

# Anastasia Menshikova

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<b>research interests</b>	computational social science, analytical sociology, text analysis, individual and collective cultural change	
<b>skills</b>	R, Stata, Python, bash statistics, data analysis, natural language processing causal inference, social network analysis	
<b>current position</b>	<i>PhD Student in Analytical Sociology</i> August 2020 - July 2025 The Institute for Analytical Sociology, Linköping University Advisors: <i>Marc Keuschnigg (main), Måns Magnusson, Selcan Mutgan</i> Dissertation title: <i>Cultural change: Studying social interdependencies in public discourse with computational text analysis</i> Graduation date: May 19, 2025 Opponent: Associate Professor Ozan Aksoy, University College London	
<b>education</b>	<i>MSc in Sociology and Social Research</i>	September 2018 - June 2020
	Utrecht University	
	<i>BA in Sociology with a minor in Data Science</i>	September 2014 - June 2018
	HSE University, St.Petersburg	
<b>research visits</b>	<i>Visiting Research Student in Social Research Methods</i> January - March 2024 London School of Economics and Political Science Data Science Institute Supervisors: <i>Ken Benoit, Milena Tsvetkova</i>	
<b>work experience</b>	<i>Research Assistant</i> October 2018 - July 2020 Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences Utrecht University with Frank van Tubergen	
	<i>Research Intern</i> February - December 2018 Sociology of Education and Science Laboratory HSE University, St. Petersburg	
	<i>Researcher</i> January - December 2018 Machine Learning and Social Computing Research Group HSE University, St. Petersburg with Ilya Musabirov	
	<i>Research Intern</i> June - December 2017 Public Surveys at St. Petersburg's Art Institutions with Rita Kuleva	

publications	Hurtado Bodell, M., & <b>Menshikova, A.</b> (2024). Mechanisms of change: what explains shifts in online immigration discourse after terror attacks. OSF Preprints. ( <i>under second review</i> )	
	<b>Menshikova, A.</b> , & van Tubergen, F. (2022). What drives anti-immigrant sentiments online? A novel approach using Twitter. <i>European Sociological Review</i> , 38(5), 694-706	
	van Tubergen, F., Cinjee, T., <b>Menshikova, A.</b> , & Veldkamp, J. (2021). Online activity of mosques and Muslims in the Netherlands: A study of Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and Twitter. <i>PloS one</i> , 16(7), e0254881	
working papers	<b>Menshikova, A.</b> , Czymara, C., & van Tubergen, F. (2024). “Beyond the Headlines? The Limited Impact of Terrorism and Media on Immigration Attitudes in Europe”	
	<b>Menshikova, A.</b> , Hurtado Bodell, M., Magnusson, M., & Keuschnigg, M. (2024) “Converging or Diverging? Event-Driven Shifts in Meaning Networks across Newspaper and Online Discourses”	
	<b>Menshikova, A.</b> , Hurtado Bodell, M., Larsson, E.C., & Magnusson, M. (2024) “Integrating social theory in text analysis: constrained topic models in social research”	
	<b>Menshikova, Anastasia</b> , Miriam Hurtado Bodell, Elida Izani Ibrahim, and Felix Lennert (2024). “Do Liberals Drive Volvos Everywhere? Assessing the Link between Culture and Politics”	
conferences & talks	17th Annual International Network of Analytical Sociology Conference New York, USA	June 2025
	Measuring Culture with Computational Methods Workshop Heidelberg, Germany	May 2025
	Leipzig Lab research incubator ( <b>invited talk</b> ) Leipzig University	May 2025
	Immigration, Public Opinion, and Crime in the Digital Age (IPODA) Workshop Cologne, Germany	April 2025
	31st Nordic Sociological Association conference Norrköping, Sweden	August 2024
	16th Annual International Network of Analytical Sociology Conference Leipzig, Germany	May 2024
	Swedish Conference on Computational Social Science Uppsala, Sweden	April 2024
	Data Science Institute Seminar Series ( <b>invited talk</b> ) London School of Economics and Political Science	March 2024
	Department of Methodology PhD Seminar Series London School of Economics and Political Science	February 2024

Analytical Sociology Colloquium ( <b>invited talk</b> ) Leipzig University	December 2023
Measuring Culture: Advancing Computational Approaches in Sociological Research Bremen, Germany	November 2023
Uppsala Multidisciplinary Conference on Migration and Integration Uppsala, Sweden	September 2023
9th International Conference on Computational Social Science Copenhagen, Denmark	July 2023
15th Annual International Network of Analytical Sociology Conference Princeton, United States	June 2023
International Workshop on Textual Politics organised by Sciences Po Medialab Paris, France	March 2023
Computational Text Analysis Workshop organised by DYSTENA research group ( <b>invited talk</b> ) Stockholm, Sweden	February 2023
Analytical Sociology Colloquium ( <b>invited talk</b> ) Leipzig University	December 2022
Annual Conference of the European Consortium for Sociological Research Amsterdam, Netherlands	July 2022
14th Annual International Network of Analytical Sociology Conference Florence, Italy	May 2022
The Research Symposium of the Institute for Analytical Sociology Florence, Italy	May 2022
Migration and Super-Diversity: Theory, Method and Practice Gothenburg, Sweden	March 2022
7th International Conference on Computational Social Science Zurich, Switzerland	July 2021
Dutch Annual Sociology Meeting (Dag van de Sociologie) Utrecht, Netherlands	June 2021
Dealing with Data: a Research Workshop Norrköping, Sweden	September 2020
10th ACM Web Science Conference Amsterdam, Netherlands	May 2018
XXXVIII Sunbelt Conference	June 2018

	Utrecht, Netherlands	
	Networks in Global World St.Petersburg, Russia	July 2018
<b>service</b>	<i>Seminar Series Organizer:</i> Text Analysis Research Group at IAS	2022 - present
	<i>Social Media Manager:</i> Maintaining Twitter and Bluesky accounts	2021 - 2024
	<i>Workshop organizer:</i> Computational Social Science and Language Technology work- shop adjacent to Swedish Language Technology Conference (November 2024)	
	<i>Pre-conference organizer:</i> Pre-conference for doctoral students adjacent to Nordic Sociological Association 2024 conference (August 2024)	
	<i>Winter School Organiser:</i> 12th Winter School on Longitudinal Social Network Analysis (February 2022)	
	<i>Reviewer:</i> Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies (2022), Political Communication (2023)	
<b>teaching</b>	<i>Introduction to Computational Social Science</i> Leipzig University	June 2023, 2024
	<i>Guest lecture:</i> Word Embeddings for Sociological Applications	
	<i>Computational Approaches to the Study of Cultural Markets and Social Dynamics</i> MSc in Computational Social Science, Linköping University	August - October 2022
	<i>Behavioral Mechanisms</i> MSc in Computational Social Science, Linköping University	October 2021 - January 2022
	<i>Information Systems</i> BA in Sociology and Social Informatics, HSE University, St.Petersburg	September 2016 - March 2018
<b>supervision</b>	<i>Master thesis:</i> Mapping Digital Feminism: An Intersectional Analysis of Chinese Online Novel Comments ( <i>main supervisor</i> )	2025
	<i>Master thesis:</i> Quantifying stereotypes of Romanians in American print using word embeddings ( <i>main supervisor</i> )	2024
	<i>Master thesis:</i> The role of toxic language in online discussions following collective trauma events ( <i>main supervisor</i> )	2022
	<i>Master thesis:</i> The social and cultural dynamics of awarding the Nobel Prize ( <i>co-supervisor</i> )	2022
<b>extra-curricular</b>	Summer Institute in Computational Social Science	June 2021

London, UK

Second Moscow-Tartu Late Summer School on Digital Humanities      October 2017  
Moscow, Russia

Web Science Summer School      July 2017  
St.Petersburg, Russia

**funding**

Department of Management and Engineering (LiU) Travel Award  
for Doctoral Students (5000 EUR)      October 2023

Utrecht Excellence Scholarship (34 000 EUR)      September 2018 - June 2020

HSE University Academic Excellence Scholarship      September 2015 - May 2017

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