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Curriculum Vitae

Research Specialization:

Soviet history, history of Stalinism; history of World War II, historiography, bibliography, scientific literature in the Internet, fiction by J. R. R. Tolkien

Current Position Senior researcher, Institute of Scientific Information for Social Sciences of the Russian Academy of Sciences (INION RAN).

Previous Position Researcher, Institute of Scientific Information for Social Sciences of the Russian Academy of Sciences (2008–2014).

Academic Qualifications:

2007 Russian State University for the Humanities, Ph. D. (*kandidat istoricheskikh nauk*) in Russian history, title of dissertation, “The Future War in the Soviet Military-Political Leadership’s Views in 1927–1941.”

2004 Russian State University for the Humanities, M. A. in history.

Publications

(i) Books and Edited Volumes:

- *The Bibliography of Middle-earth: An Index of Published Works by J. R. R. Tolkien and of Research Literature on Tolkien Studies*. Moscow: INION RAN, 2025.
- (co-editor, with Olga Dernova and Liudmila Samuilova) Volkov, Andrei Sergeevich. *Memuarnye zapiski: vospominaniia general-leitenanta inzhenerno-artilleriiskoi sluzhby* [Memoirs of Lieutenant General Andrei Volkov, chief artillery supply officer at the Western Front in 1941–44 and at the 3rd Belorussian Front in 1944–45]. Moscow: INION RAN, 2025.
- (co-editor, with Igor Bogomolov) *Sto let SSSR: Sovremennaia istoriografiia: Sbornik obzorov i referatov* [The centenary of the Soviet Union: Contemporary historiography: A collection of reviews and library-research papers]. Moscow: INION RAN, 2024.
- (co-editor, with Valerii Liubin) *Revoliutsiia i Grazhdanskaia voina v Rossii: Sovremennaia istoriografiia: Sbornik statei, obzorov i referatov* [Revolution and the Civil War in Russia: Contemporary historiography: A collection of articles, reviews, and library-research papers]. Moscow: INION RAN, 2018.
- (co-editor, with Arif Aliev and Olga Bolshakova) *Revoliutsii 1917 goda v Rossii: Sovremennaia istoriografiia: Referativnyi sbornik* [Revolutions of 1917 in Russia: Contemporary historiography: A collection of library-research papers]. Moscow: INION RAN, 2017.
- (sole editor) *Velikaia Otechestvennaia voina v sovremennoi istoriografii: Referativnyi sbornik* [The Great Patriotic War in contemporary historiography: A collection of library-research papers]. Moscow: INION RAN, 2015.

- (co-editor, with Valerii Liubin) *Pervaia mirovaia voina: Sovremennaia istoriografiia: Sbornik obzorov i referatov* [First World War: Contemporary historiography: A collection of reviews and library-research papers]. Moscow: INION RAN, 2014.
- (co-editor, with Irina Glebova and Olga Bolshakova) *Rossiia v Pervoi mirovoi voine: Novye napravleniia issledovanii: Sbornik obzorov i referatov (preprint)* [Russia in the First World War: New directions of research: A collection of reviews and library-research papers (preprint)]. Moscow: INION RAN, 2013. https://legacy.inion.ru/files/File/Russia_in_WW1_SOR_Preprint.pdf.
- (co-editor, with Olga Bolshakova) *Otechestvennaia voina 1812 goda v sovremennoi istoriografii: Sbornik obzorov i referatov* [Patriotic War of 1812 in contemporary historiography: A collection of reviews and library-research papers]. Moscow: INION RAN, 2012.
- (sole editor) *Nachalo Velikoi Otechestvennoi voiny: Sovremennaia istoriografiia: Sbornik obzorov i referatov* [The beginning of the Great Patriotic War: Contemporary historiography: A collection of review articles and library-research papers]. Moscow: INION RAN, 2011.

(ii) Articles

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- * “Osobnosti izucheniia voobrazhaemoi real’nosti na primere proizvedenii Dzh. R. R. Tolkina” [Special aspects of the study of imaginary worlds, through the example of fiction by J. R. R. Tolkien]. *Vestnik kul’turologii* [Herald of culturology], no. 1 (2026): 182–97.
- * “Novye biografii sovetskikh politicheskikh deiatelei” [New biographies of Soviet political leaders]. *Sotsial’nye i gumanitarnye nauki: Otechestvennaia i zarubezhnaia literatura. Serii 5: Istoriiia* [Social sciences and humanities: Russian and foreign literature. Series 5: History], no. 1 (2026): 17–29.
- * “Izuchenie tvorchestva Dzh. R. R. Tolkina kak metodologicheskaia problema” [The study of J. R. R. Tolkien’s fiction as an issue of methodology]. *Vestnik Moskovskogo gosudarstvennogo lingvisticheskogo universiteta. Gumanitarnye nauki* [The herald of Moscow State Linguistic University. Humanities], no. 7 (2025): 122–28.
- * “Repressivnaia politika stalinskogo rukovodstva: obzor publikatsii 2021–2023 gg.” [Repressive policy of the Stalinist leadership: An overview of publications of 2021–23]. *Sotsial’nye i gumanitarnye nauki: Otechestvennaia i zarubezhnaia literatura. Serii 5: Istoriiia* [Social sciences and humanities: Russian and foreign literature. Series 5: History], no. 2 (2024): 28–48.
- * “‘Chikagское rukovodstvo po stilii’ (bibliograficheskie ssylki i bibliograficheskie ukazateli v angloiazыchnnykh stranakh)” [Chicago Manual of Style (bibliographic references and bibliographic indices presentation in the English-speaking world)]. *Bibliografiia i knigovedenie* [Bibliography and bibliography], no. 3 (2023): 107–22.
- * “Mezhdunarodnaia nauchnaia konferentsiia ‘Tvorchestvo Dzh. R. R. Tolkina v istoriko-literaturnom kontekste’” [International academic conference “Creative legacy of J. R. R.

- Tolkien in its historical and literary context”]. *Sotsial’nye i gumanitarnye nauki: Otechestvennaia i zarubezhnaia literatura. Serii 7: Literaturovedenie* [Social sciences and humanities. Russian and foreign literature. Series 7: Literary criticism], no. 3 (2022): 106–19.
- * “Golod v SSSR 1930–1933 gg.” [Soviet famine of 1930–1933]. *Sotsial’nye i gumanitarnye nauki: Otechestvennaia i zarubezhnaia literatura. Serii 5: Istorii*, no. 1 (2022): 53–68.
 - * “Evrei v Rossii v XIX—pervoi polovine XX v.: (Obzor)” [Jews in Russia in the 19th—first half of 20th century: (Review article)]. *Sotsial’nye i gumanitarnye nauki: Otechestvennaia i zarubezhnaia literatura. Serii 5: Istorii*, no. 2 (2019): 92–102.
 - * “Sovremennaiia istoriografiia GULAGa: Novye podkhody: (Referativnyi obzor)” [Contemporary historiography of the Gulag: New approaches: (Review article)]. *Sotsial’nye i gumanitarnye nauki: Otechestvennaia i zarubezhnaia literatura. Serii 5: Istorii*, no. 4 (2016): 112–29.
 - * “Sovetskie evrei v gody voiny i Kholokosta: Noveishaia zarubezhnaia istoriografiia: (Referativnyi obzor)” [Soviet Jews in the years of the war and Holocaust: Newest foreign historiography: (Review article)]. *Sotsial’nye i gumanitarnye nauki: Otechestvennaia i zarubezhnaia literatura. Serii 5: Istorii*, no. 1 (2016): 107–26.
 - “Predstavleniia sovetskogo voenno-politicheskogo rukovodstva o sostave veroiatnykh protivnikov SSSR v budushchei voine (konets 1920-kh—nachalo 1940-kh gg.)” [The Soviet politico-strategic leadership’s concepts of the probable enemies of the USSR in the future war (late 1920s—early 1940s)]. *Voенно-istoricheskii arkhiv* [Military-historical archive], no. 8 (2012): 178–86.
 - * “Povsednevnaia zhizn’ sovetskogo obshchestva v stalinskuiu epokhu: (Referativnyi obzor)” [Everyday life of the Soviet society in Stalin age: (Review article)]. *Sotsial’nye i gumanitarnye nauki: Otechestvennaia i zarubezhnaia literatura. Serii 5: Istorii*, no. 1 (2012): 106–19.
 - * “Novaia otechestvennaia literatura po istorii stalinskikh repressii: (Referativnyi obzor)” [New Russian literature on history of political repressions under Stalin: (Review article)]. *Sotsial’nye i gumanitarnye nauki: Otechestvennaia i zarubezhnaia literatura. Serii 5: Istorii*, no. 4 (2011): 114–30.
 - * “ ‘Strategiia sokrusheniia’: Strategicheskaiia i voenno-tekhnicheskaiia kontseptsii budushchei voiny v strukture sovetskoi voennoi doktriny 1930-kh—nachala 1940-kh godov” [The “strategy of annihilation”: Strategic and technological conceptions of the future war in the structure of the Soviet military doctrine in the 1930s—early 1940s]. *Rossiiskaia istoriia* [Russian history], no. 3 (2010): 3–18.
 - * “ ‘Esli zavtra voina’: Predstavleniia voenno-politicheskogo rukovodstva SSSR o politicheskoi kharaktere budushchei voiny (konets 1920-kh—1941 gg.)” [“If the war is tomorrow-”

row”: The Soviet politico-strategic leadership’s concepts of the political character of the future war (late 1920s—1941). *Klio* [Clio], no. 1 (2008): 99–105.

(iii) Chapters in Books and Conference Proceedings:

- “Vybor oformleniia dlia bibliograficheskogo ukazatel'ia: Sravnitel'nyi analiz rossiiskikh i zarubezhnykh podkhodov” [Choosing an appropriate style for bibliographic indices and lists: a comparative analysis of Russian and foreign approaches]. In *Vzaimovliianie informatsionno-bibliotechnoi sredy i obshchestvennykh nauk: Sbornik materialov nauchnogo seminara* [Mutual influence of the information and library environment and of social sciences: Proceedings of a seminar], edited by S. V. Sokolov, 7: 85–99. Moscow: INION RAN, 2025.
- “Stoletie revoliutsii 1917 goda i rossiiskaia istoricheskaia nauka: (Obzor)” [A centenary of 1917 revolutions and the Russian historiography: (Review article)]. In *Rossievedenie: V poiskakh utrachennogo vremeni* [Russian studies: In search for the lost time], edited by I. I. Glebova, 180–209. Moscow: INION RAN, 2019.
- “Sovetskaia kosmonavtika v sovremennoi zarubezhnoi istoriografii: (Referativnyi obzor)” [Soviet cosmonautics in contemporary foreign historiography: (Review article)]. In *Nauka v SSSR: Sovremennaia zarubezhnaia istoriografiia: Sbornik obzorov i referatov* [Science in the USSR: Contemporary foreign historiography: A collection of reviews and library-research papers], edited by O. V. Bol'shakova, 145–66. Moscow: INION RAN, 2014.
- “SSSR i nachalo Vtoroi mirovoi voiny: Diskussii o sobytiakh 1939–1941 godov v sovremennoi istoricheskoi nauke” [The USSR and the beginning of the Second World War: A discussion on the events of 1939–41 in contemporary historiography]. In *Trudy po rossievedeniiu* [Papers on Russian studies], edited by I. I. Glebova, 3: 286–311. Moscow: INION RAN, 2011.
- “Novaia zarubezhnaia literatura po istorii stalinskikh repressii: (Referativnyi obzor)” [New foreign literature on history of political repressions under Stalin: (Review article)]. In *Istoriia Rossii v sovremennoi zarubezhnoi nauke: Sbornik obzorov i referatov* [Russian history in contemporary foreign research: A collection of reviews and library-research papers], edited by O. V. Bol'shakova, 3: 65–88. Moscow: INION RAN, 2011.
- “Otsenki urovnia podgotovki lichnogo sostava Krasnoi armii sovetskim voenno-politicheskim rukovodstvom v kontse 1920-kh—nachale 1940-kh godov” [Soviet politico-strategic leadership’s estimates of the skills of the Red Army’s personnel in late 1920s—early 1940s]. In *Mul'tikul'turnaia i mnogonatsional'naia Rossia: Materialy III Mezhdunarodnoi mezhdistsiplinarnoi konferentsii, posviashchennoi pamiati zaslužhennogo deiatelia nauki, pochetnogo professora RUDN, akademika MAN VSh Tamary Vasil'evny Bataevoi. Moskva, 27 noiabria 2010 g.* [Multicultural and multinational Russia: Proceedings of the Third International Interdisciplinary Conference in Memoriam of Tamara V. Bataeva. Moscow, 27 November 2010], part 1: *Aktual'nye problemy otechestvennoi istorii i istoricheskoi nauki: II polovina XIX—nachalo XX veka* [Problems of Russian history and historiography, second half of the 19th—early 21st century], 224–39. Moscow, 2010.

- “Sovetskoe strategicheskoe planirovaniie, avgust 1940—iiun’ 1941: ‘Strategiia sokrusheniia’ v deistvii” [Soviet strategic planning, August 1940—June 1941: The “strategy of annihilation” in action]. In *SSSR, ego soiuzniki i protivniki vo Vtoroi mirovoi voine: Politicheskii diskurs, istoriograficheskie diskussii, problemy prepodavaniia: Materialy Mezhdunarodnoi nauchno-prakticheskoi konferentsii, priurochennoi k 65-letiiu Pobedy v Velikoi Otechestvennoi voine 1941–1945 gg., 21–22 apreliia 2010 g.* [The USSR, its allies and enemies in the Second World War: Political discourse, historiographical discussions, problems of teaching: Proceedings of an international conference timed to the 65th anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War 1941–45, 21–22 April 2010], 242–46. Moscow, 2010.

(iv) Book Reviews:

- Review of *Revisioning Stalin and Stalinism: Complexities, Contradictions and Controversies*, edited by James Ryan and Susan Grant. *Sotsial’nye i gumanitarnye nauki: Otechestvennaia i zarubezhnaia literatura. Seriiia 5: Istoriia*, no. 1 (2024): 144–52.
- Review of *Faustian Bargain: The Soviet-German Partnership and the Origins of the Second World War*, by Ian Ona Johnson. *Rossiiskaia istoriia*, no. 6 (2023): 202–6.
- Review of *Fortress Dark and Stern: The Soviet Home Front During World War II*, by Wendy Z. Goldman and Donald A. Filtzer. *Sotsial’nye i gumanitarnye nauki: Otechestvennaia i zarubezhnaia literatura. Seriiia 5: Istoriia*, no. 3 (2023): 266–73.
- Review of *Criminal Subculture in the Gulag: Prisoner Society in the Stalinist Labour Camps, 1924–53*, by Mark Vincent. *Sotsial’nye i gumanitarnye nauki: Otechestvennaia i zarubezhnaia literatura. Seriiia 5: Istoriia*, no. 2 (2023): 191–96.

(v) Electronic Publications:

- “Okhota na khigi: Poisk nauchnoi literatury v Internete (prakticheskie soveti)” [The hunting of books: Search for research literature in the Internet (practical advice)]. Institute of Scientific Information for Social Sciences of the Russian Academy of Sciences.
https://inion.ru/site/assets/files/1046/ohota_na_knigi.pdf.

Grants and Fellowships

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