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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT	Massachusetts Institute of Technology Ford Career Development Associate Professor of Political Science (without tenure) (2023 -) Assistant Professor of Political Science (2018-2023)	
VISITING POSITIONS	Stanford University (2023-2024) W. Glenn Campbell and Rita Ricardo-Campbell National Fellow, Hoover Institution University of Amsterdam (June 2023) Visiting Fellow, Centre for European Studies Social Science Center Berlin (WZB) (Spring 2021) Visiting Researcher, Migration, Integration and Transnationalisation Unit Princeton University (2017-2018) Fellow, Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance	
EDUCATION	Harvard University , Ph.D., Government (2017) Dissertation: Migration, Diversity and Economic Development: Post-WWII Displacement in Poland - 2018 APSA Ernst B. Haas Best Dissertation Prize in European Politics & Society - 2018 APSA Best Dissertation Prize in Migration & Citizenship - 2017 Senator Charles Sumner Dissertation Prize, Harvard University Dissertation Committee: Bart Bonikowski, Tim Colton, Grzegorz Ekiert (co-chair), Ryan Enos, Jeffry Frieden (co-chair) Harvard University , M.A., Government (2013) Smith College , B.A., Government (2009), <i>summa cum laude</i> - 2009 Dawes Prize for the Best Work in Government Cottey College , A.A. and A.S. (2007)	
BOOK	Charnysh, V. 2024. <i>Uprooted: How Post-WWII Population Transfers Remade Europe</i> . Cambridge University Press, Studies in Comparative Politics. - 2025 APSA Merze Tate – Elinor Ostrom Outstanding Book Award - APSA William Riker Prize for Best Book in Political Economy - 2025 APSA European Politics and Society Section Best Book Award	

- 2025 Shortlist for APSA Comparative Politics Section Luebbert Best Book

JOURNAL
ARTICLES

13. Charnysh, V. and M. Schaub. Forthcoming. "Migration and Social Change: Evidence from post-WWII displacement in Germany." *The Journal of Politics*.
12. Charnysh, V., J. S. Kalow, E. Lieberman, E. E. Walk. 2024. "How Information About Historic Carbon Emissions Affects Support for Climate Aid: Evidence from a Survey Experiment." *Climatic Change* 177 (174): 1-17.
11. Charnysh, V., S. Riaz. 2023. "After Genocide: Proximity to Victims and Support for Punishing Ingroup Crimes." *Comparative Political Studies*, 1-35.
10. Charnysh, V., S. Gehlbach, and E. Finkel. 2023. "Historical Political Economy: Past, Present, and Future." *Annual Review of Political Science*, 26: 175-191.
9. Charnysh, V. 2022. "Explaining Outgroup Bias in Weak States: Religion and Legibility in the 1891-92 Russian Famine." *World Politics*, 74 (2): 205-248.
8. Charnysh, V. and L. Peisakhin. 2021. "The Role of Communities in the Transmission of Political Values: Evidence from Forced Population Transfers." *British Journal of Political Science*, 52(1): 238-258.
7. Charnysh, V. 2019. "Diversity, Institutions, and Economic Development: Post-WWII Displacement in Poland." *American Political Science Review*, 113 (12): 423-441.
6. Charnysh, V. and E. Finkel. 2017. "The Death Camp Eldorado: Political and Economic Effects of Mass Violence." *American Political Science Review*, 111 (4): 801-818.

Honorable mention, Luebbert Best Article Award, APSA CP Section

5. Charnysh, V. and S. Markus. 2017. "The Flexible Few: Oligarchs and Wealth Defense in Developing Democracies." *Comparative Political Studies*, 50 (12): 1632-1665.

2016 APSA Award for Best Paper in European Politics & Society

4. Charnysh, V. 2015. "Historical Legacies of Interethnic Competition: Anti-Semitism and the EU Referendum in Poland." *Comparative Political Studies*, 48 (13): 1711-1745.
3. Charnysh, V., P. Lloyd, and B. Simmons. 2015. "Frames and Consensus in IR: the Case of Human Trafficking." *European Journal of International Relations*, 21 (2): 323-351.
2. Charnysh, V., C. Lucas, and P. Singh. 2015. "The Ties that Bind: National Identity Salience and Pro-Social Behavior." *Comparative Political Studies*, 48 (3): 267-300.
1. Charnysh, V. 2013. "Identity Mobilization in Hybrid Regimes: Language in Ukrainian Politics." *Nationalities Papers*, 41 (1): 1-14.

WORKING
PAPERS

- Charnysh, V. and R. Lall. "Consequences of the Black Sea Slave Trade: Long-Run Development in Eastern Europe." (Conditionally accepted, *American Political Sci-*

ence Review)

David Brian Robertson Best Paper Award, APSA Politics and History Section

Charnysh, V., L. Peisakhin, N. Stoop, and P. van der Windt. "Understanding Refugee Assistance: Evidence on Syrian and Ukrainian Refugees in Poland." (R&R, *Comparative Political Studies*)

Charnysh, V. and R. Pique. "Razing the Church: The Enduring Effect of Nazi Repression in Poland." (R&R, *Journal of Comparative Economics*)

Charnysh, V., J. S. Kalow, E. Lieberman, E. E. Walk. "Nationality, Race, and Support for Climate Change Victims: Evidence from a Survey Experiment in the U.S." (Under review)

Charnysh, V., A. Markevich, and N. Naumenko. "American Relief and the Soviet Famine of 1921-22."

Charnysh, V. and P. Bollen. "Dispute Resolution in Heterogeneous Societies."

Charnysh V. and D. Ziblatt. "Past Experience with Elections and Democratic Stability: Voting in Imperial and Weimar Germany."

BOOK CHAPTERS Charnysh, V. 2023. "Historical Political Economy of Migration." In Jeff Jenkins and Jared Rubin (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Historical Political Economy*, Oxford University Press.

Charnysh, V. 2022. "Remembering past atrocities – good or bad for attitudes toward minorities?" In Kopstein, Subotic, and Welch (eds.), *Politics, Violence, Memory: The New Social Science of the Holocaust*, Cornell University Press.

Charnysh, V. 2022. "The Enemy Within: Divisive Political Discourse in Modern Poland." In Mylonas and Radnitz (eds.), *Enemies Within*, Oxford University Press.

Charnysh, V. and T. Kulakevich. 2017. "Belarusian Political Parties: Organizational Structures and Practices." In Sobolewska-Myslik, Kosowska-Gastol & Borowiec (eds.) *Organizational Structures of Political Parties in Central and Eastern European Countries*, Jagiellonian University Press.

Charnysh, V. 2013. "Nuclear Proliferation: History and Lessons." In Barash (ed.) *Approaches to Peace*, (3rd ed.) Oxford University Press.

Charnysh, V. 2013. "Transnational Networks and Norm Compliance: Stopping Executions in Belarus." In Hodgkinson (ed.) *Capital Punishment: New Perspectives*, Ashgate.

INVITED
CONTRIBUTIONS Author Exchange: Charnysh, V. *Uprooted* and A. Auerbach and T. Thachil. *Migrants and Machine Politics*. 2025. *APSA Democracy and Autocracy Newsletter*

Charnysh, V. and P. Suryanarayan. 2022. "State Capacity Development in Historical Political Economy Research." *APSA-CP Symposium Newsletter*: 6-10.

Charnysh, V. 2019. "Hegemony and the Holocaust: State Power and Jewish Sur-

vival in Occupied Europe. By Ethan Hollander. *Protectors of Pluralism. Religious Minorities and the Rescue of Jews in the Low Countries during the Holocaust*. By Robert Braun.” Book Review, *Perspectives on Politics*, 17(4): 1202 - 1204.

Charnysh, V. 2018. “Intimate Violence: Anti-Jewish Pogroms on the Eve of the Holocaust. By Jeffrey S. Kopstein and Jason Wittenberg.” Book Review, *Perspectives on Politics*, 16(4): 1209 - 1210.

Charnysh, V. 2017. “Diversity and Economic Outcomes: Evidence from Poland.” *Newsletter of the APSA Comparative Politics Section*, 27 (2): 11-16.

Charnysh, V. 2015. “Poland’s Wild West. Forced Migration and Cultural Appropriation of the Oder Region in 1945-1948.” Book Review, *Nationalities Papers*, 43(2): 361-363.

SELECT NON-ACADEMIC WRITING

Charnysh, V. 2021. “HPE of Climate Change: The Little Ice Age in Europe.” *Broadstreet*. (Apr.)

Charnysh, V. 2020. “Quantitative Social Science and the Holocaust.” *Broadstreet*. (Oct.)

Charnysh, V. and H. Mylonas. 2020. “Belarus: A Glimmer of Hope?” *Cambridge Core blog* (Aug.)

Charnysh, V. 2020. “The Consequences of the Epidemic for Belarus Presidential Elections” *ESPI* (Aug.)

Charnysh, V. and E. Finkel. 2018. “Rewriting History in Eastern Europe. Poland’s New Holocaust Law and the Politics of the Past.” *Foreign Affairs* (Feb.).

Charnysh, V. 2017. “The Rise of Poland’s Far Right.” *Foreign Affairs* (Dec.)

Charnysh, V. and E. Finkel. 2017. “Property Stolen during the Holocaust Made Some Communities Richer, even 70 years later.” Monkey Cage, *Washington Post* (Aug.).

AWARDS

APSA Merze Tate – Elinor Ostrom Outstanding Book Award (2025)

APSA European Politics and Society Section Best Book Award (2025)

Shortlist for APSA Comparative Politics Section Luebbert Best Book (2025)

Carolina de Miguel Moyer Young Scholar Award, Council for European Studies at Columbia University (2021)

Ernst B. Haas Best Dissertation Prize, awarded by APSA European Politics & Society Section (2018)

Best Dissertation Prize, awarded by APSA Migration & Citizenship Section (2018)

Honorable mention, Luebbert Best Article Award, APSA Comparative Politics Section (2018)

Senator Charles Sumner Dissertation Prize, Harvard University (2017)

APSA Award for Best Paper in European Politics & Society (2016)

Merle Fainsod Prize in Russian or Eurasian Studies, Harvard University (2010)

GRANTS

Dean’s Fund award for organizing “Workshop on State Strength and Economic Development at MIT” [\$4,000] (Spring 2025)

Harvard University Center for European Studies Seminar Grant for organizing Seminar “European Development in a Historical Perspective” (joint with Yuhua Wang and Dan Lowery) [\$12,000] (2024-26)
 SHASS Research Fund award for professional development, MIT [\$5,000] (2023)
 John Templeton Foundation Grant (“The Ideal of Self-Governance”), research in Greece (joint with Konstantinos Matakos, King’s College London) [\$15,000] (2019)
 Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF) grant funded by the Social Science Research Council (2014-2015, fieldwork in Poland) [\$16,000]
 Center for European Studies Graduate Dissertation Research Fellowship grant funded by the Krupp Foundation (2014-2015, fieldwork in Poland) [\$13,725]
 Barney and Anne B. Malloy and Anna Marnoy Feldberg Fellowship, Center for Jewish Studies (2014, survey research) [\$3,000]
 Weatherhead Summer pre-Dissertation Travel Grant (2013, research in Poland) [\$4,000]
 Davis Center Graduate Research Travel Grant (2012, fieldwork in Russia, Georgia, Ukraine, and Moldova)
 Weatherhead Center Language Study Grant (2011, FUBIS, Germany)
 Jack Kent Cooke Graduate Scholarship (2010-2016) [\$50,000]

FELLOWSHIPS

SHASS Faculty Fellowship (awarded for Spring 2026, to focus on research)
 W. Glenn Campbell and Rita Ricardo-Campbell National Fellowship at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University (2023-24)
 Princeton University Center for the Study of Democratic Politics Fellowship (2023-24, declined)
 Visiting Professor Fellowship at Collegio Carlo Alberto (Fall 2020, cancelled due to COVID)
 Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance Fellowship (2017-2018)
 CDDRL Postdoctoral Fellowship, Stanford University (2017-2018, declined)
 Global Society and Security Fellowship, Weatherhead Center (2012-2014)
 Douglas Dillon Fellowship, Harvard University (2011-2012)
 Presidential Scholarship, Harvard University (2010-2016)

TEACHING

17.850. Scope and Methods (graduate seminar, co-taught with Devin Caughey, Fall 2022)
17.962. Graduate Second-Year Paper Seminar (graduate seminar, Spring 2020, Spring 2022)
17.506. Ethnic Politics (graduate seminar, co-taught with Evan Lieberman, Fall 2019, Fall 2021, Fall 2024)
17.174. Historical Political Economy (graduate seminar, Fall 2018, Spring 2022, Spring 2023)
17.591. Research Seminar in Applied International Studies (undergraduate seminar, Spring 2019, 2020)

STUDENT ADVISING

MIT Ph.D. students:
 Dissertation Committee Member, Matias Giannoni (Assistant Professor of Political Science, Tecnologico de Monterrey)
 Dissertation Committee Member, Rorisang Lekalake (Senior analyst, Afrobarome-

ter)

Dissertation Committee Member, Wenyan Deng (expected spring 2026)

Dissertation Committee Member, Jerome Patrick Diza de Rivera Cruz (expected spring 2026)

Dissertation Committee Chair, BreAnne Fleer (expected spring 2028)

Dissertation Committee Member, Tyler Sagerstrom (expected spring 2028)

Undergraduate advising: Edgardo Letona Chavez (2021-2024)

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE

- Elected Board Member, *Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture* (Fall 2024-present)

- Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Historical Political Economy* (2021-present)

- Editorial Board Member, *Broadstreet Blog on Historical Political Economy* (2020-present)

- Section Officer, APSA Politics and History Section Group (2020-2022)

- Steering Committee member, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies at Harvard University (Fall 2022-present)

Conference organization:

- *Workshop on European Development in a Historical Perspective* (with Yuhua Wang), MIT (May 2025)

- *European Development in a Historical Perspective*, Center for European Studies, Harvard University (Fall 2024-present)

- *Historical Political Economy Working Group* (with Alexandra Cirone), Center for European Studies, Harvard University (Dec. 2022)

- *Conference on State Capacity and Public Goods Provision* (with Melissa Lee), Princeton University (Apr. 2019)

Service on Selection Committees:

- Luebbert Award for Best Article in Comparative Politics, Comparative Politics Section, American Political Science Association (2024)

- Graduate Student Affiliations, Seminar Applications, Visiting Fellowships, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University (2024)

- Visiting Fellowship Applications, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University (2022)

- International Dissertation Research Fellowship, IDRF (2021)

- Graduate Student Research Grants, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University (2021)

REFEREE
SERVICE:

Political Science: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Sci-*

ence Review, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Electoral Studies, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Historical Political Economy, Journal of Politics, Journal of Genocide Research, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy, International Organization, International Studies Quarterly, Perspectives on Politics, Political Behavior, Political Research Quarterly, Politics and Religion, Problems of Post-Communism, Nationalities Papers, World Politics

- Extraordinary Reviewer Award 2024, *Comparative Political Studies*

Economics: *Economics Letters, Explorations in Economic History, Journal of Economic History, Quarterly Journal of Economics*

Books: *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics, Cambridge University Press*

INVITED TALKS **2025:** Robert Zajonc Institute for Social Studies at the University of Warsaw (April); Swiss Chair Seminar Series at the European University Institute in Florence (April)

2024: University of California Los Angeles (January); Stanford University (February); University of California San Diego (March); University of California Berkeley (March); University of Copenhagen Department of Economics Seminar (June); University of Hamburg Political Science Seminar Series (June); Yale University Economic History Workshop (September); New York University Comparative Politics Workshop (September); University of Michigan Political Economy Workshop (October); Warwick-LSE Political Economy Seminar (October); University of Essex Political Economy Seminar (October); University of Wisconsin-Madison Historical Analysis Table (WHAT) Workshop (October); Harvard University Seminar on the State and Capitalism Since 1800 (December)

2023: Princeton University (February); the University of Washington (February); New Voices on Eurasia Speaker Series at George Washington University (February); Burchard Scholars Dinner at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (March); University of Amsterdam (June); George Mason University Center for Study of Public Choice Seminar Series (October); University of California Santa Barbara (November)

2022: University of Konstanz (January); Jean Monnet Centre Montreal at McGill University (October); University of Chicago (November); Johns Hopkins University (November)

2021: Pittsburgh Historical Political Economy Speaker Series (January); WZB-IPI Brownbag Seminar (March); USC PIPE Workshop (May); WZB-MIT Research Seminar (July); Columbia Comparative Politics Workshop (September); UVA Comparative Politics Workshop (October); MIT Migration Seminar (October); Berkeley Comparative Politics Workshop (November); Vanderbilt Comparative Politics Workshop (December)

2020: Cottey College Coffin Speaker (January); Hudspeth Lecture Series at Rice (February); Columbia University Networks & Time Workshop (April); Northwestern University Comparative Politics Workshop (April); Boston University Political Science Speaker Series (October); George Mason Public Choice Seminar Series (De-

cember)

2019: Comparative Politics Workshop, Columbia University (March); Political Economy Workshop, Harvard University (March); Political Science Speaker Series, University of Montreal (April); Comparative Politics Annual Conference, Washington University, St. Louis (April); Keynote Speaker, Topics in Political Economy of Development, EACES-HSE Workshop, Moscow, Russia (June); London School of Economics Political Economy Seminar (November); the University of Warwick Political Economy Seminar (November); Joint Center for the Study of Governance and Society (CSGS) at King's College London (November); Politics Workshop at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (November, scheduled); Comparative Politics Colloquium, University of Wisconsin-Madison (October)

2018: Comparative Politics Colloquium, Temple University (January); Comparative Politics Research Workshop, Ohio State University (March); Exploring Historical Legacies Workshop, University of Michigan (March); Economics Seminar, King's College London (May); Political Theory Project, Brown University (November); Postcommunist Politics Workshop, George Washington University, Washington (December)

2017: Comparative Politics and Democracy and Development Colloquium, Princeton University (September); Comparative Politics Field Lunch, NYU Politics Speaker Series (October); Comparative Politics Workshop, Rochester University (November)

CONFERENCES

APSA Annual Meeting: 2013-2020, 2022-2024
ASN World Convention: 2013, 2017, 2025
ASREC Conference: 2023, 2024, 2025
SIOE Annual Conference: 2024
ASEEES Annual Convention: 2024
EPSA Conference: 2023
International Conference for Europeanists: 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2022
MPSA Annual Convention: 2016
PSS-ISA Joint International Conference: 2013

WORKSHOPS

2025: MIT, *Workshop on European Development in a Historical Perspective* (May, co-organizer); University of Copenhagen Business School, *Digital Historical Political Economy Conference* (June); University of Konstanz-Harvard Business School, *Conference on the Inequality and Democracy in Central Eastern Europe* (July)

2024: Aarhus University, *Practices of Comparative-Historical Analysis Conference* (June)

2023: University of Chicago Center in Paris, *Summer Workshop in the Economic History and Historical Political Economy of Eurasia* (May); University of Barcelona, *Workshop on Nationalism and National Identity Formation* (June); Yale-University of Barcelona, *Historical Political Economy Workshop* (June)

2022: Duke University, *Workshop on Historical Comparative Politics/Political Economy* (April); Harvard University, Center for European Studies, *Historical Political Economy Working Group Meeting* (December, co-organizer)

2021: University of Chicago, *Workshop on the Economic History and Historical Political Economy of Russia* (December)

2020: University of California, Irvine, *Conference on Social Science and Holocaust Research* (January)

2019: Washington University, Seattle, WA, *Workshop on "Politics of Fifth Columns"* (February); Princeton University, *Conference on State Capacity and Public Goods Provision* (April, co-organizer); University of Wisconsin-Madison, *Summer Workshop in the Economic History and Historical Political Economy of Russia* (May); **Keynote Speaker**, Higher School of Economics in Moscow, *Topics in Political Economy of Development EACES-HSE Workshop* (June)

2018: *Annotation for Transparent Inquiry Workshop* in New York City (February); NYU-Abu Dhabi, *Legacies of Political Violence Workshop* (March); SAIS, Washington, *Historical Political Economy Working Group* (June)

2017: London School of Economics and Political Science, *Historical Political Economy Conference* (February)

2016: Princeton University, *Politics and History Network Conference*; University of Pennsylvania, *CES Graduate Student Workshop on Comparative Research on Europe*; US Holocaust Memorial Museum, *Summer Research Workshop, International Dissertation Research Fellows Workshop* in New Orleans

2014: *Conference on Cross-Border Research*, Lagow, Poland; Collegium Polonicum, *Communities on the Frontier Conference*; Yale University, *Yale Politics and History Conference*; Georgetown University, BMW Center for German & European Studies, *Transatlantic Policy Symposium*

2013: NYU, *CESS 6th Annual Experimental Political Science Conference*; University of Pittsburg, *The Changing Security Environment of the Black Sea Policy Conference*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association (2017-present); European Political Science Association; Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture (2022-present); MIT Global Diversity Lab (2019-present); Historical Political Economy Working Group (2016-present); Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University (2016- 2017); Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University (2010-2017); Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University (2012-2017; 2019-present); Center for Geographic Analysis, Harvard University (2013-2014); Kennan Institute, Wilson Center, Washington, DC (2014); University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland (2013-2014); Weatherhead Center for International Studies, Harvard University, (2012-2014); MIT-based Women in International Politics and Security (2010-2015).