

Asya Magazinnik

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Academic Appointments

Hertie School	Berlin, Germany
Professor of Social Data Science	2023-Present
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Cambridge, MA
Assistant Professor of Political Science	2020-23

Education

Princeton University	Princeton, NJ
Ph.D., Political Science	2020
M.A., Political Science	2016
University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy	Chicago, IL
M.P.P.	2014
Vassar College	Poughkeepsie, NY
B.A., History, Economics, and Russian Studies (highest honors)	2009

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Scott F Abramson, Korhan Kocak, **Asya Magazinnik**, and Anton Strezhnev. 2026. “Aggregation, Interpretation, and Estimation of Preferences in Conjoint Experiments.” Conditionally accepted at *Political Science Research and Methods*.

Joseph Loffredo, Michael Hankinson, and **Asya Magazinnik**. 2026. “Reform Drift: How Incumbent Protection Undermines Descriptive Representation in Local Government.” Conditionally accepted at the *American Journal of Political Science*.

Asya Magazinnik. 2026. “An Agency Perspective on Immigration Federalism.” *Journal of Politics* 88(3): 983–997.

Michael Hankinson, **Asya Magazinnik**, and Melissa Sands. 2025. “The Policy Adjacent: How Affordable Housing Generates Policy Feedback Among Neighboring Residents.” *American Journal of Political Science* 1-16.
Best Paper on American Political Economy Award, APSA American Political Economy Section

Michael Hankinson, **Asya Magazinnik**, and Anna Weissman. 2024. “When Do Local Interest Groups Participate in the Housing Entitlement Process?” *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy* 5: 47-69.

Nicole E. Wilson, Michael Hankinson, **Asya Magazinnik**, and Melissa Sands. 2024. “Inaccuracies in Low Income Housing Geocodes: When and Why They Matter.” *Urban Affairs Review* 60(1): 217-231.

Michael Hankinson and **Asya Magazinnik**. 2023. “The Supply–Equity Trade-Off: The Effect of Spatial Representation on the Local Housing Supply.” *Journal of Politics* 85(3): 1033-1047.
Lawrence Longley Award, APSA Representation and Electoral Systems Section

Dan Alexander and **Asya Magazinnik**. 2022. “Income Inequality and Electoral Theories of Polarization.” *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy* 3: 317-342.

Scott F Abramson, Korhan Kocak, and **Asya Magazinnik**. 2022. “What Do We Learn About Voter Preferences from Conjoint Experiments?” *American Journal of Political Science* 66(4): 1008-1020.

Carolyn Abott and **Asya Magazinnik**. 2020. “At-Large Elections and Minority Representation in Local Government.” *American Journal of Political Science* 64(3): 717-733.

William G. Howell and **Asya Magazinnik**. 2020. “Financial Incentives in Vertical Diffusion: The Variable Effects of Obama’s Race to the Top Initiative on State Policy Making.” *State Politics & Policy Quarterly* 20(2): 185-212.

William G. Howell and **Asya Magazinnik**. 2017. “Presidential Prescriptions for State Policy: Obama's Race to the Top Initiative.” *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 36(3): 502-531.

Book Reviews

Asya Magazinnik. 2026. “The Power of the Badge: Sheriffs and Inequality in the United States by Emily M. Farris and Mirya R. Holman.” *Political Science Quarterly* 141(2): 437-438.

Working Papers

Carsten Andersen, Michael Hankinson, Martin Vinæs Larsen, **Asya Magazinnik**, and Peter B. Mortensen. “The Shape of Democracy: Jurisdiction Boundaries and the Siting of Renewable Energy Infrastructure.” Revised & resubmitted, *American Journal of Political Science*. **Working paper**.

Angelo Dagonel and **Asya Magazinnik**. “How Responsive Is Local Immigration Enforcement to Constituency Preferences?” Revised & resubmitted, *American Journal of Political Science*. **Working paper**.

Michael Hankinson, Joseph Loffredo, and **Asya Magazinnik**. “Assessing District Elections as a Remedy in State Voting Rights Acts.” Under review. **Working paper**.

Lukas F. Stoetzer and **Asya Magazinnik**. “Causal Attribution in Conjoint Experiments.”

Teaching

Hertie School

Statistics II: Statistical Modeling and Causal Inference with R (MPP)	Last taught: Fall 2025
Mathematics for Data Science (MDS)	Last taught: Fall 2025
Algorithmic Game Theory and Governance (MDS)	Last taught: Fall 2025

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Formal Approaches to American Political Institutions (Ph.D.)	Last taught: Fall 2021
Introduction to the American Political Process (Undergraduate)	Last taught: Spring 2022
American Political Institutions (Ph.D.)	Last taught: Spring 2021
Game Theory (Ph.D./Undergraduate)	Last taught: Spring 2021

Workshops

EITM-Oslo Summer Institute	2024
Computer Assisted Content Analysis, Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research	2017, 2018
Statistical Programming Boot Camp, Princeton University	2017

Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

CIVICA Grant, “Political Results Obtained through Lobbying in Europe” (PROLE) (€20,000)	2024
AAN/Arnold Ventures Grant, “Building a National Housing Permits Database” (\$49,400)	2024
Presidential Nomination Teaching Award, Hertie School	2024
Russell Sage Foundation Presidential Authority Grant (\$48,159)	2019
“Aggregating Voters and the Electoral Connection” (with Michael Hankinson)	
National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant (\$17,509)	2019
“Elective Enforcement: The Politics of Local Immigration Policing”	
Program for Quantitative and Analytical Political Science (Q-APS) Fellowship, Princeton University	2016-19
The William S. Carpenter Fellowship in Politics, Princeton University	2017-18
George Kateb Precepting Award, Princeton University	2017
Summer Research Fellowship, University of Chicago Harris (\$3,000)	2013
Academic Scholarship, University of Chicago Harris (\$50,000)	2012-14
U.S. Department of State Critical Language Scholarship (Arabic)	2009

Professional Service

Referee: <i>American Political Science Review</i> , <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> , <i>Journal of Politics</i> , <i>British Journal of Political Science</i> , <i>Political Analysis</i> , <i>Political Behavior</i> , <i>Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy</i> , <i>Perspectives on Politics</i> , <i>Policy Studies Journal</i> , <i>Politics & Policy</i> , <i>Political Science Research and Methods</i> , <i>State Politics & Policy Quarterly</i> , <i>Regional & Federal Studies</i> , <i>Aletheia</i>	
Organizer, 2026 Visions in Methodology (VIM) Conference	2026
Council Officer, APSA Representation and Electoral Systems Section	2026-27
Editorial Board, <i>Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy</i>	2023–25
Director, Hertie School Data Science Lab	Spring 2025
Organizer, Hertie School Political Economy Lunch Seminar (PELS)	2024-25
Hertie School Master of Data Science Admissions Committee	2023-25
APSA Mancur Olson Best Dissertation Award Committee	2023-24
MIT Graduate Admissions Committee	2019-20, 2021-22
MIT Burchard Fellow	2021-22
MIT Social and Ethical Responsibilities of Computing Action Group on Active Learning Projects	2021
MIT Undergraduate Minor Advisor for Political Science	2020-21

Invited Talks and Conference Presentations

Keynote Speaker, Summer School for Women in Political Methodology, University of Mannheim	2026
Political Science Lecture Series, University of Cologne	2026
WZB Junior Workshop	2026
EUI Local Governance Workshop	2026
Keynote Speaker, PolMeth Europe	2026
American Institutions Group (AIG) Workshop, University of Michigan	2026
Housing Supply & Diversity Conference, Johns Hopkins University Center for Economy and Society	2026
Dondena Seminar, Università Bocconi	2026
Comparative Politics Seminar Series (CPSS), EUI	2025

Politics Research Group (PRG) Seminar, IE University	2025
IOM Missing Migrants Project Estimation Workshop, Berlin	2025
CIVICA Political Behavior and Institutions (PoBI) Conference, CEU	2025
Clean Energy Conference, Princeton University	2025
European Public Policy Conference (EPPC), Brussels	2025
Carlsberg Foundation Housing Policy Workshop, Copenhagen	2024
Center for Comparative and International Studies Colloquium, ETH Zurich	2024
Workshop on Politics and Proximity, Collegium Helveticum, ETH Zurich	2024
MZES Social Science Data Lab, University of Mannheim	2024
Political Economy of Housing Conference, USC Price School	2024
Institutions and Political Economy Research Group, University of Barcelona	2024
UC Berkeley Housing Politics and Policy Conference	2023
Political Economy Lunch Series, Hertie School	2022
Political Science Workshop, Aarhus University	2022
Workshop on the Spatial Dimension of Inequality, Princeton University	2022
Local Political Economy Workshop, Università Bocconi	2022
PIPE Symposium on Political Polarization	2021
MIT Workshop on Structural Racism and Computation	2021
MIT Burchard Scholars Program	2021
Political Economy Seminar, University of California, San Diego	2021
American Politics Workshop, Columbia University	2020
Applied Statistics Workshop, Harvard University	2020
American Politics Seminar, University of Pennsylvania	2020
Human Rights & Migration Seminar, University of Pittsburgh	2019
MIT American Politics Conference	2019
NEWEPS-11	2018
PolMeth Europe (2025, 2026)	
European Political Science Association (2025, 2026)	
American Political Science Association (2022, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016)	
Midwest Political Science Association (2023, 2018, 2015)	
Southern Political Science Association (2017)	

Students Advised

Camilo Pedraza Jimenez (PhD, Hertie School)

Thiago Bessimo (PhD, Hertie School)

Skills

Programming Languages: R, Python, Stata, SAS, ArcGIS

Languages: Bilingual English and Russian, French (conversant), German (basic), Arabic (beginner)