

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
- 2001-2006 Specialist Degree in Economics
The Budget and Treasury Academy of the Ministry of Finance, Moscow, Russia

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
- 2005-2008 Environmentalist and project manager at the Environmental Initiative Centre, Moscow, Russia
- 2004-2005 Journalist at the ‘Vremechko’ TV programme (short documentaries about ordinary Russians), Association of Authors' Television (ATV), Moscow, Russia

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 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)
- Organiser and chair of monthly Ph.D. seminars on 'Political Economy of Resources, Environment and Population', ISS, Erasmus University (2015-2016)
- Teaching assistant for the BA course on qualitative research methodology, Department of Anthropology and Development Studies, Radboud University (spring 2011)

KEYNOTE SPEECHES:

- ‘Right-wing populism in rural Europe: causes, consequences and cures’. GEWISOLA 2020, Halle (Saale), Germany 23-25 September 2020
- ‘Understanding, resisting and building alternatives to right-wing populism in the European countryside’ at the International conference ‘People, politics, participation. Governing the fragile rural areas in Italy and Europe’ Rovigo, Italy, 22-23 March 2019

- ‘Authoritarian populism: rural roots and consequences’, the first plenary session at the International ERPI conference ‘Authoritarian populism and the rural world’, The Hague, the Netherlands, 17-18 March 2018
- ‘Trapped between Russia and the West: Patriotism, food sovereignty and de-Sovietisation in rural Ukraine’ at the XXVII European Society for Rural Sociology Congress in Krakow, Poland, 24-26 July 2017

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

SCHOLAR-ACTIVISM:

- Principal coordinator of the European group (over 870 members) of the Emancipatory Rural Politics Initiative ([ERPI Europe](#))
 - Organisation of the ERPI panel at the international conference ‘People, politics, participation. governing the fragile rural areas in Italy and Europe’ Rovigo, 22-23 March 2019
 - Organisation of the scholar-activist workshop ‘Understanding, resisting and building alternatives to right-wing populism in the European countryside’ (together with the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung and Transnational Institute), Brussels, 7-8 November 2018
- Member of the Coordinating Team of the Initiatives in Critical Agrarian Studies ([ICAS](#))
 - Co-organisation of the ICAS international conference ‘New extractivism peasantries and social dynamics: critical perspectives and debates’, Moscow, 13-16 October 2017
 - Assistance in organising the international conference ‘Food sovereignty: a critical dialogue’ at Yale University, New Haven, 14-15 September 2013.

PUBLICATIONS:

Google Scholar Citations	h-index	i10-index
1123	15	16

ACADEMIC ARTICLES:

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, agrohholdings 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., 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

NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS:

Mamonova, N., Borodina, O. and B. Kuns (2023) [Ukrainian agriculture in wartime. Resilience, reforms, and markets](#). Longread. The Transnational Institute

Mamonova, N., Borodina, O. and B. Kuns (2023) [Українське сільське господарство у воєнний час. Стієкість, реформи та ринки](#). Longread. The Transnational Institute

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

Mamonova, N. (2013). [Защитники Подмосковья: Очаговые вспышки гражданского протеста](#). [Defenders of the countryside: Focal outbreaks of civil protest]. *Civil Solidarity Movement*.

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