Thomas Hazell

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Education	**MPhil in Politics (Comparative Government)**	2022 – 2024

Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford

Fully funded by an Economic and Social Research Council Studentship. Thesis: 'Autocratic Delegation: Subnational Economic Performance and Governor Tenure in Kazakhstan'. Supervised by Dr Katerina Tertytchnaya.

	BA in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics	2019 – 2022

Lincoln College, University of Oxford

Grade: First Class. Finals examinations in politics and economics.
Thesis: 'Changing the Rules of Autocracy: The Politics of Electoral Reform in Competitive Authoritarian Ukraine'. Supervised by Dr Jody LaPorte.

Research Interests	Autocracy in the former Soviet Union	Central Asia
	Collective political violence	State building
	Computational social science	Process tracing & qualitative methods

Scholarships and Awards

Grand Union Doctoral Training Programme Studentship, Economic and Social Research Council, 2022–2026.

Competitively awarded doctoral studentship, covering fees and stipend for the MPhil in Politics followed by the DPhil (PhD) in Politics, both at Oxford. Value: ≈ £145,000.

Language Training Grant, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford, 2023–2024.

Funding for a year of Russian courses at the Oxford University Language Centre. Value: £360.

Research Training Support Grant, Grand Union Doctoral Training Programme, Summer 2023.

Grant covering six weeks of intensive Russian language training in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Value: £820.

Tatham Exhibition and College Scholarship, Lincoln College, University of Oxford, 2020–2022.

Awarded for academic performance. Value: £450.

Research Experience	**Research Assistant on AUTHLIB (PI: Stephen Whitefield)** Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford September 2023 – present

Part of the joint UKRI/Horizon Europe funded project 'neo-authoritarianisms in Europe and the liberal democratic response' (`https://www.authlib.eu/`), led at Oxford by Stephen Whitefield, Spyros Kosmidis, and Zofia Stemplowska. I work as a member of a small team of research assistants coding tweets by European political parties and figures on the dimensions of authoritarianism proposed by the project. The coded samples are then used for training a natural language processing model.

Research Assistant to Dr Lenka Buštíková
Oxford School of Global and Area Studies, University of Oxford
May – September 2023

Research assistance for projects on illiberalism in Central and East Europe. A first task included compiling a list of Ukrainian deputies with web scraping, and then using publicly-available English, Russian, and Ukrainian language sources to code each for connections to right-wing irregular armed groups that formed during and after the 2014 revolution. Other work has involved collecting and presenting available data on demographics at the electoral district in Ukraine.

Research Assistant on the Oxford University Economic Recovery Project
Smith School of Energy and Enterprise, University of Oxford
February – November 2021

Research assistance for a dataset tracking government spending in response to Covid-19. I was responsible for regularly updating a list of policies in six countries using government and media sources.

Other Experience	**Intern** Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford Summer 2021

Copywriting and data entry for the faculty's website, including writing and editing website pages, faculty profiles, and press coverage summaries. I also worked on distilling research for the public, including writing summaries of publications and reports.

International Experience	Intensive Russian language course in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, summer 2022.
	Travel in Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Georgia.

Languages	Native English. Intermediate Russian.

Computer Skills   Advanced R, with experience in modelling, data wrangling in the tidyverse, visualisation with `ggplot2`, web scraping with `rvest` and `RSelenium`, R Markdown/Quatro, basic machine learning. Proficient in LaTeX. Beginner's Python. Beginner's NVivo.

Additional Training   **Fieldwork Safety Overseas**, University of Oxford Safety Office, June 2023.

Advanced R for the Social Sciences, Social Sciences Division, University of Oxford, February 2023.

References

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