

Natalia Mamonova
Curriculum vitae

Date of birth: 24.08.1984 ♦ Place of birth: Zhytomyr, Ukraine ♦ Nationality: Dutch

EDUCATION:

- 2012-2016 Ph.D. in Critical Agrarian Studies
Erasmus University Rotterdam, International Institute of Social Studies Research
Programme: ‘Political economy of resources, population and the environment’
Ph.D. thesis: ‘Rethinking rural politics in post-socialist settings. Rural communities,
land grabbing and agrarian change in Russia and Ukraine’
- 2009-2010 M.Sc. in Business Administration
Radboud University Nijmegen, the Netherlands
Faculty: Nijmegen School of Management

EMPLOYMENT:

- 2023 - Senior researcher at RURALIS Institute for Rural and Regional Research, Trondheim,
Norway
- 2022-2023 Research consultant at the Political Science Department at the University of Notre
Dame, IN, United States
- 2018-2021 Postdoctoral researcher at the Centre for Eastern European Studies at the Swedish
Institute of International Affairs & affiliated researcher at The Institute for Russian and
Eurasian Studies, Uppsala University, Sweden
- 2017-2018 Pontica Magna fellow at the Institute for Advanced Study in Humanities and Social
Science ‘New Europe College’, Bucharest, Romania
- 2017 Visiting researcher at The School of Geography and the Environment, The University
of Oxford, UK
- 2012-2016 Doctoral researcher at The International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University,
The Hague, NL
- 2010-2011 Researcher/research assistant at the Department of Anthropology and Development
Studies, Radboud University, Nijmegen, NL

GRANTS AND AWARDS:

- FORMAS grant (the Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development). The project: ‘Food security, food sovereignty and collective action during the war in Ukraine. Ukrainian and global perspectives’ PI: Dr.B.Kuns (2023-2026).
- Seed Funding Grant for the project ‘Green Rising II: The surge of rural populism in 21st-century Eastern Europe’ at the Swedish Institute of International Affairs (2020)
- Pontica Magna fellowship at New Europe College, the Institute for Advanced Study in Humanities and Social Sciences, Bucharest (2017-2018)
- Erasmus University ‘Graduate School Award for PhD Excellence’ in the category ‘The Best Article 2016’ for the article: ‘Naive Monarchism and rural resistance in contemporary Russia’ (award day: 27 March 2017)
- Erasmus University ‘Graduate School Award for PhD Excellence’ in the category ‘The Best Article 2015’ for the article: ‘Resistance or adaptation? Ukrainian peasants’ responses to large-scale land acquisitions’ (award day: 1 March 2016)

- Co-applicant for the ERC Starting grant 'Land grabbing in Russia: Large-scale investors and post-Soviet rural communities', PI: Dr.Oane Visser (2013-2017)
- The Land Deal Politics Initiative grant. Project: 'Black earth, red barons, 'green' investors and grey communities: Land grabbing and responses by local communities in post-communist Ukraine' (2012)
- The Netherlands Academy on Land Governance for Equitable and Sustainable Development grant. Project: 'Large-scale land acquisitions in the former Soviet Union. A study of rural social movements and land conflicts' (2011).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- Guest lecture (together with Susanne Wengle) 'Ukraine in the Global Food System'. The Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, the University of Pittsburgh (March 2025)
- Guest lecturer at the Summer School 'Ukraine and the challenges of nationhood, individuality and survival, the University of Ghent (September 2022)
- Guest lecturer at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Department of Urban and Rural Development, PhD course 'Critical Perspectives on Agrarian Change' (August - September 2022)
- Visiting lecturer at the University of Vienna, Department of Political Science (the East European Studies division), MA course: 'Ecological Crisis in Eastern Europe' (winter term 2020, 2021)
- Visiting lecturer at the University of Helsinki, Faculty of Social Sciences, Department Development Studies, BA course: 'The Environment and Politics' (autumn 2018)

RECENT KEYNOTE SPEECHES:

- 'Seeds of Discord: Central and Eastern European farmers' protests against the influx of Ukrainian grain' International conference 'Rethinking the regulation of agricultural markets for the agroecological transition in Europe', Universite Libre De Bruxelles, 4 March 2025
- 'The war in Ukraine and the failure of neoliberal agriculture' The Transnational Institute of Social Ecology (TRISE) conference "The Politics of Social Ecology: From Theory to Praxis". Athens, 27 October 2024.
- 'Två år med krig i Ukraina – hur påverkas jordbruket och livsmedelsförsörjningen?' Kungliga Skogs- och Lantbruksakademien (the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry), Stockholm, 17 January 2024.
- 'Who will feed the world and cool the planet? Food sovereignty lessons from war-torn Ukraine'. The Romanian National Museum of Peasantry, Bucharest, Romania, 19 July 2024

JOURNAL EDITORIAL ROLE:

- Member of the International Advisory Board of the Journal of Peasant Studies (2022-2026)
- Guest Editor for the special issue 'Right-wing populism in rural Europe: causes, consequences and cures' (together with Dr. Jaume Franquesa), *Sociologia Ruralis*, 2020

ACADEMIC ARTICLES:

Mamonova N. and E. Fuglestad (*forthcoming*) Populist attitudes in rural Norway. *Sociologia ruralis*.

Mamonova N. and O. Borodina (*forthcoming*) Food systems of internally displaced persons in Ukraine during Russia's full-scale war. *Journal of Peasant Studies*.

Wengle, S., V. Dankevych and N. Mamonova (2024) Farming the Black Earth. The history and politics of Ukraine's Agricultural Land Market before, during and after Russia's war *Land Tenure Journal*, 1-24

- Mamonova, N., Wengle, S. and V. Dankevych (2023) Queen of the fields in wartime: what can Ukrainian corn tell us about the resilience of the global food system? *Journal of Peasant Studies*, 50(7): 2513-2538
- Mamonova, N. (2023) Food sovereignty and solidarity initiatives in Ukraine during the war. *Journal of Peasant Studies*, 50 (1):47-66
- Bilewicz, A., Mamonova, N. and K. Burdyka (2021). 'Paradoxical' dissatisfaction among post-socialist farmers with the EU's Common Agricultural Policy: A study of farmers' subjectivities in rural Poland. *East European Politics and Societies*, 36(3): 892-912
- Mamonova, N., Franquesa, J. and S. Brooks (2020). Actually existing right-wing populism in rural Europe: Insights from eastern Germany, Spain, the United Kingdom and Ukraine. *Journal of Peasant Studies*, 47(7): 1497–1525
- Mamonova, N. & J. Franquesa (2020) Right-wing populism in rural Europe. Introduction to the special issue. *Sociologia Ruralis*, 60(4): 702-709
- Mamonova, N., & J. Franquesa (2020). Populism, neoliberalism and agrarian movements in Europe. Understanding rural support for right-wing politics and looking for progressive solutions. *Sociologia Ruralis*, 60(4): 710-731
- Hajdu, A., & N. Mamonova (2020) Prospects of agrarian populism and food sovereignty movement in post-socialist Romania. *Sociologia Ruralis*, 60(4): 880-904
- Mamonova, N. (2019). Understanding the silent majority in authoritarian populism: what can we learn from popular support for Putin in rural Russia? *Journal of Peasant Studies*, 46(3): 561-585.
- Mamonova, N. (2018). Patriotism and food sovereignty. Changes in the social imaginary of small-scale farming in post-Euromaidan Ukraine. *Sociologia Ruralis*, 58(1): 190–212
- Mamonova, N. (2016). Naïve monarchism and rural resistance in contemporary Russia. *Journal of Rural Sociology*, 81(3): 316–342.
- Mamonova, N. & Sutherland, L.-A. (2015). Rural gentrification in Russia: renegotiating identity, alternative food production and social tensions in the countryside. *Journal of Rural Studies*, 42: 154-165.
- Mamonova, N. (2015). Resistance or adaptation? Ukrainian peasants' responses to large-scale land acquisitions. *Journal of Peasant Studies*, 42(3-4): 607-634.
- Visser, A., Mamonova, N., Spoor, M. & Nikulin, A. (2015). "Quiet food sovereignty" as food sovereignty without a movement? Insights from post-socialist Russia. *Globalizations*, 12(4): 513-528.
- Visser, O., Spoor, M. & Mamonova, N. (2014). Is Russia the emerging global "breadbasket"? Re-cultivation, agroholdings and grain production. *Europe-Asia Studies*, 66(10):1589-1610.
- Mamonova, N. & Visser, O. (2014). State marionettes, phantom organisations or genuine movements? The paradoxical emergence of rural social movement in post-socialist Russia. *Journal of Peasant Studies*, 41(4): 491-516.
- Visser, O., Mamonova, N. & Spoor, M. (2012). Oligarchs, megafarms and land reserves: understanding land grabbing in Russia. *Journal of Peasant Studies*, 39(3-4): 899-931.

PHD DISSERTATION:

- Mamonova, N. (2016). Rethinking rural politics in post-socialist settings. Rural communities, land grabbing and agrarian change in Russia and Ukraine <http://hdl.handle.net/1765/94152>

BOOK CHAPTERS:

- Mamonova, N. and J. Franquesa (*forthcoming*) Extremely dangerous overlap: Farmers protests and right-wing populism in Europe. In '500 Years of Peasant Resistance to the Internal Colonisation of Europe: From the Great Peasant War to Contemporary Rural Struggles'
- Mamonova, N., Franquesa, J. and S. Brooks (2021). Actually existing right-wing populism in rural Europe: Insights from eastern Germany, Spain, the United Kingdom and Ukraine. In Scoones et al (eds) "*Authoritarian Populism and the Rural World*" London: Routledge
- Mamonova, N. (2021). Understanding the silent majority in authoritarian populism: what can we learn from popular support for Putin in rural Russia? In Scoones et al (eds) "*Authoritarian Populism and the Rural World*" London: Routledge
- Mamonova, N. (2021). Rural roots of authoritarian populism in contemporary Russia. New Europe College Yearbook, ISSN 1584-0298, Bucharest: NEC
- Mamonova, N. (2020). Политика России в области ГМО: национальные интересы или геополитический рычаг воздействия? [Russia's politics of GMOs: a protection of national interests or a tool of geopolitical leverage?] In 'Actual problems and achievements of regional economic systems: a collection of scientific papers' ISBN 978-5-907110-52-6. Stavropol: Sekvoia
- Visser, A., Mamonova, N., Spoor, M. and Nikulin, A. (2017). "Quiet food sovereignty" as food sovereignty without a movement? Insights from post-socialist Russia. In Shattuck, A., Schiavoni, C. and Z. VanGelder. "*The Politics of Food Sovereignty: Concept, Practice and Social Movements*". London: Routledge
- Visser, O., Mamonova, N. and Spoor, M. (2013). Oligarchs, megafarms and land reserves: understanding land grabbing in Russia. In B. White, S.M. Borras, R. Hall, I. Scoones & W. Wolford (Eds.), "*The New Enclosures: Critical Perspectives in Corporate Land Deals*". London: Routledge
- Visser, O., Mamonova, N. and Spoor, M. (2012). Инвесторы, мегафермы, пустующие земли. Крупные земельные сделки в России [Investors, mega-farms, vacant land. Major land transactions in Russia] In "*Земельная аккумуляция в начале XXI века*" Moscow: Delo

LONGREADS AND POLICY BRIEFS

- Mamonova, N. and M. Varga (2025). [European future for Ukrainian agriculture](#). (in Ukrainian: [Європейське майбутнє для українського сільського господарства](#)). In The Challenges on Ukraine's Path to EU Integration, Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung Ukraine.
- Mamonova, N., Borodina, O. and B. Kuns (2023) [Ukrainian agriculture in wartime. Resilience, reforms, and markets](#). (in Ukrainian: [Українське сільське господарство у воєнний час. Стійкість, реформи та ринки](#)). The Transnational Institute

NON-ACADEMIC ARTICLES:

- Mamonova (2024) Bönder behöver inte oroa sig för Ukrainas intåg i EU-gemenskapen. Land Lantbruk. <https://www.landlantbruk.se/land-lantbruk-bonderna-behoover-inte-oroa-sig-for-ukrainas-intag-i-eu-gemenskapen>
- Mamonova, N. and E. M. Fuglestad (2024) Bondeopprør i krisenes tid. Klassekampen <https://klassekampen.no/utgave/2024-02-07/bondeoppror-i-krisenes-tid>
- Mamonova N. (2024) [Neoliberal Limits – Farmer Protests, Elections and the Far Right](#). ARC2020
- Mamonova N. (2024) [Farmers against the Environment? The Causes of Farmer Protests and Problems with “Greening” Policies in Europe](#). *Undisciplined Environments*
- Mamonova N. (2024) [Blame the System, Not the Farmers](#). ARC2020

- Mamonova N. (2023) [9 Key points on Ukrainian Agriculture in Wartime – Resilience, Reforms, & Markets.](#) *ARC2020*
- Mamonova N. (2023) [Slutten for det eksportorienterte jordbruket i Ukraina?](#) *Nationen*
- Mamonova N. (2023) [Hvordan havnet ukrainsk korn i Europa istedenfor i Afrika og Midtøsten?](#) *Natoinen*
- Mamonova N. (2023) [Krigens helter.](#) *Nationen*
- Mamonova N. (2023) [Småbrukerne i Ukraina kan sitte med nøkkelen til fremtidens matforsyning.](#) *Aftenposten*
- Mamonova N. (2022) [What does War in Ukraine Mean for Smallholder Farming?](#) *Agricultural and Rural Convention – ARC2020*
- Mamonova N. (2022) [Food Security versus Sustainability in Europe during the war in Ukraine.](#) *Agricultural and Rural Convention – ARC2020*
- Mamonova N. (2021) [Rural Connections of Populism in Central and Eastern Europe](#) *Undisciplined Environments*
- Mamonova N. and J. Franquesa (2020) [The Sociologia Ruralis special issue on “Right-wing populism in rural Europe”](#) *Sociology Lens*
- Franquesa J. and N. Mamonova (2020). [ERPI Europa: Entender, resistir y construir alternativas a la extrema derecha populista](#) [ERPI Europe: Understanding, resisting and building alternatives to the populist extreme right]. *Ecología Política*
- Mamonova, N. (2020). [Understanding, resisting and building alternatives to right-wing politics in the countryside.](#) *The Transnational Institute*
- Mamonova, N. (2020). [Alternatives to rural right-wing populist Europe.](#) *Agricultural and Rural Convention – ARC2020*
- Mamonova, N. (2020). [Right-wing populism and emancipatory rural politics in the European countryside.](#) *The Rural Connections magazine, The European Network for Rural Development*
- Mamonova, N. (2019). [Right-wing populism and counter-movements in rural Europe.](#) *Agricultural and Rural Convention – ARC2020*
- Mamonova, N. (2019). [Ukraine | Small-scale farms will persist and develop in parallel to large-scale industrial agriculture.](#) *Agricultural and Rural Convention – ARC2020*
- Mamonova, N. (2018). [Vladimir Putin – a tsar without loyal subjects?](#) *Utrikesmagasinet*
- Mamonova, N. (2018). [Vladimir Putin and the rural roots of authoritarian populism in Russia.](#) *Open Democracy*
- Mamonova, N. (2018). [Patriotism, Food sovereignty and contemporary Ukraine.](#) *Agricultural and Rural Convention – ARC2020*
- Mamonova, N. (2016). [Co-existence in Ukraine.](#) *‘The Land’ magazine*
- Mamonova, N. (2015). [Quietness and adaptability: Ukrainian Peasants’ responses to land grabbing and agribusiness expansion.](#) *The Right to Food and Nutrition Watch 2015, UN FAO & FIAN International*

LANGUAGES: Russian (native); English (fluent); Dutch (proficient); Ukrainian (advanced); Swedish (in progress)