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#### **ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS**

- 08/2011-present      Assistant Professor, Dept of Political Science, University of Illinois at Chicago  
Faculty Fellow, Honors College, University of Illinois at Chicago
- 01/2010-present      Affiliate Member, Center for East European and Russian/Eurasian Studies, University  
of Chicago
- 08/2008-08/2011      Associate Director, Center for European Studies and Assistant Professor, Department  
of Political Science, University of Florida  
*50% service and administration, 25% research, 25% teaching*
- 05/2004-08/2008      Assistant Director and Lecturer, Center for European Studies, University of Florida  
*75% service and administration, 25% teaching*
- 08/2006-08/2009      FLAS Coordinator, Center for European Studies, University of Florida
- 08/2003-05/2004      Internship Coordinator, European Union Studies Program, University of Florida
- 12/2002-05/2004      Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Florida
- 08/2002-12/2002      Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Political Science, The Florida State University

#### **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

- 2002      Ph.D. Political Science. Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
- 1999      M.S. Political Science. Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
- 1999      Professional Development Certification. Program for Instructional Excellence,  
Florida State University.  
*Short course aimed to develop and improve teaching skills.*
- 1997      B.A. Political Science-International Relations. American University in Bulgaria
- 1996      Certificate. *Identity and Community* Summer Program, Institute for Southeastern  
European Cooperation and Development.  
*Summer school focused on issues of nationalism and ethnic conflict in  
Southeastern Europe*

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

##### Peer-Review Journal Articles

12. **Kostadinova, Petia** and Magda Giurcanu. 2018. "Capturing the Legislative Priorities of the Transnational Europarties and the European Commission: a pledge approach. *European Union Politics*. Forthcoming.
11. Thomson, Robert, Terry Royed, Erin Naurin, Joaquin Artes, Rory Costello, Mark Ferguson, **Petia Kostadinova**, Catherine Moury, Francois Petry, Katrin Praprotnik, Laurenz Ennser-Jedenastik, 2017. "The Fulfillment of Parties' Election Pledges: a comparative study on the impact of power sharing." *American Journal of Political Science* 61(3): 527–542.
10. Kostadinova, Tatiana and **Petia Kostadinova**. 2016. "Party Promises, Voter Understanding, and Mandate Responsiveness in East European Politics", *Politics and Policy* 44(1): 5-34.
9. **Kostadinova, Petia** and Magda Giurcanu. 2015. "Political Blackmail, Institutional Infighting and Electoral Politics: The Fate of Governing Parties during the Great Recession (2008-12) in Romania and Bulgaria", *Politics and Policy* 43(6): 789–821.

8. **Kostadinova, Petia**. 2015. "Party pledges in the news: Which election promises do the media report?", *Party Politics*, first published on October 26, 2015 as doi:10.1177/1354068815611649
7. **Kostadinova, Petia**. 2015. "Improving the Transparency and Accountability of EU Institutions-The Impact of the Office of the European Ombudsman", *Journal of Common Market Studies* 53(5): 1077-1093.
6. **Kostadinova, Petia**. 2015. "Media in the New Democracies of Postcommunist Eastern Europe," *East European Politics and Societies* 29(2): 453-466.
5. **Kostadinova, Petia**. 2014. "Social Policy Arrangements across Europe: continuing disparities between social models in the EU?" *L'Europe en formation* 372(Été 2014 - Summer 2014): 33-50.
4. **Kostadinova, Petia**. 2013. "Democratic Performance in Post-communist Bulgaria: Election Pledges and Levels of Fulfillment, 1997-2005", *East European Politics* 29(2): 190-207.
3. Dimitrova, Daniela and **Petia Kostadinova**. 2013. "Identifying Antecedents of the Strategic Game Frame: A Longitudinal Analysis", *Journalism and Mass Communication Quarterly* 90(1): 75-88.
2. **Kostadinova, Petia** and Daniela Dimitrova. 2012. "Communicating Policy Change: Media Framing of Economic News in Post-Communist Bulgaria", *European Journal of Communication* 27(2): 171-186.
1. Dimitrova, Daniela and **Petia Kostadinova**. 2012. "Use of Sources in Newspaper Coverage of the 2009 Bulgarian Parliamentary Elections", *Central European Journal of Communication* 1: 81-92.

#### Book Chapters

4. Thomson, Robert and **Petia Kostadinova**. "Parties in Government" in Costello, Rory and Neil Robinson eds. *Democratic politics in Europe: A Comparative Perspective*. Under contract with Oxford University Press.
3. **Kostadinova, Petia**. 2018. "Election Pledge Fulfillment in Bulgaria" in Elin Naurin, Terry Roeyd, and Robert Thomson eds. *The Fulfillment of Election Pledges: Campaign Promises and Government Actions in Twelve Democracies*. Under contract with University of Michigan Press.
2. **Kostadinova, Petia**. 2012. "Reforming social policy to meet Lisbon Strategy goals: comparing 'new' and 'old' Europe" in Smith, Mitchell, ed. *Europe and National Economic Transformation: The EU After the Lisbon Decade*". Palgrave Macmillan.
1. **Kostadinova, Petia**. 2007. "Neo-liberal Supra-territoriality? The Impact of Economic Liberalization on Globalization in Central and Eastern Europe" in Katalin Fabian, ed. *Globalization: Perspectives from Central and Eastern Europe*. Elsevier Press

#### Non-peer Reviewed Articles and Book Reviews

4. **Kostadinova, Petia** and Maria Popova. 2015. "The 2014 Bulgarian Parliamentary Elections", *Electoral Studies* 38: 114-118.
3. **Kostadinova, Petia** and Maria Popova. 2014. "The 2013 Bulgarian Parliamentary Elections", *Electoral Studies* 34(June): 365-368.
2. **Kostadinova, Petia**. 2010. Review of Chang's *Monetary Integration in the European Union*. EUSA Review 23:1
1. **Kostadinova, Petia**. 2001. Review of Stone's "Lending Credibility: The International Monetary Fund and the Post-Communist Transition." *Political Studies Review* 1(3): 473

#### Guest Blog Posts and Interviews

6. **Kostadinova, Petia** and Maria Popova. 2017. "The 2017 legislative elections in Bulgaria" <http://presidential-power.com/?p=6231>
5. **Kostadinova, Petia**. 2016. "Bulgaria elects an opposition candidate as its next President and incumbent PM resigns" <http://presidential-power.com/?p=5612>

4. **Kostadinova, Petia**. 2016. "Research from Bulgaria shows that in their coverage of elections, the media promote the views of the main contenders" <http://www.democraticaudit.com/?p=20518>
3. **Kostadinova, Petia** and Maria Popova. 2014. "Coalition Confusion After Bulgaria's Election" <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/monkey-cage/wp/2014/10/21/coalition-confusion-after-bulgarias-election/>
2. **Kostadinova, Petia**. Interview on the Summer 2013 Bulgarian Protests in the Greek Newspaper *To Vima*, July 14, 2013.
1. **Kostadinova, Petia** and Maria Popova. 2013. "Post-Election Report: 2013 Bulgarian Parliamentary Elections" <http://themonkeycage.org/2013/05/20/post-election-report-2013-bulgarian-parliamentary-elections/>

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

- Kostadinova, Petia** and Magda Giurcanu, nd. "Election Pledges By Euro-Parties: Linking the Priorities of the European Parliament and the European Commission?" Under review.
- Thomson, Robert, Catherine Moury, Rory Costello, Laurenz Ennser-Jedenastik, Mark Ferguson, **Petia Kostadinova**, Katrin Praprotnik "The conditional effect of ministerial portfolio allocation on the fulfillment of election pledges". Under review
- Kostadinova, Petia**, nd. "Election promises in the spotlight: how the media visibility of party pledges facilitates their fulfilment." Under review
- Giurcanu, Magda and **Petia Kostadinova**, nd. "In Search for an Electoral Link between the EU Electorate(s) and the EU proposals: Reality or Wishful Thinking?" Under review
- Kostadinova, Petia**, nd. "Democracy beneath the nation state: the impact of decentralization and institutional configurations on the political autonomy of local leaders" Book manuscript in progress, working title.
- (tentative project) **Kostadinova, Petia** and Kjell Engelbrekt, eds. *The State of Bulgarian Democracy: Twenty-Five Years of Political Parties and Civil Society Formations*. *working title*.

## EXTERNAL GRANTS

Awarded while at University of Illinois at Chicago

- (PI with Alexandra Filindra and R. Daniel Kelemen) EUSA Academic Workshop Grant**. Funding to organize an academic workshop on *Fortress Europe or E Pluribus Unum? : Multilevel Governance and the Governance of Migration and Asylum in the EU*. **(\$10,000)**.
- (PI) 2016 UIUC European Union Center Programming Grant**. *Fortress Europe or E Pluribus Unum? : Multilevel governance and the governance of migration and asylum in the EU*. **(\$1000)**
- (PI) UIUC European Union Center Travel Grant**. Funding to support research on whether and how the European Union impacts the political autonomy of local politicians in four new member states, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, and Slovakia. Funding support from September 2014-August 2015. **(\$1,200)**

Awarded while at University of Florida

- (PI) European Commission Jean Monnet Program-Jean Monnet Course Module**. Funding to support the development and teaching of a new course on the European Union. The course covers topics such as single market and EMU historical development, the political economy of economic integration pre- and post- the eastern enlargement, and linkages between economic integration and globalization. Funding support from September 2007-August 2010. **(€ 21,000)**
- (co-PI) European Union Commission Academic Outreach Grant**. Funding to support the development and implementation of four distinct outreach workshops and events to be organized by the Center for European Studies (CES) and focused on the European Union and US-EU relations (targeted audiences including state government officials & staff, small and medium businesses, K-12

teachers and general public & heritage communities) to be held between September 2004 and August 2005. (~€113,000)

**(co-PI) 2004 European Commission Jean Monnet Program-Jean Monnet Course Module.** Funding to support the development of a new course on the European Union. Course focuses explicitly on the interaction between democratization in Eastern and Central Europe and the process of EU enlargement, including the economic as well as political implications. Course incorporates student simulations and online exchanges with students from recent and future enlargement countries. Funding support from September 2004-August 2007. (€21,000)

## INTERNAL GRANTS

Awarded while at University of Illinois at Chicago

**(PI) Fall 2015 LASURI Award.** Funding to work with an undergraduate student on local democracy in the Czech Republic and Slovakia. (\$500)

**(PI) Fall 2014 OSSR Seed Grant.** Funding to travel for project on *Democracy beneath the nation-state: the impact of participation in the European Union's Committee of the Regions on the political autonomy of local leaders.* (\$4350)

Awarded while at University of Florida

**Summer 2010 Travel Grant from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.** Funding to attend the Comparative Party Pledge Group workshop, July 1-2, 2010, Lisbon, Portugal (\$400).

**Fall 2009 Travel Grant from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.** Funding to attend the 2009 Annual American Political Science Association Meeting, Toronto, ON, Canada (\$400)

**(PI) Summer 2009 Faculty Opportunity Enhancement Award.** Funding from the Office of the Provost, University of Florida to support collaborative interdisciplinary project on the role of media in promoting congruence between the policy preferences of government and public in the early years of post-communist economic transition in Bulgaria. (\$20,000)

**Summer 2009 Travel Grant from the Center for European Studies.** Funding to attend the Comparative Party Pledge Group workshop, June 25-26, 2009, Gothenburg, Sweden (\$1,000)

**Spring 2009 Travel Grant from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.** Funding to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> Conference on the Political Economy of International Organizations, Geneva, Switzerland (\$800)

**Spring 2008 Travel Grant from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.** Funding to attend the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (\$300)

**Spring 2007 Travel Grant from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.** Funding to attend the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (\$300)

## INITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

Moderator for panel discussion "Divided Nations: Past, Present, and Future" featuring Consul General Herbert Quelle and Deputy Consul General Jae Woong Lee, organized by the UIC Germanic Studies Department, November 3, 2015.

Roundtable on European Union and the Greek Crisis, hosted by the Greek Studies Program, University of Illinois at Chicago, April 21, 2015

"In Search for an Electoral Link between the EU Electorate(s) and the EU legislative proposals: Reality or Wishful Thinking?" (with Magda Giurcanu), at the *Agenda Setting* workshop, organizing by the Jean Monnet Chair at the University of Florida, March 13-14, 2015.

"The Committee of the Regions of the European Union: its role in enhancing local democracy" at the 2015 *Researching and Teaching the EU: Best Practices and Current Trends in EU Scholarship: A Working Conference for Regional College Faculty*, March 12-13, 2015, organized by the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign EU Center

"Improving the Transparency and Accountability of EU Institutions via the Office of the European Ombudsman" at the 2014 *Researching and Teaching the EU: Best Practices and Current Trends in EU Scholarship: A Working Conference for Regional College Faculty*, January 16-17, 2014,

organized by the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign EU Center

“Media in the New Democracies of Eastern Europe”, Prepared for *Whither Eastern Europe? Changing Political Science Perspectives on the Region*. ACLS, EEPS, and UF Workshop, University of Florida, January 9-11, 2014

“Implications of the Euro Crisis: focus on the new member states” at *The EU Financial Crisis – Implications Inside and Outside the Euro-Zone* Forum, Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, March 30, 2012

#### **PAPERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES (PEER-REVIEWED SUBMISSIONS) (from 2000 onward)**

“Election promises in the spotlight: how the visibility of party pledges in the media facilitates their fulfillment”. Presented at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Aug 31-Sept 3, 2017, San Francisco, CA.

“Election Pledges By Euro-Parties: Linking the Priorities of the European Parliament and the European Commission?” (with Magda Giurcanu). Presented at the 24<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Europeanists, July 12-14, 2017, Glasgow, UK

“Election promises in the spotlight: how the visibility of party pledges in the media facilitates their fulfillment”. Presented at the 24<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Europeanists, July 12-14, 2017, Glasgow, UK

“Election promises in the spotlight: how the visibility of party pledges in the media facilitates their fulfillment”. Presented at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual of the European Political Science Association, June 22-24, 2017, Milan, Italy.

“The conditional effect of ministerial portfolio allocation on the fulfillment of election pledges” (with Robert Thomson, Catherine Moury, Rory Costello, Laurenz Ennsner-Jedenastik, Mark Ferguson, Katrin Praprotnik). Presented at the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual MPSA Conference, April 6-9, 2017, Chicago, IL

“Election promises in the spotlight: how the visibility of party pledges in the media facilitates their fulfillment”. Presented at the ASEEEES 48th Annual Convention, Washington DC, Nov 17-20, 2016

“Why do governments fulfill opposition parties’ election pledges?” (with Robert Thomson, Terry J. Royed, Elin Naurin, Joaquín Artes, Rory Costello, Dominic Duval, Mark J. Ferguson, University of Alabama, Catherine Moury, Francois Petry, Katrin Praprotnik. Presented at the Annual Meeting of APSA, September 1-4, 2016, Philadelphia, PA

“In Search for an Electoral Link between the EU Electorate(s) and the EU proposals: Reality or Wishful Thinking” (with Magda Giurcanu). Presented at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association, June 23-25, 2016, Brussels, Belgium.

“Assessing the Place of Election Pledges by Euro-parties in the European Commission’s Pre-legislative Proposals” (with Magda Giurcanu). Presented at the European Consortium for Political Research 8th Pan-European Conference on the European Union, 16-18 June 2016, Trento, Italy

“In Search for an Electoral Link between the EU Electorate(s) and the EU proposals: Reality or Wishful Thinking” (with Magda Giurcanu). Presented at the 74th Annual MPSA conference, April 7-10, 2016 at the Palmer House Hilton, Chicago.

“Out of Government But Not Out of Touch: When Governments Fulfill Opposition Parties’ Pledges” (with Robert Thomson, Terry Royed, Elin Naurin, Joaquín Artés, Rory Costello, Dominic Duval, Mark Ferguson, Catherine Moury, François Pétry, Katrin Praprotnik). Presented at the 74th annual MPSA conference April 7-10, 2016 at the Palmer House Hilton, Chicago.

“Election Promises in Bulgaria, 1990-2013: Numbers, Issues, and Voter Choice”, Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Sept 2-6, 2015, San Francisco, CA.

“Democracy Beneath the Nation State: The Impact of the European Union on the Political Autonomy of Local Leaders”, Poster Session at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 16-19, 2015, Chicago, IL.

- “Media Portrayal of Election Promises. The Case of Bulgaria, 1990-2013”, presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Aug 28-31, 2014, Washington, DC.
- “The program-to-policy linkage: a comparative study of election pledges and government policies in ten countries” (with Thomson, Robert, Terry Royed, Elin Naurin, Joaquin Artés, Laurenz Ennsner-Jedenastik, Catherine Moury, Francois Pétry, & Katrin Schermann), presented at the American Political Science Association (APSA) Meeting in Washington, 28-31 August 2014.
- “Political Blackmail, Institutional Infighting and Electoral Politics: the Impact of the Economic Crisis on Elections in Romania and Bulgaria” (with Magda Giurcanu), presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Aug 28-31, 2014, Washington, DC.
- “The program-to-policy linkage: a comparative study of election pledges and government policies in ten countries” (with Thomson, Robert, Terry Royed, Elin Naurin, Joaquin Artés, Petia Kostadinova & Catherine Moury), presented at International Political Science Association, Montreal June 2014.
- “Types of Social Policy Arrangements Across Europe: Where Do the Post-Communist Countries Fit?”, presented at the 2014 MPSA conference, April 3-6, 2014, Chicago, IL
- “The program-to-policy linkage: a comparative study of election pledges and government policies in ten countries” (with Thomson, Robert, Terry Royed, Elin Naurin, Joaquin Artés, Petia Kostadinova & Catherine Moury), presented at Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, January 2014.
- “Media Portrayal of Election Promises. The Case of Bulgaria, 1990-2005”, presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Aug 29- Sept 1, 2013, Chicago, IL.
- “The Program-to-Policy Linkage: A Comparative Study of Election Pledges and Government Policies in the United States, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Ireland, Spain, Italy, Bulgaria, Germany, France, Portugal and Sweden” (with Robert Thomson, Terry J. Royed, Elin Naurin, Joaquin Artes, Mark J. Ferguson, and Catherine Moury), presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Aug 29- Sept 1, 2013, Chicago, IL
- “Improving the Transparency and Accountability of EU Institutions via the Office of the European Ombudsman” Prepared for the Biannual Meeting of the European Union Studies Association, May 9-12, 2013, Baltimore MD. *Nominated by panel discussant for inclusion in the special issue to be published with select conference proceedings.*
- “Pledge fulfillment in times of economic transformation: exploring the role of government type, duration, and economic conditions in post-communist Bulgaria”, prepared for the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 30-Sept 2, 2012, New Orleans, LA.
- “The program-to-policy linkage: a comparative study of election pledges and government policies in the United States, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Ireland, Sweden, Spain, Portugal, Italy and Bulgaria” (with Thomson, Robert, Terry Royed, Elin Naurin, Joaquin Artés, Petia Kostadinova & Catherine Moury), prepared for the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, August 30-September 2, 2012
- “Media Portrayal of the EU in Post-communist Countries: The Role of Governing Parties” (with D. Dimitrova), presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 12-15, 2012, Chicago
- “Do Voters Understand Party Promises? Mandate Responsiveness in East European Politics” (with T. Kostadinova), Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, September 1-4, 2011
- “Pledge fulfillment and representation in post-communist Bulgaria, 1990-1997”, Southern Conference on Slavic Studies, March 25-27, 2010, Gainesville, FL
- “Communicating Reforms: Exploring Media’s Role in the Political and Economic Development of Post-Communist Bulgaria”, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 3-6, 2009, Toronto, ON, Canada and at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 22-25, 2010, Chicago, IL

- “The Politics of Euro Adoption in the New Member States”, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 3-6, 2009, Toronto, ON, Canada
- “Pledge fulfillment in Central and Eastern Europe”. Comparative Party Pledge Group workshop, June 25-26, 2009, Gothenburg, Sweden.
- “The Politics of Euro Adoption in the New Member States”, presented at the Biannual Meeting of the European Union Studies Association, Los Angeles, CA, April 23-25, 2009.
- “Trading for Aid: European Union Development and Pre-Accession Assistance”, presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Conference on the Political Economy of International Institutions, Geneva, Switzerland, Jan 29-Jan 31, 2009
- “Mandate Representation in Central and Eastern Europe, 1990-2007”, presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 3-6, 2008
- “Europeanization of economic policy in the new member states”, EUSA Tenth Bi-annual Conference, Montreal, Canada, May 17-19, 2007.
- “Neo-liberal Suprateritoriality in Central and Eastern Europe” (*updated version of book chapter*), presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 12-15, 2007
- “Democratic Institutions, Public Opinion, and Economic Reforms in Post Communist Europe”, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Marriott Wardman Park, Omni Shoreham, Washington Hilton, Washington, DC, September 1, 2005.
- “Are We There Yet? Preparing for Membership in the European Union”, Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 5-8, 2005.
- “Social Policy During Transition”, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, September 2-5, 2004.
- “Using the Stage Model of Policy-Making to Measure Economic Reform in the Transition Economies of Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union.” (revised), Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 15-18, 2004.
- “Measuring Economic Reform in the Transition Economies: An Innovative Approach and a New Dataset.”, Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 7-10, 2004.
- “European Union Assistance to Central and Eastern Europe: An Examination of the Phare Programme.”, Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association - Southern Region, Gainesville, FL, October 17-18, 2003.
- “Democratic Institutions and the Implementation of Economic Reforms in Postcommunist Europe”, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 28-August 31, 2003.
- “Explaining Progress with Economic Reform in the Post-communist Countries”, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 29-September 1, 2002.
- “Progress with Economic Reform after Communism: Stumbling Blocks and Building Blocks”, Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA, November 7-10, 2001.

#### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

- Discussant, Panel 160 The Study of Parties and Interest Groups: From Parallel to Overlapping Research Agendas. 24<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Europeanists, July 12-14, 2017, Glasgow, UK
- Discussant, Panel 8G Immigration and Border Control in Comparative Perspective. 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial International Conference European Union Studies Association, May 4-7, 2017, Miami, FL
- Chair, Panel 13-8 Parties and Elections in Post-Communist Europe, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 16-19, 2015, Chicago, IL.
- Discussant, Panel 29-22 Political Content of News Media, Annual Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 12-15, 2012, Chicago

Discussant, Poster Session 19-201 Domestic Politics, International Politics, and International Organization and Panel 27-25 Controversies in Media Coverage, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 22-25, 2010, Chicago, IL

Discussant, Panel 13-5 Peculiarities of Postcommunist Electoral Behavior at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 3-6, 2009, Toronto, ON, Canada

Chair and Discussant, Panel on “Corruption” in Section on Politics of Communist and Former Communist Countries, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 3-6, 2008

Chair, Panel on “Here We Go Again: Economic Reforms in Communist and Post-communist Countries”, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 12-15, 2007.

Chair and Discussant, Panel on “Comparative Politics: Issues in Regional Integration” at the Annual Meeting of the Florida Political Science Association, Gainesville, FL, March 13, 2004.

Chair and Discussant, Panel on “Economic Voting in Third Wave Democracies” at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 7-10, 2004.

Discussant, Panel on “Politics of the European Union” at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association Southern Region, Gainesville, FL, October 17-18, 2003.

Chair, Panel on “Globalization and Its Discontents” at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association Southern Region, Gainesville, FL, October 17-18, 2003.

## TEACHING

Courses Taught At University of Illinois at Chicago

**Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics.** Lower level undergraduate course, a basic introduction to the field of comparative politics, theories of political development and case studies.

**West European Politics.** Lower level undergraduate course providing a broad overview of the politics and political systems of Western Europe, as they have developed after WWII. The course emphasizes the political determinants and policy consequences of institutional differences.

**Europe and Its Neighbors.** Honors College seminar discussing the European Union’s enlargement and neighborhood policies.

**Political Parties: main-stream, extremist, and populist parties in comparative perspective.** Lower level undergraduate course exploring the ideologies, structures, and organization of political parties in western democracies.

**Current Issues in European Union Politics.** Upper level undergraduate seminar overviewing the institutions and economic policies of the EU, followed by a discussion of the Eurocrisis.

**European Union: Politics and Institutions.** Upper division, undergraduate writing in the discipline seminar exploring the history, institutions and policies of the largest trading bloc in the world.

**Seminar in Comparative Politics.** Graduate level seminar introducing students to the field of comparative politics. The course overviews the history, methodology, core readings, and debates in the field.

**Democracy and Democratization.** Upper level undergraduate/graduate seminar surveying the main topics and readings on democracy and democratization within the field of comparative politics.

**Research Methods and Design.** Graduate level required seminar discussing the basics on how to ask a good (manageable) research question(s), how to derive hypotheses, and how to design a research study to address them.

**Comparative Political Institutions:** Graduate level seminar discussing the types of institutional arrangements in western democracies, and their consequences for political and policy outcomes.

Courses taught at other institutions

**Introduction to International Relations.** Lower level undergraduate course, introduction to the theories and institutions of international relations. (FSU)

**East European Politics.** Upper level undergraduate course, overview of the last 50+ years of political



development in the former communist countries. Discussion of current issues in East European politics. (FSU)

**Developing Areas.** Upper level undergraduate course focusing on theories of economic development and case studies of problems facing the developing world. (UF)

**European Economic Integration: Politics and Policy.** Upper level undergraduate course, focusing on the development of the single market and the European Monetary Union, the policies issues and responses surrounding these two processes, as well as the impact on them of the EU's Eastern enlargement. (UF)

**European Union in the World.** Upper level undergraduate course, focusing on the European Union's foreign policy, economic and developmental relationship with its candidate countries, neighbors and neighbors-want-to-be. *Offered at the CES Study Abroad Program in Brussels, Belgium.* (UF)

**European Union Enlargements.** Upper level undergraduate course exploring the relationship between a changing European Union and the applicant countries wishing to join it. (UF)

#### Other Teaching and Supervisory Activities

##### *Dissertation and MA Theses Committees*

Beyza Buyuker (Ph.D. Political Science, member)

Ajara Chekirova (Ph.D. Political Science, member)

Melanie Mierzejewski-member (Ph.D. Political Science; UIC; defended Summer 2014)

Katherine McAuliffe-member (MA Journalism; UF; defended Spring 2010)

Kristina Roberts-member (MA Thesis Tourism, Recreation and Sports Management; UF, defended 2007)

Christopher Karadjov-member (Ph.D, College of Journalism; UF; defended Spring 2007)

##### *Comparative Politics Field Exam Committees (UIC only)*

Fall 2017: Michael Dirksen, Michael Ledezma, Maureen Ponicki, Mine Tafolar

Spring 2017: Meggan Trevey

Fall 2016: Beyza Buyuker; Semih Patan

Spring 2016: Ion Nimerescu, Eliska Schnabel

Spring 2015: Huan Chang, Ajara Chekirova

Spring 2014: Douglas Cantor, Elizabeth Alejo, Anahit Gromsian, Leslie Price

Fall 2013: Patricia Hajek

Fall 2012: Luciano Da Ros

Spring 2012: Catherine Griffiths, Amy Schoenecker

##### *Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committees*

Hugh Vondracek (member; Spring 2014; UIC)

Sarah Zaidi (member; Spring 2012; UIC)

Jeanette Leal (chair; AY 2010-11; UF)

Regina Topolinskaya (chair; AY 2010-11; UF)

Corinne Tomasi (chair; AY 2009-10; UF)

Richard Baron (chair; AY 2009-10; UF)

Audrey Couprie (chair; AY 2008-09; UF)

Maria Bingemann (chair; AY 2008-09; UF)

Julie Shaffer (chair; AY 2008-09; UF)

Benjamin Freeman (chair; AY 2006-07; UF)

John November (chair; AY 2005-2006; UF).

##### *Independent Study/Dissertation Research Supervision*

Ajara Chekirova-graduate (Spring 2015; UIC)

Rita Nassar-graduate (Fall 2014-Spring 2015, UIC)

Eliska Schnabel-graduate (Fall 2014-Spring 2015, UIC)

Ion Nimerescu-graduate (Spring 2015, UIC)  
Adam Harper-undergraduate (Spring 2015; UIC)  
Alfred Hegyes-undergraduate (Spring 2015; UIC)  
Robert Olszanski-undergraduate (Spring 2015; UIC)  
Pedro Ramirez-undergraduate (Spring 2015; UIC)  
Huan Chang-graduate (Fall 2014, UIC)  
Olga Poes-graduate (Fall 2014; UIC)  
Anahit Gomtsian-graduate (Spring 2014; UIC)  
Leslie Price-graduate (Spring 2014; UIC)  
Gabriela Miankova-undergraduate (Fall 2013; UIC)  
Medzit Redzepi-undergraduate (Fall 2013; UIC)  
Paulina Fira-undergraduate (Spring 2013; UIC)  
Brittanie Wilczak-graduate (Spring 2013; UIC)  
Majd Abdel-undergraduate (Spring 2012; UIC)  
Elizabeth Christian-undergraduate (Spring 2012; UIC)  
Hermene Luis-undergraduate (Spring 2012; UIC)  
John Valdez-undergraduate (Spring 2012; UIC)  
Catherine Griffiths-graduate (Fall 2011; UIC)  
Patricia Hajek-graduate (Fall 2011; UIC)  
Andrew Swanson-graduate (Fall 2011; UIC)  
LaToya Edwards-undergraduate (Spring 2006; UF)

#### *Mentorship/Advising*

##### Honors College at UIC

Eddie Gross (Fall 2017-), Francisco Haded Van Stelle (2017-), Eunice Kpatah (Fall 2016-),  
Alejandra Burgos (Fall 2016-), Vanessa Hofer (Spring 2012- Spring 2015), Maria Belen Morales  
(Spring 2012- Spring 2015), Cai O'Connell (Spring 2012- Spring 2015), Ammar Sheikah (Spring  
2012- Spring 2015), Lucas Stanfield (Spring 2012-Spring 2015), Medzit Redzepi (Spring 2012-  
Spring 2014), Kenneth Thomas (Spring 2012), Brian Harrison (Spring 2012), Angela Betancourt  
(Spring 2012)

##### University Scholar Program at UF

Regina Topolinskaya (Summer 2010)  
Benjamin Freeman (Summer 2005)

#### *Study Abroad Experience*

Co-director UF Study Abroad in Brussels (Summer 2006; 2007; 2008; 2010)

#### *Other*

Organized and coordinated a multi-disciplinary multi-faculty graduate seminar *Introduction to European Studies*, part of the CES Graduate Certificate in European Studies: Fall 2006; 2007; 2008; 2009

### **SERVICE**

#### To the Profession

Spring 2017 ASEES Program Committee member – 2017 Convention  
Spring 2017 APSA Comparative Democratization Section: Best Fieldwork Award Committee member  
Fall 2014- Editorial Board member, *Annals of the University of Bucharest. Political Science Series*  
Spring 2014- Midwest Political Science Association Women's Caucus Mentor  
2010-2014 Editorial Board Member, APSA Comparative Democratization Section Newsletter  
2008-2010 Managing Board Member, American Research Center in Sofia

**Reviewer** for *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Political Science Review*; *British Journal*

*of Political Science; Europe-Asia Studies; East European Politics and Societies; European Journal of Political Research; European Political Science Review; European Union Politics; International Journal of Communication; International Journal of Press/Politics; International Studies Review; Intersections. East European Journal of Society and Politics; Journal of Common Market Studies; Journal of Media and Communication Studies; Media Studies; Politics and Policy; Hart Publishing; Polity Press.*

Contributed as an **expert-interviewee** to the following databases (1) Chapel Hill Expert Survey on party positioning on European integration, ideology and policy issues for national parties in a variety of European countries (2014 & 2010); (2) Voter Facilitation, University of Helsinki, Finland (2013 and 2015); (3) Electoral Integrity Project, University of Sidney, Australia (2014); (4) Robert Elgie's Semipresidentialism index (2015). (5) Expert Survey on Ethnonationalism in Party Competition (EPAC), University of Konstanz and University of Bern (2017)

To the University of Illinois at Chicago

Fulbright preparatory interviews, committee member (Fall 2016; Fall 2017)

Carnegie Junior Research Fellows preparatory interviews, committee member, Office of Special Scholarship and Programs (Fall 2015)

Riddle Prize for Outstanding Senior, committee member (Fall 2015)

National Security Education Program scholarship review panel, member (Spring 2013)

Honors College admissions interviews (Spring 2012)

Marshall Scholarships, committee member (Fall 2011)

To the Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, Chicago

Advisory Committee, AY 2016-2017; AY 2017-2018

Graduate Committee (AY 2011-2012; AY 2017-2018)

Speaker Series Committee (AY 2011-2012; AY 2014-2015)

Awards Committee (Rakove and Echols, 2012; Echols, Spring 2015)

Undergraduate Committee (Spring 2014)

American Politics Search Committee (Fall 2011)

To the Center for European Studies and the University of Florida

Spring 2010-Spring 2011 Member, Polish Studies Faculty Search Committee

Spring 2010-Spring 2011 Member, FLAS Awards Committee

Spring 2007-Spring 2011 Member, CES Graduate Teaching Competition Committee

Spring 2010 Chair, CES Strategic Planning Committee

Spring 2010 Member, CES Travel Awards Committee

Summer 2009 Chair, Modern European Studies Faculty Search

2006-2008 Chair, FLAS Awards Committee

Fall 2008 Member, CES Scheduling Committee

Spring 2008 Member, Scholarship Review Committee, UF International Center

Fall 2007 Member, CES Travel Awards Committee

Spring 2007-Fall 2007 Member, Turkish Studies Search Committee (two separate searches)

Spring 2007-Fall 2008 Faculty Adviser of the Bulgarian Student Club

Spring 2007 Chair, CES Course Development and Enhancement Awards Committee

Spring 2007 Member, Scholarship Review Committee, UF International Center

Fall 2006 – Fall 2007 Member, CES Speakers Committee

Fall 2006 Member, CES Social Science *Bread and Butter* Course Committee

Fall 2006 Member, CES Scheduling Committee

Spring 2006 Member, CES By-laws Committee

Spring 2006 Member, CES Travel Awards Committee

Spring 2006 Chair, CES Course Development and Enhancement Awards Committee

Spring 2005                      Reviewer for the *Research Opportunity Incentive Seed Fund*, UF  
Research and Graduate Programs  
Fall 2005 – Fall 2007        Faculty Adviser of ADRIA, Southeast Europe Student Organization  
Fall 2004 –Fall 2009        Member C4 Campus Committee

To the community

AY 2014-15                      Advisory Board member Rose K. Goedert Early Childhood Education  
Center, Dominican University, River Forest, IL  
AY 2016-17                      Advisory Board member Rose K. Goedert Early Childhood Education  
Center, Dominican University, River Forest, IL

**LECTURES, OUTREACH AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

“European Economic Integration: brief history and implications” at the Annual Teacher Workshop *What is the Euro*, Rotary Club and Kiwanis Club Meetings, Gainesville, FL, Spring 2008-Spring 2010.  
“Economic Integration, the Euro and Trade with the World” at *Everything You Always Wanted to Know About the European Union and You Are Not Afraid to Ask Series*, Oak Hammock’s Institute of Learning in Retirement, Jan. 24, 2008, Gainesville, FL  
“Economics of the European Union” at *Understanding and Teaching the European Union*, A Summer Workshop for Secondary School Educators, June 15, 2007, Tampa, FL  
“Regional Trade Agreement and Opportunities in Europe” at the Florida International Business Summit, February 2007, Jacksonville, FL  
Interview with Columbia University’s WKCR 89.9 “Bulgaria and Romania’s Accession to the European Union”, Jan. 4, 2007.  
“Wearable Art and More: Traditional Artifacts from Eastern Europe” at the CES co-sponsored Global Education Teacher Workshop, December 7, 2006, Gainesville, FL.  
Cultural consultant for UF’s Engineers Without Borders project “Solid Waste Management and Environmental Education Development” in Kratovo, Republic of Macedonia; conducted an evening workshop on Macedonia for the project participants, Jan 12, 2006, Gainesville, FL.  
“Living, Working and Studying in United Europe” at the *International Business Society 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Speaker Series*, Gainesville, FL, Nov 29-30, 2005, Gainesville, FL.  
“Issues Facing the European Union” lecture for *CPO 4042 Advanced Industrial Societies*, Nov 21, 2005, Gainesville, FL.  
“The European Union and Florida” at the CES-sponsored *Workshop on Europe and the CE Mark –A Marketing Strategy*, Jacksonville, FL, June 14, 2005, Gainesville, FL.  
“Living in the European Union” at the *Teaching about the European Union* workshop for K-12 teachers, June 13, 2005, Gainesville, FL.  
“EU Enlargement: From 15 to 25 and Beyond” at the CES-sponsored *Short Course on the European Union*, in cooperation with the Institute for Learning in Retirement; Gainesville, FL, February 1, 2005.  
“Mars, Venus or Mercury? US and EU: Partners in Prosperity” at the *CES co-sponsored Global and Transnational Teacher Workshop on Global Trade*; Gainesville, FL; November 2, 2004  
“Minorities in Bulgaria” lecture for *SYA 4930 European Nationalism*; Gainesville, FL; October 6, 2004  
“Balkan Food” at the CES co-sponsored Global and Transnational Teacher Workshop on International Food; Gainesville, FL; June 16, 2004.  
“The EU and Florida – the Basics” at the CES-organized *Workshop on Doing Business in the New Europe*, Orlando, FL, March 05, 2004.

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

Spring 2014        Nominated for Honors College Fellow of the Year (UIC)  
Fall 2010        Student-recognized Outstanding Professor, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (UF)  
Fall 2009        Student-recognized Outstanding Professor, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (UF)

Fall 2004      Student-recognized Outstanding Professor, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (UF)

**LANGUAGE SKILLS**

Bulgarian (native speaker); English (fluent); Russian (comprehensive reading and listening skills, basic conversational skills); German (basic conversational and reading skills); French (beginners' skills)

**INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL**

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Portugal, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom

**CES ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS (at University of Florida)**

Grant writing, administration and reporting; Coordinate the development of new degrees and courses; Student advising (including degree seeking, study abroad and FLAS); Conference planning and organization; Presence at most outreach events; Faculty searches; Personnel appointments (Faculty, Short term visitors, Grad assistants, Fellowship students, OPS, TEAMS/USPS); Staff performance evaluations; Immigration compliance (H1B and permanent residency, J visas); Budget Officer, Outreach Coordinator, Academic Programs Coordinator, webmaster, internship coordinator.

**PEOPLESOFT TRAINING (at University of Florida)**

Identity Management Training; Intro to Purchasing in myUF Market; Introducing E-Verify; Reporting: Basics; Fringe Benefits Pool Overview; ePAF Fax Imaging Review; Effort Reporting Process at UF; Grant Closeout Process; Introduction to ePAF; Hiring&Additional Pay; Job/Position Actions; Cost Sharing & CAS Compliance; Performance Mgmt Overview; Time & Labor Approvers; Time & Labor Admin; Paying Vendors; Intro to Purchasing; Budget & Commitment Control; Travel and Expense; eRecruit 1: Posting a Position; Grants 2: Advance Features; Grants 1: Create and Submit; eRecruit 1: Posting a Position; Job/Position Actions

**REFERENCES**

Available upon request