

Denis VOLKOV

Born 11/3/1983 in Saratov, Russia

Researcher and head of development department at the Levada Analytical Center (Levada-Center), Moscow since 2007. Achievements in Levada-Center:

- Author of “Protest Movement in Russia in the end of 2011-2012” (2012), “Prospects of Civil Society in Russia” (2011), co-author of Russian Media Landscape (2014), Civic Activism in Russia (2014) reports.
- Regular comment to the leading Russian and international media on socio-political situation in Russia. Advice on the same issues to the policy makers.
- Publications in Journal of Democracy and Osteuropa journal, different Russian newspapers including Novaya, Nezavisimaya, etc., columnist at Slon.ru, Institute of Modern Russia.
- Frequent public speaker on the topics of civil society, protest and opposition activities, etc., including those at Harriman Institute in NYC, Andrey Sakharov Center Gorbachev Foundation
- Administration of the Russian-Polish Fellowship Program for Russian Public Policy and Opinion Makers, a joint program of the Levada-Center and Institute of Public Affairs (Warsaw) in 2011-2013
- Co-organizing of public discussions projects “Democracy in Russia” (2011) and “Experience of Civic Movements around the World” (2012) of Levada-Center and International Memorial Society, and “Protest and Reaction” (2013) of Levada-Center and Andrey Sakharov Center in Moscow
- Member of the Post-Soviet Tensions program, supported by the European Commission's 7th Framework Program

Fellowships

- Salzburg Global Seminar on Civil Society in Russia, 2014
- Draper Hills Summer Program on Democracy and Development at Stanford University, 2013
- Promoting Tolerance Program of the AJC and Friedrich Naumann Foundation, 2011 Fellow.
- Program for Russian Public Policy and Opinion Makers, Institute of Public Affairs (Warsaw), 2010

Education

- Moscow School of Social and Economic Sciences / University of Manchester, UK. Faculty of Sociology and Political Science. MA in Political Science (with merit). Master's thesis *"Image of Enemy as a Pillar of Political Consolidation in Contemporary Russia"*, 2006-2007
- Russian State Trade-Economic University, Saratov Institute. Specialist on World Economy (Red diploma), 2000-2005

Additional courses

- CEU Summer University on “Power and Dynamics of Civil Resistance”, in partnership with the International Center on Nonviolent Conflict (ICNC), USA. July 2012, Budapest (Hungary)
- CEU Summer University on *"Media, Democratization and International Development: for robust research agenda"*, organized by the CGCS at the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania, July 2009, Budapest (Hungary)

Some public speeches

- “Foundation of Political Order and Possibilities of Democratic Change in Russia”, Public Lecture for Open Civic University at Sakharov Foundation, February 2015
- “Putin’s Third Term: A New Contract with Society?”, presentation at the International Forum for Democratic Studies at The National Endowment for Democracy together with Leon Aron and Lilia Shevtsova, October 2014
- Freedom House side event on Russia-Ukraine information war at OSCE/ODIHR HDIM conference in Warsaw, September 2014
- Transparency International - Russia conference on perception of the corruption in Kaliningrad region, September 2014
- University of St.Andrews, Scotland, round table on Russian-Ukrainian conflict, August 2014
- International Civic Forum in Vologda on «Civic Activism in Russia», July 2014
- NDI Russia webinar (lecture) on «Russian Media Landscape», July 2014
- Russian Donor's Forum on «Challenges of Civil Society in Russia», May 2014
- NDI Russia webinar (lecture) on «Major social problems in Russia», May 2014
- Annual Grushin Readings at Moscow State University, January 2014

Some publications

- Volkov D. Occupy Abay protest movement in Moscow in May 2012 / *The Russian Public Opinion Herald*, 2014. № 1-2
- Volkov D. Managers of the protest / *Harvard Business Review Russia*, №6 (89), 2013
- Volkov D. Putinism Under Siege: The Protesters and the Public / *Journal of Democracy*. Volume 23, Number 3 July 2012, pp. 55-62
- Volkov D. Russian Protest movement through the eyes of its leaders and activists / *The Russian Public Opinion Herald*, № 3-4 (113) 2012
- Volkov D. Russian Protests in Late 2011-First Half of 2012: Demand for Democratization of Political Institutions / *The Russian Public Opinion Herald*, № 2 (112) 2012, pp. 73-86
- Volkov D. Im Stau. Russlands Zivilgesellschaft (In a Jam. Russian Civil Society) / *Osteuropa*, 61. Jg., 10/2011, SS. 47-60
- Volkov D. Rise of Civic Activism in Russia: towards Civil Society or another Deadlock? / *The Russian Public Opinion Herald*, 2011. № 2 pp. 8-28.
- Volkov Denis “Internet and Political Engagement in Russia (according to Surveys Data) / *The Russian Public Opinion Herald*, 2010. № 4(106).