

## David Szakonyi

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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

*Assistant Professor of Political Science*  
George Washington University, Washington, DC 2016-present

*Research Fellow, International Center for the Study of Institutions and Development (ICSID)*  
Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia 2011-present

*Academy Scholar, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs*  
Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts 2017-2018, 2019-2020

### EDUCATION

*PhD, Political Science* 2016  
*M.A., MPhil, Political Science* 2013  
Columbia University, New York, NY  
Major: Comparative Politics (with distinction), Minor: International Relations  
Dissertation: Renting Elected Office: Why Businesspeople Become Politicians in Russia  
*Finalist, Ronald Coase Best Dissertation Award, Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics*

*B.A., Political and Social Thought, High Distinction*  
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia, USA 2006

### RESEARCH

#### Interests

Political Economy, Business-Government Relations, Non-Market Strategy, Corruption

#### Academic Articles

Timothy Frye, Ora John Reuter, and David Szakonyi. 2014. "Political Machines at Work: Voter Mobilization and Electoral Subversion in the Workplace." *World Politics*, 66 (2): 195-228.

David Szakonyi and Johannes Urpelainen. 2014. "Who Benefits From Economic Reform? Firms and Distributive Politics." *Journal of Politics*, 76 (03), 841-858.

Ora John Reuter and David Szakonyi. 2014. "Online Social Media and Political Awareness in Competitive Authoritarian Regimes." *British Journal of Political Science*, 45 (01), 29-51.

David Szakonyi and Johannes Urpelainen. 2014. "Veto Players and the Value of Political Control: A Theory with Evidence From Energy Privatization." *Comparative Political Studies*, 47 (10), 1384-1415.

Timothy Frye, Ora John Reuter, and David Szakonyi. "Hitting Them with Carrots: Voter Intimidation and Vote Buying In Russia." *British Journal of Political Science*. Forthcoming.

## Under Review

Michael Best, Jonas Hjort, and David Szakonyi. "Individuals and Organizations as Sources of State Effectiveness, and Consequences for Policy Design."

David Szakonyi. "Businesspeople in Elected Office: Identifying Private Benefits from Firm-Level Returns." *Revise and Resubmit*

Timothy Frye, Ora John Reuter, and David Szakonyi. "Vote Brokers, Clientelist Appeals, and Voter Turnout: Evidence from Russia and Venezuela."

## Working Papers and Works in Progress

Ora John Reuter and David Szakonyi. "Elite Defection under Autocracy: Evidence from Russia."

Jonas Hjort and David Szakonyi. "Family Links and Firm Transactions."

David Szakonyi. "Princelings and Political Rents."

David Szakonyi. "The Determinants of Businessperson Candidacy."

David Szakonyi. *Businessperson Political Candidacy Around the World*. Book Project.

Timothy Frye, Ora John Reuter, and David Szakonyi. *Workplace Mobilization*. Book Project.

## Books

Trier, Tom, Hedvig Lohm, and David Szakonyi. *Under Siege: Inter-ethnic Relations in De Facto Abkhazia*, New York: Columbia University Press, 2010

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

National Science Foundation, Research Grant, \$410,191 (with Timothy Frye and Ora John Reuter)	
"Political Machines at Work: Voter Mobilization and Electoral Subversion in the Workplace"	2014-2016
Mellon Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellowship, Interdisciplinary Center for Innovative Theory and Empirics (INCITE), Columbia University	2014-2016
International Growth Centre, Bihar Office, \$50,000 (with Johannes Urpelainen)	
"The Benefits of Solar Technology Adoption for Street Vendors in Bihar"	2014-2015
CIBER Summer Research Grant	2014
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship	2011-2014
SSRC Eurasia Program Pre-Dissertation Award	2012
Harriman Institute / Pepsico Fellowship for Research Travel	2010, 2011, 2012
Center for the Study of Development Strategies Summer Research Grant	2010
IREX/Woodrow Wilson Center Regional Symposium Grant	2010
High Distinction for Honors Thesis, University of Virginia	2006
Echols Scholarship (merit distinction), University of Virginia	2003
Jefferson Scholarship (full merit scholarship), University of Virginia	2002

## ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

### Invited Talks

2017 - PONARS New Voices in Russian Politics ; 2016 - University of Oxford ; 2015 - Higher School of Economics; 2013 - Perm State University; 2012 - New Economics School

## Conferences

American Political Science Association Annual Conference (2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016); ASEEES Annual Conference (2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016); Annual ICSID Conference, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia (2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016); Strategy and the Business Environment Conference (2016); Ronald Coase Institute Workshop on Institutional Analysis (2013); Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (2013, 2014); Academy of Management Annual Conference (2015, 2016); European Political Science Association (2017)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Member of Advisory Board, Envest Microfinance Loan Fund, Madison, WI.	2008-present
Compass Volunteer, Washington D.C.	2017-present
Research Associate, National Endowment for Democracy, Washington D.C.	2008-2009
Evaluation Officer, Association of Scientific and Technical Intelligensia, Khujand, Tajikistan	2008
Program Manager, European Center for Minority Issues, Tbilisi, Georgia	2007-2008
Research Assistant, SOVA Center, Moscow, Russia	2006-2007

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

PSC 3192W: Money and Influence Around the World	Fall 2016, Spring 2017
PSC 2366: Russian Politics	Fall 2016
POLS 4491: Post-Soviet States and Markets Teaching Assistant for Professor Timothy Frye	Fall 2010
POLS 1501: Introduction to Comparative Politics Teaching Assistant for Professor Bernard Tamas	Spring 2011

## OTHER SKILLS

<b>Languages:</b>	Russian - Professional Fluency, Spanish - Intermediate
<b>Analytical:</b>	STATA, R, ArcGIS, Python, SQL, MongoDB, Latex, HTML
<b>Field Research Experience:</b>	Russia, Georgia, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Czech Republic