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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Dept of Political Science, University of Illinois at Chicago 8/2011–present
Faculty Fellow, Honors College, 2012–present
Affiliate Member, CEERES, University of Chicago, 2010–present
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. *All [European] Politics is Local: aggregating and promoting sub-national interests through the European Union's Committee of the Regions*
Kostadinova, Petia and Kjell Engelbrekt (eds). *Bulgarian Democracy at Thirty: The Interlacing of Political Institutions*

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* 19(2): 363–379.
11. Robert Thomson, 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.
10. Kostadinova, Petia. 2017. "Party pledges in the news: Which election promises do the media report?" *Party Politics* 23(6): 636–645. Article first published online: October 26, 2015.
9. Kostadinova, Tatiana and Petia Kostadinova. 2016. "Party Promises, Voter Understanding, and Mandate Responsiveness in East European Politics." *Politics and Policy* 44(1): 5–34.
8. 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.
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. Kostadinova, Petia and Robert Thomson. “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*. In print 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/>

ARTICLES IN PROGRESS

- Kostadinova, Petia. “Election promises in the spotlight: how the media visibility of party pledges facilitates their fulfilment.” *Under Review and Resubmit for Political Communication*
- Kostadinova, Petia and Tatiana Kostadinova, 2019. “Measuring Elusive Concepts in Post-communist Environment”. *SAGE Research Methods Case (invited submission under review)*
- Kostadinova, Petia and Magda Giurcanu. “Europarties’ election pledges and European Commission legislative priorities: An assessment of their overlap” *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”
- Giurcanu, Magda and Petia Kostadinova “In Search for an Electoral Link between the EU Electorate(s) and the EU proposals: Reality or Wishful Thinking?”
- Kostadinova, Petia. “Pledges in Local Bulgarian Elections – assessment of party manifestos and elite surveys.”
- Edgerly, Stephanie, Petia Kostadinova, Chris Z. Mooney, Mark Poepsel, Aaron Veenstra. “Media Coverage of Illinois Gubernatorial Elections, 2018.”

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 with Alexandra Filindra and R. Daniel Kelemen) **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 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)

INTERNAL GRANTS

- 2017 LAS Junior Faculty Award (UIC).** Funding to attend the 24th International Conference of Europeanists, July 12-14, 2017, Glasgow, UK (\$586)
- 2016 LAS Junior Faculty Award (UIC).** Funding to attend the European Consortium for Political Research Pan-European Conference on the European Union, 16-18 June 2016, Trento, Italy (\$1000)
- 2015 LASURI Award (UIC).** Funding to work with an undergraduate student on local democracy in the Czech Republic and Slovakia (\$500)
- 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 (\$4350)
- 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)
- 2010 Travel Grant (UF).** Funding to attend the Comparative Party Pledge Group workshop, July 1-2, 2010, Lisbon, Portugal (\$400).
- Fall 2009 Travel Grant (UF).** Funding to attend the 2009 Annual American Political Science Association Meeting, Toronto, ON, Canada (\$400)
- Summer 2009 Travel Grant (UF)** Funding to attend Comparative Party Pledge Group workshop, June 25-26, 2009, Gothenburg, Sweden (\$1,000)
- Spring 2009 Travel Grant (UF)** Funding to attend 2nd Conference on Political Economy of International Organizations, Geneva, Switzerland (\$800)
- Spring 2008 Travel Grant (UF)** Funding to attend 66th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (\$300)
- Spring 2007 Travel Grant (UF)** Funding to attend 65th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (\$300)

INITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

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 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)

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

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

World Association for Public Opinion Research Conf. 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

25th International Conference of Europeanists, March 28-30, 2018, Chicago, IL

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

25th 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.

24th 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 48th 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, 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"
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: Introduction to Comparative Government; West European Politics; Europe and Its Neighbors; Political Parties; Current Issues in European Union Politics; European Union: Politics and Institutions; Introduction to International Relations; East European Politics; Developing Areas; European Economic Integration: Politics and Policy; European Union in the World; European Union Enlargements

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

Dissertation and MA Theses Supervision

Beyza Buyuker – member (Ph.D. Political Science, University of Illinois at Chicago)

Ajara Chekirova – member (Ph.D. Political Science, University of Illinois at Chicago)

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

Hugh Vondracek – member (Spring 2014; University of Illinois at Chicago)

Sarah Zaidi – member (Spring 2012; University of Illinois at Chicago)

Jeanette Leal – chair (2010-11; University of Florida)

Regina Topolinskaya – chair (2010-11; University of Florida)

Corinne Tomasi – chair (2009-10; University of Florida)

Richard Baron – chair (2009-10; University of Florida)

Audrey Couprie – chair (2008-09; University of Florida)

Maria Bingemann – chair (2008-09; University of Florida)

Julie Shaffer – chair (2008-09; University of Florida)

Benjamin Freeman – chair (2006-07; University of Florida)

John November – chair (2005-2006; University of Florida)

Independent Study/Research Supervision – UIC

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

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)
Midwest Political Science Association Women’s Caucus Mentor (Spring 2014–present)
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 and Societies*; *European Journal of Political Research*; *European Political Science Review*; *European Research Council*; *European Union Politics*; *Hart Publishing*; *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*; *Political Studies Review*; *Politics and Policy*; *Polity Press*.

Expert-interviewee for the following databases

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)
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)
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)
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

Advisory Committee (2016-2017; 2017-2018)
Graduate Committee (2011-2012; 2017-2018)
Speaker Series Committee (2011-2012; 2014-2015)
Awards Committee: Rakove and Echols (2012); Echols (2015; 2018)
Undergraduate Committee (2014)
American Politics Search Committee (2011)
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)

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 (beginners); French (beginners)

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

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

REFERENCES

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