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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:

- (co-editor, with Igor Bogomolov) *Vtoraia mirovaia voina: sovremennaia zarubezhnaia istoriografiia: sbornik obzorov i referatov* [The Second World War: Contemporary foreign historiography: A collection of reviews and library-research papers]. Moscow: INION RAN, 2026.
- *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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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) *Rossia v Pervoi mirovoi voine: Novye napravleniia issledovaniia: 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](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

(\*=refereed):

- \* “Osobennosti 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.
- \* “ ‘Chikagskoe rukovodstvo po stiliiu’ (bibliograficheskie ssylki i bibliograficheskie ukazateli v angloiazychnykh stranakh)” [Chicago Manual of Style (bibliographic references and

bibliographic indices presentation in the English-speaking world)]. *Bibliografiia i knigovedenie* [Bibliography and bibliology], 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: Istoriia*, 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: Istoriia*, no. 2 (2019): 92–102.
- \* “Sovremennaia 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: Istoriia*, 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: Istoriia*, 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: Istoriia*, 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: Istoriia*, 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 politicheskome kharaktere budushchei voiny (konets 1920-kh—1941 gg.)” [“If the war is tomorrow”: 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-bibliotечноi 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 pamiaty 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—iun’ 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 65<sup>th</sup> 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](https://inion.ru/site/assets/files/1046/ohota_na_knigi.pdf).

## Grants and Fellowships

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