

## Thomas Hazell

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- Education**
- DPhil in Politics** 2024 –  
Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford
- Funded by an Economic and Social Research Council Studentship. Supervised by Dr Katerina Tertytchnaya.
- MPhil in Politics (Comparative Government)** 2022 – 2024  
Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford
- Grade: *Distinction*. Funded by an Economic and Social Research Council Studentship. Thesis: ‘Subnational governance, patronage, and political careers 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.
- Selected 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:  $\approx$  £145,000.
- Tatham Exhibition and College Scholarship**, Lincoln College, University of Oxford, 2020–2022.
- Awarded for academic performance. Value: £450.
- Work in Progress**
- ‘Subnational governance, co-optation, and political careers in Kazakhstan’. *Working paper*.
- ‘Local elections and elite management in authoritarian regime: evidence from Kazakhstan’. With Eleonora Minaeva and Kirill Melnikov. *Data collection*.

**Professional  
Experience**

**Consultant Researcher**  
Ridgeway Information, London  
June 2024 – present

Occasional consultancy supporting the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)'s nuclear non-proliferation work. I provide open source methods and Russian-language support, especially on projects related to the former Soviet Union.

**Research  
Experience**

**Research Assistant on Non-violent Repression in Electoral Autocracies**

Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford  
September 2024 – January present

Empirical background and literature review work for Dr Katerina Tertytchnaya's ESRC-funded project on non-violent repression.

**Research Assistant on AUTHLIB (PI: Stephen Whitefield)**

Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford  
September 2023 – January 2024

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. Coding tweets to train a natural language processing model.

**Research Assistant to Dr Lenka Buřtíková**

Oxford School of Global and Area Studies, University of Oxford  
May – September 2023

Data collection for projects on illiberalism and irregular armed groups' political role 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, using government and media sources to track state spending in response to Covid-19.

**Voluntary  
Experience**

**Election Observer, Samarqand region, Uzbekistan**

OSCE ODIHR Election Observation Mission  
October 2024

<b>Other Experience</b>	<p><b>Intern</b> Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford Summer 2021</p> <p>Copywriting and data entry for the faculty's website.</p>
<b>Conferences and Workshops</b>	<p>'Shuffling to co-opt: Subnational governance, patronage, and political careers in Kazakhstan.' <i>ESRC Grand Union DTP Annual Conference</i>. 4 June 2024. Grand Union Doctoral Training Programme, University of Oxford.</p> <p>'Shuffling to co-opt: Subnational governance, patronage, and political careers in Kazakhstan.' <i>Emerging Scholars Workshop on the Study of Challenges in Eurasian Politics and Society</i>. 24 May 2024. Center for Slavic, Eurasian, and East European Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Presented Online.</p>
<b>International Experience</b>	<p>Intensive Russian language training in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, Summer 2022.</p> <p>Travel in Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, Georgia.</p>
<b>Languages</b>	Native English. Intermediate Russian.
<b>Computer Skills</b>	<p><b>Advanced R:</b> Modelling. Managing/wrangling large datasets. <code>tidyverse</code>. Visualisation with <code>ggplot2</code>. Web scraping with <code>rvest</code>, <code>RSelenium</code>, Chrome DevTools. R Markdown/Quarto. Basic machine learning with <code>tidymodels</code> and hosted LLM fine-tuning. GIS with <code>SF</code>.</p> <p><b>Basic Python:</b> Scraping (<code>Selenium/SeleniumWire</code>). Data management.</p> <p><i>Other:</i> Advanced <math>\text{\LaTeX}</math>. Functional use of Git (and GitHub), SSH, Azure (VMs and pipelines).</p>
<b>Additional Training</b>	<p><b>Comprehensive E-learning Course for OSCE/ODIHR Observers</b>, September 2024.</p> <p><b>Fieldwork Safety Overseas</b>, University of Oxford Safety Office, June 2023.</p> <p><b>Advanced R for the Social Sciences</b>, Social Sciences Division, University of Oxford, February 2023.</p>

## References

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