterdam

Tarasov A. 2023. “Secessionism on the Rise: Frames, Media Bias, and Strategies of Political Parties in Catalonia (2010-2014) and Scotland (2012-2016)” PhD dissertation, University of Trento.

Belous Y.; Tarasov A. 2020. “Factors of Centrifugal Political Tendencies in Spain: A Qualitative Comparative Analysis.” HSE Research Paper WP BRP 36/IR/2020 (SSRN).

Tarasov A., Turenko A. 2020. “The Alternative for Germany Representation Claiming: Failure or Success?” *Oxford Political Review* (online).

### Selected non-academic pieces

Tarasov A. 2024. “Indigenous People: Conceptualizations in International, Soviet, and Russian Legislations.” *Multifaced Russia* programme. [https://therussiaprogram.org/indigenous\\_people\\_02162024](https://therussiaprogram.org/indigenous_people_02162024)

Tarasov A. 2018. “Human Security: A New Challenge to Sovereignty?” *Argus IBEI*. <https://argusibei.wordpress.com/2018/03/12/human-security-a-new-challenge-to-sovereignty/>

### Conference Presentations (selected)

**International Workshop**, “*Ethnicity, Indigeneity, and Identity in Soviet and Post-Soviet Contexts*” – University of Amsterdam, February 2026 - **Organizer and Panel Chair**.

<https://ethnicgoods.org/program-workshop-ethnicity-indigeneity-and-identity-in-soviet-and-post-soviet-contexts/>

**ASEN Conference**, “*Nationalism & Borders*”, April 2025 - Section “Ethnicity & Borders”

**ISOR-ETHNICGOODS-DP Symposium**, Barcelona, June 2024 — “*Nation-Building in Transition: Identifying Patterns of Minority Policies in the Aftermath of Soviet Collapse*.”

**Società Italiana di Scienza Politica (SISP) General Conference**, Rome, September 2022 — panel “Foreign Policy Change: Italy, Europe and Beyond,”

**V Congreso Internacional de Hispanistas de Rusia, Europa del Este y Asia Central**, Moscow, October 2021 — “*Institución de la Monarquía y Relaciones Centro-Periferia en España*.”

**2nd Scientific Conference of Students and Young Scientists “Orbes Politici”**, RANEPa, Moscow, May 2021 — “*Basque and Catalan Identity in a Changing Environment*,” Best Report Award.

**European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference**, Innsbruck, September 2021 — panel “State Restructuring: From Small Institutional Changes to Secession.”

**XIX Inter-university Conference in Spanish “The Essential Factors of Russian-Spanish Relations: Politics, Economy, International Content”**, Moscow, February 2017 — “*El Separatismo Vasco en el Contexto del Derecho Internacional.*”

## Honours & Awards

2nd-Degree Diploma, XVIII International Competition of Scientific Research (Political Science) (2020)

PhD Scholarship, University of Trento (2019)

Best Bachelor Thesis Award in Law, RANEPa (2018)

INDRA Sistemas Scholarship (full tuition), IBEI Master’s Programme (2017)

Certificate of Excellence, University of Economics Prague Exchange Programme (2016)

Presidential Grant for Talented Youth, Russian Federation (2013)

Top-10 Finalist, Russian International Affairs Council Young Journalists Contest (2017)

## Digital Skills

R; SQL; SPSS; MaxQDA; NVivo; Atlas.ti; fzQCA; Qualtrics; Microsoft Office; LimeSurvey

## Professional Training

- Professional Data Analyst Certificate, DataCamp (2022).
- 25-course *Data Science with R* track, DataCamp (2021-2022).
- EUI Teacher Training Summer School, Florence (2022).
- Erasmus Exchange Programme at the Charles University, Prague (2018-2019)