## Lankina Russian Protest Event Dataset

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Data for the Russian protest dataset were collected from namarsh.ru (*Новости протеста*section in left-hand sidebar), a website run by Russian opposition activists and dedicated to harvesting and dissemination of information on protests occurring throughout Russia. I began collecting and inputting the data in 2007, shortly after the website namarsh.ru had been set up. I expanded the range of variables over the years, particularly after the 2011-2012 protests wave, which highlighted the value of having nuanced baseline protest data to analyze protest dynamics in Russia overtime and to be able to pursue comparative analysis of protest in a variety of national and sub-national contexts.

The namarsh.ru website aggregates dispatches from a network of regional correspondents and from press and online reports. The dataset only records what the researchers deemed genuine protest events, meaning that events organized by the ruling United Russia party or pro-government youth movements, such as Nashi were not included. For most variables, the data cover the years 2007-2016. Data for some variables are only available beginning in 2009 or later. However, researchers using the dataset would be able to refer to the web-links to protest stories to extract data for the other years, as required for a specific research project.

Although the dataset records all protests listed on the namarsh.ru website, and this remains one of the most, if not the most comprehensive sources of over-time data on regional protests, this is not a comprehensive source of protest activism in Russia. Some protests are over-reported and others are under-reported on the namarsh.ru website. These caveats are discussed in the various publications in which the data were used. In employing these data, users may wish to refer to the publications listed below that discuss the merits and limitations of the data. These publications also illustrate the utility of the dataset when analyzing various aspects of the political process in Russia and other autocracies, for instance, media manipulation of information on protest; or the links between electoral fraud and protest activism.

Over the years, several researchers have contributed to the creation of the dataset. Aleksey Savrasov and Alisa Voznaya worked on the project during the early stages of data gathering. Dr Katerina Tertytchnaya’s work on the dataset has been particularly invaluable over the last few years; she has taken the “driver’s seat” in many ways concerning the coding and design aspects of the data.

*Publications in which data were employed and discussed*

Tertytchnaya, Katerina and Tomila Lankina, Electoral protests and political attitudes under electoral authoritarianism *The Journal of Politics* (forthcoming, 2019)

Lankina, Tomila V. and Watanabe, Kohei (2017) [‘Russian Spring’ or ‘Spring betrayal’? The media as a mirror of Putin’s evolving strategy in Ukraine](http://eprints.lse.ac.uk/68226/) Europe-Asia Studies, 69 (10). 1526-1556. ISSN 0966-8136

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Lankina, Tomila V. (2015) [The dynamics of regional and national contentious politics in Russia: evidence from a new dataset](http://eprints.lse.ac.uk/63834/) Problems of Post-Communism, 62 (1). 26-44. ISSN 1075-8216

Lankina, Tomila V. and Voznaya, Alisa (2015) [New data on protest trends in Russia's regions](http://eprints.lse.ac.uk/63841/)Europe-Asia Studies, 67 (2). 327-342. ISSN 0966-8136