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### **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

Associate Professor, Dept of Political Science, University of Illinois at Chicago 8/2019–present  
Director for Undergraduate Studies, 2018–present  
Faculty Fellow, Honors College, 2012–present  
Affiliate Member, CEERES, University of Chicago, 2010–present  
Assistant Professor, Dept of Political Science, University of Illinois at Chicago 8/2011–8/2019  
Associate Director, Center for European Studies, University of Florida, 08/2008–08/2011  
*50% service and administration, 25% research, 25% teaching*  
Assistant Director, Center for European Studies, University of Florida, 05/2004–08/2008  
*75% service and administration, 25% teaching*  
Internship Coordinator, European Union Studies Program, University of Florida, 08/2003–05/2004  
*100% administration*  
Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Florida, 12/2002–05/2004  
Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Florida State University, 08/2002–12/2002

### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Political Science, Florida State University, 2002  
M.S. Political Science, Florida State University, 1999  
B.A. Political Science-International Relations, American University in Bulgaria, 1997

### **BOOK PROJECTS – IN PROGRESS**

Kostadinova, Petia and Kjell Engelbrekt (eds). *Bulgaria's Democratic Institutions at Thirty: A Balance Sheet* – under contract Lexington Books; forthcoming in 2020  
Kostadinova, Petia. *All [European] Politics is Local: aggregating and promoting sub-national interests through the European Union's Committee of the Regions*

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Stoyanov, Dragomir, and Petia Kostadinova. “Bulgarian Political Parties and European Integration: From anticommunism to Euroscepticism.” *European Politics and Societies* – forthcoming  
Kostadinova, Petia, and Magda Giurcanu. 2019. “Europarties’ election pledges and European Commission legislative priorities: An assessment of their overlap.” *Party Politics*. Published online Jan 7, 2019.  
Kostadinova, Petia. 2019. “Influential News: Impact of Print Media Reports on the Fulfillment of Election Promises.” *Political Communication* 36(3): 412–425.  
Kostadinova, Petia, and Magda Giurcanu. 2018. “Capturing the Legislative Priorities of the Transnational Europarties and the European Commission: a pledge approach.” *European Union Politics* 19(2): 363–379.

- Thomson, Robert, Terry Royed, Elin Naurin, Joaquin Artes, Rory Costello, Laurenz Ennser-Jedenastik, Mark Ferguson, Petia Kostadinova, Catherine Moury, Francois Petry, Katrin Praprotnik. 2017. "The Fulfillment of Parties' Election Pledges: A Comparative Study on the Impact of Power Sharing." *American Journal of Political Science* 61: 527–542.
- Kostadinova, Petia. 2017. "Party pledges in the news: Which election promises do the media report?" *Party Politics* 23(6): 636–645.
- Kostadinova, Tatiana and Petia Kostadinova. 2016. "Party Promises, Voter Understanding, and Mandate Responsiveness in East European Politics." *Politics and Policy* 44(1): 5–34.
- 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.
- 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.
- Kostadinova, Petia. 2015. "Media in the New Democracies of Postcommunist Eastern Europe." *East European Politics and Societies* 29(2): 453–466.
- 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.
- Kostadinova, Petia. 2013. "Democratic Performance in Post-communist Bulgaria: Election Pledges and Levels of Fulfillment, 1997-2005." *East European Politics* 29(2): 190–207.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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

- Kostadinova, Petia, and Robert Thomson. "Parties in Government" in Costello, Rory and Neil Robinson, eds. *Democratic Politics in Europe: A Comparative Perspective*. Oxford University Press (in press)
- Kostadinova, Petia, and Tatiana Kostadinova. 2019. "Measuring Elusive Concepts in Post-communist Environment" in Figiel, Kasia, ed. *SAGE Research Methods Cases - Politics & International Relations*. Sage.
- Kostadinova, Petia. 2019. "Bulgaria" in Elin Naurin, Terry Royed, and Robert Thomson eds. *Party Mandates and Democracy Making, Breaking, and Keeping Pledges in Twelve Countries*. University of Michigan Press.
- 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.
- 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

- Kostadinova, Petia, and Maria Popova. 2015. "The 2014 Bulgarian Parliamentary Elections." *Electoral Studies* 38: 114–118.

- Kostadinova, Petia, and Maria Popova. 2014. "The 2013 Bulgarian Parliamentary Elections." *Electoral Studies* 34(June): 365–368.
- Kostadinova, Petia. 2010. Review of Chang's Monetary Integration in the European Union. *EUSA Review* 23:1
- 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

- Kostadinova, Petia and Maria Popova. 2017. "The 2017 legislative elections in Bulgaria" <http://presidential-power.com/?p=6231>
- Kostadinova, Petia. 2016. "Bulgaria elects an opposition candidate as its next President and incumbent PM resigns" <http://presidential-power.com/?p=5612>
- 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>
- 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/>
- Kostadinova, Petia. Interview on the Summer 2013 Bulgarian Protests in the Greek Newspaper *To Vima*, July 14, 2013.
- 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/>

#### **WORK IN PROGRESS**

- Kostadinova, Petia. "The European Union: An Institutional Overview" in Lancaster, Thomas, ed. *Comparative European Politics*. Routledge – *under contract*
- Thomson, Robert, Catherine Moury, Rory Costello, Laurenz Ennser-Jedenastik, Mark Ferguson, Petia Kostadinova, and Katrin Praprotnik. "The conditional effect of ministerial portfolio allocation on the fulfillment of election pledges" – *under review*
- Kostadinova, Petia, Eulàlia P. Abril, and Andreu Casero Ripollés. "Reporting of election pledges in divisive elections: The Case of Spain 2016." – *conference paper undergoing revisions*
- Ripollés, Andreu Casero, Eulalia Puig Abril, and Petia Kostadinova. "Print Media and Twitter Accounts of Issues: Spanish 2016 Presidential Elections" - *conference paper undergoing revisions*
- "Voter Evaluations of Pledge Fulfillment in non-Western Democracies" – *project submitted for external funding*.
- "Can Keeping Promises Fail Democracy – an assessment of the role of constituency groups in pledge fulfillment" – *project in (re)coding stages*

#### **HONORS AND RECOGNITION**

- 1st Routledge Prize for the best Council of European Studies paper on "Elections, Parties and Party Systems," July 2017
- Nominated for best paper award, European Union Studies Association Conference, May 2013
- Nominated for Honors College Fellow of the Year, University of Illinois at Chicago, Spring 2014
- Student-recognized Outstanding Professor, CLAS, University of Florida, Fall 2010
- Student-recognized Outstanding Professor, CLAS, University of Florida, Fall 2009
- Student-recognized Outstanding Professor, CLAS, University of Florida, Fall 2004

## EXTERNAL GRANTS

- (PI) **EUSA Academic Workshop** 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*. Funding support for Fall 2016 (\$10,000).
- (PI) **UIUC European Union Center Programming** *Fortress Europe or E Pluribus Unum?: Multilevel governance and the governance of migration and asylum in the EU*. Funding support for Fall 2016 (\$1000).
- (PI) **UIUC European Union Center Travel Grant** Funding to support research on 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)
- (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 at the University of Florida. 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 with Amie Kreppel) **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) at the University of Florida, 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 with Amie Kreppel) **European Commission Jean Monnet Program-Jean Monnet Course Module**. Funding to support the development of a new course on the European Union at the University of Florida. 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)

## MAJOR INTERNAL GRANTS

- 2014 OSSR Seed Grant** (UIC). Funding 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 (\$4,350)
- Faculty Opportunity Enhancement Award** (UF). Funding from the Office of the Provost 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)

## INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

- Center for European Studies University of Florida** "Bulgarian Political Parties and European Integration: From anticommunism to Euroscepticism?" University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, March 29, 2019
- European Union Center in Taiwan** "Workshop on the Development of Democracy and Local Governance: Comparative Studies of EU, US and Asia," National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan, November 24-26, 2018.

**Council for European Studies, 6th Annual Workshop** “Historical Study of States and Regimes,”  
University of Illinois at Chicago, March 27, 2018.

**The Impact of Campaign Promises on Voter Behavior** – Tabitha Bonilla’s book workshop  
Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, May 30, 2017.

**Panel discussion “Divided Nations: Past, Present, and Future”** featuring Consul General Herbert  
Quelle and Deputy Consul General Jae Woong Lee, organized by Germanic Studies Department,  
University of Illinois at Chicago, November 3, 2015.

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

**Agenda-setting in the European Union: Beyond the European Commission.** Workshop sponsored by  
the Jean Monnet Center of Excellence at the University of Florida, Gainesville, March 13-14, 2015.

**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.

**Comparative Party Pledge Group - workshop** 27-28 June 2011, Department of Political Science,  
University of Gothenburg.

**Comparative Party Pledge Group - workshop** 24-25 June 2010, Nova University Lisbon, Portugal.

**Comparative Party Pledge Group - workshop** 25-26 June 2009, Department of Political Science,  
University of Gothenburg.

#### **PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES (PEER-REVIEWED)**

- Tafolar, Mine, and Petia Kostadinova “Can Keeping Promises Fail Democracy? Disaggregating  
Campaign Pledges in Turkey and the US”

*American Political Science Association, Aug 29-Sept 1, 2019 Washington, DC*

- Kostadinova, Petia. “Local elections in transition societies: the role of party promises”

*ASEEES 2018 Annual Convention, December 6-9, 2019, Boston, MA.*

*Researching and Teaching the EU: Best Practices and Current Trends in EU Scholarship: A  
Working Conference for Regional College Faculty, November 9-10, 2018, University of Illinois  
Urbana Champaign EU Center*

- Ripollés, Andreu Casero, Eulalia Puig Abril, and Petia Kostadinova. “Party pledges in the media and on  
Twitter during the 2016 Presidential Elections in Spain.”

*Midwest Political Science Association, Apr 4-7, 2019 Chicago, IL*

*American Political Science Association, Aug 30-Sept 2, 2018 Boston, MA*

*World Association for Public Opinion Research. June 27-30, 2018, Marrakesh, Morocco*

- Kostadinova, Petia. “All [European] Politics Is Local: Aggregating and Promoting Sub-National  
Interests through the European Union’s Committee of the Regions.”

*Midwest Political Science Association Conference April 5-8, 2018, Chicago, IL*

*25<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Europeanists, March 28-30, 2018, Chicago, IL*

- Kostadinova, Petia. “Local Elections in Transition Societies: The Role of Party Promises.”

*25<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Europeanists, March 28-30, 2018, Chicago, IL*

- Kostadinova, Petia. “Election promises in the spotlight: how the visibility of party pledges in the media  
facilitates their fulfillment.”

*American Political Science Association Conference, Aug 31-Sept 3, 2017, San Francisco, CA.*

*24<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Europeanists, July 12-14, 2017, Glasgow, UK*

**Awarded 1st Routledge Prize for the best CES paper on “Elections, Parties and Party Systems”**

*Annual of the European Political Science Association, June 22-24, 2017, Milan, Italy*

*ASEEES 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, Nov 17-20, 2016, Washington DC*

- Kostadinova, Petia, and Magda Giurcanu. “Election Pledges By Euro-Parties: Linking the Priorities of

- the European Parliament and the European Commission?”  
*24th International Conference of Europeanists, July 12-14, 2017, Glasgow, UK*
- 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.”  
*Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 6-9, 2017, Chicago, IL*
  - Thomson, Robert, Terry J. Royed, Elin Naurin, Joaquin Artes, Rory Costello, Dominic Duval, Mark J. Ferguson, Petia Kostadinova, Catherine Moury, Francois Petry, and Katrin Praprotnik. “Why do governments fulfill opposition parties’ election pledges?”  
*American Political Science Association Conference, September 1-4, 2016, Philadelphia, PA*  
*Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 7-10, 2016, Chicago, IL*
  - Giurcanu, Magda and Petia Kostadinova. “In Search for an Electoral Link between the EU Electorate(s) and the EU proposals: Reality or Wishful Thinking.”  
*Researching and Teaching the EU: Best Practices and Current Trends in EU Scholarship: A Working Conference for Regional College Faculty, November 9-10, 2018, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign EU Center*  
*European Political Science Association Conference, June 23-25, 2016, Brussels, Belgium*  
*Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 7-10, 2016, Chicago, IL*
  - Kostadinova, Petia, and Magda Giurcanu. “Assessing the Place of Election Pledges by Euro-parties in the European Commission’s Pre-legislative Proposals.”  
*European Consortium for Political Research 8th Pan-European Conference on the European Union, 16-18 June 2016, Trento, Italy*
  - Kostadinova, Petia. “Election Promises in Bulgaria, 1990-2013: Numbers, Issues, and Voter Choice.”  
*American Political Science Association Conference, Sept 2-6, 2015, San Francisco, CA*
  - Kostadinova, Petia. “Democracy Beneath the Nation State: The Impact of the European Union on the Political Autonomy of Local Leaders.”  
*Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 16-19, 2015, Chicago, IL*
  - Kostadinova, Petia. “The Committee of the Regions of the European Union: its role in enhancing local democracy.”  
*Researching and Teaching the EU: Best Practices and Current Trends in EU Scholarship: A Working Conference for Regional College Faculty, March 12-13, 2015, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign EU Center*
  - Kostadinova, Petia. “Media in the New Democracies of Eastern Europe.”  
*Whither Eastern Europe? Changing Political Science Perspectives on the Region. ACLS, EEPS, and UF Workshop, January 9-11, 2014, Gainesville, FL*
  - Kostadinova, Petia. “Improving the Transparency and Accountability of EU Institutions via the Office of the European Ombudsman.”  
*Researching and Teaching the EU: Best Practices and Current Trends in EU Scholarship: A Working Conference for Regional College Faculty, January 16-17, 2014, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign EU Center*  
*Biannual Meeting of the European Union Studies Association, May 9-12, 2013, Baltimore, MD*
  - Kostadinova, Petia. “Media Portrayal of Election Promises. The Case of Bulgaria, 1990-2013.”  
*American Political Science Association Conference, Aug 28-31, 2014, Washington, DC*  
*American Political Science Association Conference, Aug 29- Sept 1, 2013, Chicago, IL*
  - Thomson, Robert, Terry Royed, Elin Naurin, Joaquin Artés, Laurenz Ennser-Jedenastik, Catherine Moury, Petia Kostadinova, Francois Pétry, & Katrin Schermann “The program-to-policy linkage: a

- comparative study of election pledges and government policies in ten countries.”  
*American Political Science Association Conference, Aug 28-31, 2014, Washington, DC*  
*International Political Science Association Conference, June 2014, Montreal, Canada*  
*Southern Political Science Association Conference, January 2014, New Orleans, LA*  
*American Political Science Association Conference, Aug 29- Sept 1, 2013, Chicago, IL*  
*American Political Science Association Conference, Aug 30-Sept 2, 2012, New Orleans, LA*
- Kostadinova, Petia, and Magda Giurcanu. “Political Blackmail, Institutional Infighting and Electoral Politics: the Impact of the Economic Crisis on Elections in Romania and Bulgaria”  
*American Political Science Association Conference, Aug 28-31, 2014, Washington, DC*
  - Kostadinova, Petia. “Types of Social Policy Arrangements Across Europe: Where Do the Post-Communist Countries Fit?”  
*Midwest Political Science Conference, April 3-6, 2014, Chicago, IL*
  - Kostadinova, Petia. “Pledge fulfillment in times of economic transformation: exploring the role of government type, duration, and economic conditions in post-communist Bulgaria.”  
*American Political Science Association Conference, August 30-Sept 2, 2012, New Orleans, LA*
  - Dimitrova, Daniela, and Petia Kostadinova. “Media Portrayal of the EU in Post-communist Countries: The Role of Governing Parties.”  
*Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 12-15, 2012, Chicago, IL*
  - Kostadinova, Tatiana, and Petia Kostadinova. “Do Voters Understand Party Promises? Mandate Responsiveness in East European Politics.”  
*American Political Science Association Conference, September 1-4, 2011, Seattle, WA*
  - Kostadinova, Petia. “Pledge fulfillment and representation in post-communist Bulgaria, 1990-1997.”  
*Southern Conference on Slavic Studies, March 25-27, 2010, Gainesville, FL*
  - Kostadinova, Petia, and Daniela Dimitrova. “Communicating Reforms: Exploring Media’s Role in the Political and Economic Development of Post-Communist Bulgaria.”  
*Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 22-25, 2010, Chicago, IL*  
*American Political Science Association Conference, September 3-6, 2009, Toronto, ON, Canada*
  - Kostadinova, Petia. “The Politics of Euro Adoption in the New Member States.”  
*American Political Science Association Conference, September 3-6, 2009, Toronto, ON, Canada*  
*European Union Studies Association Conference, April 23-25, 2009, Los Angeles, CA*
  - Kostadinova, Petia. “Trading for Aid: European Union Development and Pre-Accession Assistance.”  
*Conference on the Political Economy of International Institutions, Geneva, Switzerland, Jan 29-Jan 31, 2009*
  - Kostadinova, Petia. “Mandate Representation in Central and Eastern Europe, 1990-2007.”  
*Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 3-6, 2008, Chicago, IL*
  - Kostadinova, Petia. “Europeanization of economic policy in the new member states.”  
*European Union Studies Association Conference, May 17-19, 2007, Montreal, Canada*
  - Kostadinova, Petia. “Neo-liberal Suprateritoriality in Central and Eastern Europe.”  
*Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 12-15, 2007, Chicago, IL*
  - Kostadinova, Petia. “Democratic Institutions, Public Opinion, and Economic Reforms in Post Communist Europe.”  
*American Political Science Association Conference, September 1, 2005, Washington, DC*
  - Kostadinova, Petia. “Are We There Yet? Preparing for Membership in the European Union.”  
*Southern Political Science Association, January 5-8, 2005, New Orleans, LA*
  - Kostadinova, Petia. “Social Policy During Transition.”  
*American Political Science Association Conference, September 2-5, 2004, Chicago, IL*

- Kostadinova, Petia. “Using the Stage Model of Policy-Making to Measure Economic Reform in the Transition Economies of Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union.”  
*Midwest Political Science Association, April 15-18, 2004, Chicago, IL*
- Kostadinova, Petia. “Measuring Economic Reform in the Transition Economies: An Innovative Approach and a New Dataset.”  
*Southern Political Science Association Conference, January 7-10, 2004, New Orleans, LA*
- Kostadinova, Petia. “European Union Assistance to Central and Eastern Europe: An Examination of the Phare Programme.”  
*International Studies Association - Southern Region, October 17-18, 2003, Gainesville, FL*
- Kostadinova, Petia. “Democratic Institutions and the Implementation of Economic Reforms in Postcommunist Europe.”  
*American Political Science Association Conference, August 28-31, 2003, Philadelphia, PA*
- Kostadinova, Petia. “Explaining Progress with Economic Reform in the Post-communist Countries”,  
*American Political Science Association Conference, August 29-September 1, 2002, Boston, MA*
- Kostadinova, Petia. “Progress with Economic Reform after Communism: Stumbling Blocks and Building Blocks.”  
*Southern Political Science Association Conference, November 7-10, 2001, Atlanta, GA*

## TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

**Undergraduate Courses Taught:** Current Issues in European Union Politics (UIC); East European Politics (FSU and UIC); European Economic Integration: Politics and Policy (UF); European Union Enlargements (UF); European Union in the World (UF; study abroad); European Union: Politics and Institutions (UIC); Europe and Its Neighbors (UIC; Honors College); Introduction to Comparative Government (UF and UIC); Introduction to International Relations (FSU); Politics of Developing Areas (UF); Political Parties (UIC); West European Politics (UF and UIC);

**Graduate Courses Taught (UIC):** Seminar in Comparative Politics; Democracy and Democratization; Research Methods and Design; Comparative Political Institutions

### Graduate Theses Supervision

- Mine Tafolar – chair (Ph.D. Political Science, University of Illinois at Chicago)
- Beyza Buyuker – member (Ph.D. Political Science, University of Illinois at Chicago)
- Eduardo Salinas – member (Ph.D. Political Science, University of Illinois at Chicago)
- Koldo Fernandez Barutell – member (PhD. Jane Addams College of Social Work, University of Illinois at Chicago).
- Ajara Chekirova – member (Ph.D. Political Science, University of Illinois at Chicago; defended Fall 2019)
- Melanie Mierzejewski – member (Ph.D. Political Science; University of Illinois at Chicago; defended Summer 2014)
- Katherine McAuliffe – member (MA Journalism; University of Florida; defended Spring 2010)
- Kristina Roberts – member (MA Tourism, Recreation and Sports Management; University of Florida, defended 2007)
- Christopher Karadjov – member (Ph.D. Journalism; University of Florida; defended Spring 2007)

### **Undergraduate Honors Theses Supervision**

Kayla Massey – chair (2019-2020; UIC)  
Eddie Gross – chair (2018-2019; UIC)  
Eunice Kpatah – chair (2018-2019; UIC)  
Hugh Vondracek – member (Spring 2014; UIC)  
Sarah Zaidi – member (Spring 2012; UIC)  
Jeanette Leal – chair (2010-11; UF)  
Regina Topolinskaya – chair (2010-11; UF)  
Corinne Tomasi – chair (2009-10; UF)  
Richard Baron – chair (2009-10; UF)  
Audrey Couprie – chair (2008-09; UF)  
Maria Bingemann – chair (2008-09; UF)  
Julie Shaffer – chair (2008-09; UF)  
Benjamin Freeman – chair (2006-07; UF)  
John November – chair (2005-2006; UF)

### **Independent Study/Research Supervision – UIC**

Max Ileyko (undergraduate); topic: Ukraine's relations with the EU (Fall 2019)  
Koldo Fernandez Barutell (graduate); topic: welfare state in times of crisis (Spring 2019)  
Ajara Chekirova (graduate); topic: post-communist parties (Spring 2015)  
Rita Nassar (graduate); topic: ethnic diversity in post-communism (Fall 2014-Spring 2015)  
Eliska Schnabel (graduate); topic: protest vote in post-communist countries (Fall 2014-Spring 2015)  
Ion Nimerescu (graduate); topic: post-communist diaspora (Spring 2015)  
Adam Harper (undergraduate); topic: political legitimacy (Spring 2015)  
Alfred Hegyes (undergraduate); topic: EU and Turkey (Spring 2015)  
Pedro Ramirez (undergraduate); topic: democracy in Eastern Europe (Spring 2015)  
Huan Chang (graduate); topic: local governance (Fall 2014)  
Olga Poes (graduate); topic: aging and social policies (Fall 2014)  
Gabriela Miankova (undergraduate); topic: democracy and the European Parliament (Fall 2013)  
Medzit Redzepi (undergraduate); topic: Macedonia and the EU (Fall 2013)  
Paulina Fira (undergraduate); topic: social policy models in Eastern Europe (Spring 2013)  
Brittanie Wilczak (graduate); topic: comparative health regimes (Spring 2013)  
Elizabeth Christian (undergraduate); topic: EU privacy laws (Spring 2012)  
Hermane Luis (undergraduate); topic: EU enlargement (Spring 2012)  
John Valdez (undergraduate); topic: EU enlargement (Spring 2012)  
Catherine Griffiths (graduate); topic: institutionalism in comparative politics (Fall 2011)

### **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 (2006; 2007; 2008; 2009)

## **SERVICE**

### **To the Profession**

Executive Board member, Council for European Studies “Historical Study of States and Regimes”  
Research Network (summer 2018–present)

Midwest Political Science Association Women’s Caucus Mentor (Spring 2014–present)

Council for European Studies, Program Committee member – 2019 Convention

Editorial Board member, *Annals of the University of Bucharest. Political Science* (Fall 2014–present)

ASEEES Program Committee member–2017 Convention (Spring 2017)

APSA Comparative Democratization Section: Best Fieldwork Award Committee member (Spring 2017)

Editorial Board Member, APSA Comparative Democratization Section Newsletter (2010–2014)

**Ad hoc Reviewer** for: *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Political Science Review*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *Comparative Political Studies*, *Europe-Asia Studies*; *East European Politics*; *East European Politics and Societies*; *European Political Science Review*; *European Research Council*; *European Union Politics*; *Government and Opposition*; *International Journal of Communication*; *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*; *International Journal of Press/Politics*; *International Studies Review*; *Intersections. East European Journal of Society and Politics*; *Journal of Common Market Studies*; *Party Politics*; *Political Studies*; *Political Studies Review*; *Politics and Policy*;

**Expert-interviewee** for the following databases

V-Dem Varieties of Democracy (2020 data wave)

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)

Voter Facilitation, University of Helsinki, Finland (2013 & 2015)

Electoral Integrity Project, University of Sidney, Australia (2014)

Robert Elgie’s Semipresidentialism index (2015)

Expert Survey on Ethnonationalism in Party Competition (EPAC), University of Konstanz and University of Bern (2017)

University of Florence Charismatic Leadership Project by Sorina Soare and Mattia Zulianello (Spring 2018)

Discussant and/or chair: American Political Science Association Conference (2009 & 2018)

Discussant and/or chair: Midwest Political Science Association Conference (2007, 2008, 2015, 2018)

Discussant and/or chair: European Union Studies Association Conference (2017)

Discussant and/or chair: International Conference of Europeanists (2017 & 2018)

Discussant and/or chair: Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Conference (2017; 2018)

Discussant and/or chair: Southern Political Science Association Conference (2004)

Discussant and/or chair: Florida Political Science Association Conference (2004)

Discussant and/or chair: International Studies Association Southern Region (2004)

**To the University of Illinois at Chicago**

Fulbright preparatory interviews, committee member (2016, 2017, 2019)  
Carnegie Junior Research Fellows preparatory interviews, committee member, Office of Special Scholarship and Programs (2015)  
Riddle Prize for Outstanding Senior, committee member (2015)  
National Security Education Program scholarship review panel, member (2013)  
Honors College admissions interviews (2012; 2018)  
Advisor, Honors College (2012 – present)  
Marshall Scholarships, committee member (2011)

**To the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Illinois, Chicago**

Education Policy Committee – elected member, social sciences (2018-2021)

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

American Politics Search Committee (Fall 2011; Fall 2018; Fall 2019)  
Advisory Committee (2016-2017; 2017-2018; 2018-2019)  
Awards Committee: Rakove and Echols (2012); Echols (2015; 2018)  
Best Graduating Senior Award (April 2019)  
Comparative Politics Field Chair, 2019-2020  
Comparative Politics Field Exam Committee (Spring 2018; Fall 2017; Spring 2017; Fall 2016; Spring 2016; Spring 2015; Spring 2014; Fall 2013; Fall 2012; Spring 2012)  
Graduate Committee (2011-2012; 2017-2018; 2018-2019; 2019-2020)  
Speaker Series Committee (2011-2012; 2014-2015)  
Undergraduate Committee (2014)

**To the University of Florida**

Member, Scholarship Review Committee, International Center (2008)  
Member, Scholarship Review Committee, UF International Center (2007)  
Faculty Adviser of the Bulgarian Student Club (2007-2008)  
Reviewer for Research Opportunity Incentive Seed Fund, Research and Graduate Programs (2005)  
Faculty Adviser of ADRIA, Southeast Europe Student Organization (2005–2007)  
Faculty Adviser, University Scholar Program (2005 & 2010)  
Member, C4 Campus Committee (2004–2009)

**To the Center for European Studies and the University of Florida**

Member, Polish Studies Faculty Search Committee (2010–2011)  
Member, FLAS Awards Committee (2010–2011)  
Member, CES Graduate Teaching Competition Committee (2007–2011)  
Chair, CES Strategic Planning Committee (2010)  
Member, CES Travel Awards Committee (2010)  
Chair, Modern European Studies Faculty Search (2009)  
Chair, FLAS Awards Committee (2006–2008)  
Member, CES Scheduling Committee (2008)  
Member, CES Travel Awards Committee (2007)  
Member, Turkish Studies Search Committee (2007)  
Chair, CES Course Development and Enhancement Awards Committee (2007)

Member, CES Speakers Committee (2006–2007)  
Member, CES Social Science Bread and Butter Course Committee (2006)  
Member, CES Scheduling Committee (2006)  
Member, CES By-laws Committee (2006)  
Member, CES Travel Awards Committee (2006)  
Chair, CES Course Development and Enhancement Awards Committee (2006)

### **To the community**

Judge, Eurochallenge High School Competition, March 23, 2018; Illini Center, Chicago, IL  
Advisory Board member Rose K. Goedert Early Childhood Education Center, Dominican University,  
River Forest, IL, AY 2014–15 and AY 2016–17  
Managing Board Member, American Research Center in Sofia, 2008-2010

### **COMMUNITY 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 (2008–2010)  
“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, Gainesville, FL (January 24, 2008)  
“Economics of the European Union” at *Understanding and Teaching the European Union*, A Summer Workshop for Secondary School Educators, Tampa, FL (June 15, 2007)  
“Regional Trade Agreement and Opportunities in Europe” at the *Florida International Business Summit*, Jacksonville, FL (February 2007)  
Interview with Columbia University’s WKCR 89.9 “Bulgaria and Romania’s Accession to the European Union” (January 4, 2007)  
“Wearable Art and More: Traditional Artifacts from Eastern Europe” at the CES co-sponsored *Global Education Teacher Workshop*, Gainesville, FL (December 7, 2006)  
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, Gainesville, FL (January 12, 2006)  
“Living, Working and Studying in United Europe” at the *International Business Society 3rd Annual Speaker Series*, Gainesville, FL (November 29–30, 2005)  
“Issues Facing the European Union” lecture for CPO 4042 Advanced Industrial Societies, Gainesville, FL (November 21, 2005)  
“The European Union and Florida” at the CES-sponsored Workshop on *Europe and the CE Mark – A Marketing Strategy*, Jacksonville, FL (June 14, 2005)  
“Living in the European Union” at the *Teaching about the European Union* workshop for K-12 teachers, Gainesville, FL (June 13, 2005)  
“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)

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

American Political Science Association  
Comparative Democratization section  
Comparative Politics section  
European Politics and Society section  
Political Organizations and Parties section  
Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies  
Council for European Studies  
European Union Studies Association  
Midwest Political Science Association

**LANGUAGE SKILLS**

Bulgarian (native speaker); English (fluent); Russian (advanced reading, basic conversational skills);  
German (novice); French (novice)