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RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Political Behavior	Political Communication
European Union	Political Methodologies
Post-Communist Politics	Democratization
International Organizations	

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Since August 2016 Teaching Assistant Professor, East Carolina University (ECU), US

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Jan 2015/Dec 2016	Post-Doctoral Researcher, Institute of Political Studies, Charles University, Czech Republic
2014/2015	Consultant Faculty, Political Science, University of Florida, US
2013/2014	Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science, University of Florida, US
1999/2004	History Instructor, Energetic College (Constanta) and Bachovia School (Bucharest), Romania

EDUCATION

Dec 2012	Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science, University of Florida, US Fields: Comparative Politics; Political Methodology (with distinction), International Relations
2008	Master of Arts, Department of Political Science, University of Florida, US
2002	Master of Arts, International Relations, Department of History, University of Bucharest, Romania
1999	Bachelor of Arts, Department of History, University of Bucharest, Romania

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

2016	Behavioral Models of Politics (Pittsburgh) Stochastic Modeling and Incentivized Experiments
2011	Alliance Francaise (Paris, summer) FLAS for Advanced French
2008	ICPSR Inter-University Consortium for Political & Social Research, (Ann Arbor, Michigan).

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed journal publications

Ji Young Kim, **Magda Giurcanu** & Juliana Fernandes. “Documenting the Emergence of Grassroots Politics on Facebook: the Florida Case”, *The Journal of Social Media and Society* (accepted with minor revisions and slated for Spring 2017)

Petia Kostadinova & **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 & Policy*, 43(6): 789-821.

Magda Giurcanu. 2015. “Assessing the Role of European Attitudes in Cross-National Research: Does the Post-Communist Context Matter?” *East European Politics and Societies & Cultures* May 2015 29: 504-518.

Bryon Moraski & **Magda Giurcanu**. 2013. “European Reactions to the 2008 Georgian-Russian War: Assessing the Impact of Gas Dependence.” *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 48: 432-456.

Magda Giurcanu. 2012. “Europe at Stake during First European Parliament Elections Organized in an Enlarged Europe”, *Florida Political Chronicle*, vol.21, n.1-2 (2010-2012) December (Best Graduate Student Paper Award at the Florida Political Science Association)

An earlier version of this manuscript was printed in: Susan Banducci, Mark Franklin, Heiko Giebler, Sara Hobolt, Michael Marsh, Wouter van der Brug, and Cees van der Eijk (Eds) 2012, *An Audit of Democracy in the European Union*, ebook, European University Institute, 123-146.

Juliana Fernandes, **Magda Giurcanu**, Kevin Bowers, & Jeffrey Neely. 2010. “The Writing on the Wall: A Content Analysis of College Students’ Facebook Groups for the 2008 US Presidential Election”, *Mass Communication and Society*, 13:5: 653-675.

Reprinted in: Thomas J. Johnson and David D. Perlmutter (Eds). 2011. *New Media, Campaigning and the 2008 Facebook Election*, Routledge.

Book review

Magda Giurcanu. 2011. Book Review of *European Parliament Elections after Eastern Enlargement*, Hermann Schmidt (ed.): Routledge 2010 in *EUSA Review*, 24 (2): Spring.

UNDER REVIEW

Magda Giurcanu & Ken Wald. “Religion and Political Preferences in the United States, 1990-2012” (co-authored with Ken Wald, book chapter to be featured in *Religious Voting in Western Europe*, Jose Ramon Montero, Paolo Segatti, Kerman Calvo (eds.) (R&R)

ACADEMIC AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS**International grants/awards**

- 2017 A three-year University Studies Grant from the International Visegrad Fund in Bratislava (Slovakia) to develop and teach a new course “Visegrad in the 21st century” at ECU (PI, with Dr. Armin Krishnan as Director) (€18, 503)
- 2016 GESIS grant to sponsor a one-month research visit at GESIS Cologne, EUROLAB (trip anticipated in June 2017) (Euros 850, plus one month housing)
- 2016 Peter Mair Travel Award from the European Section of APSA (\$1,000)
- 2011 NSF I-Cubed Interdisciplinary Research Award: “Political Engagement on Facebook. Exploring Young Voters’ Political Engagement in Florida” (with Ji Young Kim, Juliana Fernandes) (\$2,500)
- 2011 EUSA Student Travel Award (\$150)
- 2011 Florida Political Science Association (FPSA) Best Graduate Student Paper Award for “Europe at Stake at first European Parliament Elections Organized in an Enlarged Europe” (\$250)
- 2009 Ernst Haas Fellowship, European Union Studies Association (EUSA), one of the two annual recipients, to conduct fieldwork in Europe (\$1,500)
- 2009 APSA Graduate Student Travel Grant (\$200)
- 2009 SPSA Prestage-Cook Travel Award (\$250)
- 2008 Clogg Scholarship Award, Inter-University Consortium for Political & Social Research (ICPSR) summer Program, Ann Arbor, Michigan (\$4,400)
- 2001 Erasmus Award for Outstanding Student at Sorbonne IV, Paris, France (declined)

East Carolina University, US

- 2017 BB&T Center for Leadership Development Program with the Office for Faculty Excellence. Leadership Faculty Fellows Program (\$1,800)
- 2016 BB&T Center for Leadership Development Program with the Office for Faculty Excellence. A teaching grant part of the Active Learning and Leadership Program (\$1,000)

Charles University, Czech Republic

- 2016 Travel grant to present research at EPSA & SG EU Trento, Charles University (\$1,000)

University of Florida, US

- 2014 Center for European Studies Travel Grant (\$1,000 x2)
- 2011 Emerging Scholar Finalist Award (\$1,000)
- 2011 Association for Academic Women Lockhart Dissertation Fellowship (\$2,000)
- 2011 FLAS Foreign Language and Area Studies Program French Fellowship, Paris (\$5000)
- 2011 College of Liberal Arts and Science (CLAS) Travel Grant (various years)
- 2011 Departmental Travel Support Grant (\$250 x5) (various years)
- 2010 Office of Research (\$250)
- 2010 Departmental Summer Research Award to participate at ICPSR and at the SIAS Summer Institute in Ann Arbor (\$1,500) (declined)
- 2009 O. Ruth McQuown Scholarship Award for Outstanding Female Students (\$5,000)
- 2009 Graduate Student Council Travel Grant (\$250 x2)
- 2009 Travel Support, Department of Political Science to present at the Graduate Student Conference, University of Pittsburg (\$200)
- 2009 Course Development Grant, Center for European Studies, to develop and teach a new course on 'Elections and Public Opinion in the EU' (\$5,000)
- 2009 Center for European Studies Pre-Dissertation Research Grant (2009) to conduct pre-dissertation research (\$850)
- 2009 Departmental Pre-Dissertation Summer Research Award to conduct fieldwork in Bucharest, Romania (\$1,500)
- 2008 Dauer Fellowship to attend the ICPSR summer program, Department of Political Science (\$2,200)
- 2008 Outstanding International Student Certificate Award, from UF International Center
- 2008 Qualifying examination in Political Methodology passed with High Distinction
- 2008 Best Graduate Brownbag Paper Award, Center for European Studies, UF (\$500)
- 2005 Graduate Fellow, Center for European Studies and Political Science Department, USA (\$12,500 x4)

University of Bucharest, Romania

- 1995 Fellowship Department of History, University of Bucharest, Romania

TEACHING

East Carolina University

Undergraduate level courses

Geopolitics of Eastern Europe (Spring 2017)

The European Union (Spring 2017)

Intro to Comparative Politics (Fall 2016)

Intro to International Relations (Fall 2016)

Charles University

Graduate level courses

Applied Political Research: Intermediate Statics (Spring 2016)

EU Democracy, Elections, and Opinions (Winter 2015)

University of Florida

Graduate level courses

Political Data Analysis (Fall 2013) (PhD level)

Undergraduate level

Research Methods (Fall 2013)

Politics under Authoritarianism (Spring 2014)

Intro to Comparative Politics (Summer 2012)

EU Foreign Policy (Summer 2015)

Europe from a Social Science Perspective (Fall 2012)

EU Politics and Institutions (Spring 2012)

East Central European Politics (Fall 2011, Spring 2011, Spring 2013)

Elections and Public Opinion in the EU (Spring 2010)

Study Abroad Programs

2016 *UF in Prague*, Czech Republic (Summer 2016; expected in 2017): East European Politics (@ the Anglo-American University). Visits organized at Radio Free Europe, Czech Parliament, and Museum of Communism

2014 *UF in Brussels*, Belgium: EU in the World (Summer 2014 & 2015) (Vesalius College). Visits organized at the European Commission, the Council of the EU, the European Parliament, the Parliamentarium, the European Economic and Social Committee, and the European External Action Service

2014 *UF in Jamaica*: EU Foreign Development to the Caribbean (2014, co-director)

Undergraduate Student Mentoring (UF)

- 2015 Manuela Hernandez “Euroscepticism and the Media at the 2014 European Parliament Elections: A Comparative Case Study of France, Germany, and the UK” (University Scholars Program, won a university-wide competition) (\$2,500)
- 2014 Nora Jones “The Roma in the EU” (summer fieldwork in Brussels)
- 2013 Stephanie Denardo “The Role of Media in Authoritarian Regimes. A Case Study of Russia” (awarded “Highest Honors Thesis”)

INVITED TALKS/ WORKSHOPS

- 2017 Great Decisions Speaker, ECU, *The Future of Europe*, Jan 28
- 2016 *Behavioral Models of Politics 2016*, organized at the University of Pittsburgh, US. Paper presented “Assessing Uncertainty in Electoral Research” (with Mihai Giurcanu) 12-14 May
- 2015 *The Emergence of New Anti-EU Parties in EP Elections: Strategic Elites and EU Debates*, Department of International Relations, Institute of Political Studies, Charles University, Nov 4
- 2015 *Do Electoral Rules Matter? The Emergence of New Anti-EU Parties in EP Elections*, talk part of the Jean Monnet Chair Speaker Series, Department of Political Science, University of Florida, Oct 28
- 2015 *Comparative Perspectives on Electoral Behavior: The Impact of the Electoral and Party System*, workshop organized at the Academia Belgica, Rome, Italy. Paper presented: “Do Electoral Rules Matter? Understanding the Success of Fringe Anti-European Union Parties at European Parliament Elections ” 16-18 September
- 2015 *Agenda-setting in the European Union: Beyond the European Commission*, workshop organized at the University of Florida. Paper presented: “In Search for an Electoral Link between the EU Electorate(s) and the EU Legislative Proposals: Reality or Wishful Thinking” (with Petia Kostadinova) March
- 2014 *European Parliament Elections and EU Politicization: 2014 Results*, Public debate and discussion @ the University of Washington, Seattle, May 29, (Skype)
- 2014 *Whither Eastern Europe. Changing Political Science Perspectives on the Region*, ACLS, EEPS, and UF workshop organized at the University of Florida. Paper to be presented: “Assessing the Role of European Attitudes in Cross-national Electoral Research: Does the Post-communist Context Matter?”, January 9-11
- 2013 *Religious voting in Western Europe*, workshop organized at the European University Institute, (EUI), Florence, Italy. Paper presented: “Religion and Voting Behavior in the US”, 1980-2008 (with Ken Wald), Nov

- 2012 “Democratization by Elections: Why European Parliament Elections Matter”, MZES (Mannheim Center for European Social Research), Germany, October 29
- 2012 *ELECDEM-Advancing Electoral Research*, workshop organized at the European University Institute, Florence, Italy. Paper presented “Romanians’ Behavior in the First Europe-wide Elections for the European Parliament. A critique of current behavioral theories” July
- 2012 *Democracy in the European Union*, workshop organized at the University of Florida, Gainesville. Paper presented “European Attitudes and Political Participation at European Parliament Elections” April
- 2010 *PIREDEU Final User--A Collaborative Project on “Providing an Infrastructure for Research on Electoral Democracy in the European Union”*, coordinated by the European University Institute and its Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, Brussels, Belgium. Paper presented: “Europe at stake during the first EP elections in an Enlarged Europe” November
- 2009 *SIAS Summer Institute: “Comparative Perspective on Federalism and Separation of Powers: Lessons from - and for - National, Supranational and Global Governance”*. First session: Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, Germany, July
- 2009 *Western US Graduate Research Workshop on the European Union*, organized by the Colorado European Union Center and the European Union Center of Excellence at the University of Washington, Boulder, Colorado. Paper presented: “European Parliament Elections” June
- 2009 Selected participant at the *Romanian Fellows Camp*, organized by the Soros Romanian Foundation, Bucharest, Romania. Talk delivered on “Alegerile Europarlamentare in Romania si Criza de Legitimitate” (European Parliament Elections and the Legitimacy Crisis. Evidence from Romania) June
- 2009 *Graduate Student Workshop on the European Union*, paper delivered “First European Parliament Elections in Romania and Bulgaria, University of Pittsburg, PA, March

PEER-REVIEWD CONFERENCE PRESESNTATIONS

AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION (APSA)

- 2016 “Understanding the Success of Fringe Anti-European Union Parties at European Parliament Elections”, Philadelphia September
- 2014 “Political Blackmail, Institutional Infighting and Electoral Politics: the Impact of the Economic Crisis on Elections in Romania and Bulgaria”, (with Petia Kostadinova, UIC) Washington DC, August

- 2011 “Fueling Apathy? Energy Dependence and European Reactions to the 2008 Georgian-Russian War” (with Bryon Moraski), Seattle, September
- 2011 “New Parties and European Parliament Elections”, Seattle, September
- 2010 “European Parliament Elections and their Consequences for National Party Systems”, poster, Washington, D.C, September
- 2009 “Institutional Power and Democracy in the Post-Communist Region”, poster, Toronto, Canada, September

EUROPEAN POLITICAL SCIENCE CONSORTIUM (ECPR)

- 2016 “Understanding the Success of Fringe Anti-European Union Parties at European Parliament Elections”, Prague, September
- 2016 “The Conditional Agenda Setting of the European Commission—an investigation”, Prague, September

MIDWEST POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION (MPSA)

- 2016 “The Conditional Agenda Setting of the European Commission—an investigation” (with Petia Kostadinova, UIC, presenting), Chicago, April
- 2015 “Strategic Calculations and European Parliament Elections”, Chicago, April
- 2014 “Assessing Uncertainty in Cross-National Electoral Research: Does the Post-Communist context matter?” (with Mihai Giurcanu), Chicago, April
- 2013 “Exploring Young Voters’ Political Use of Facebook: Florida Election Context” (with Ji Young Kim and Juliana Fernandes), Chicago, April
- 2013 “Second Order Elections and Second Order Conversations? Mapping out the Relationship between Young Voters and Online Political Involvement during the 2010 Midterm US elections” (with Juliana Fernandes and Ji Young Kim), Chicago, April
- 2008 “Institutional Dynamics in Poland and Romania”, Chicago, April

EUROPEAN UNION STUDIES ASSOCIATION (EUSA)

- 2013 “The Emergence of Anti-European Union Parties: Strategic Calculations and European Union Debates”, Baltimore, May
- 2013 “European Union Politicization and the Democratic Deficit: Why European Parliament Elections Matter”, Baltimore, May
- 2011 “Testing a Model of New Party Entry at EP Elections”, Boston, March
- 2011 “Europe at stake during EP Elections Organized in an Enlarged Europe. A Comparison of East and West”, Boston, March

EUROPEAN POLITICAL SCIENCE CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION (EPSA)

2016 “The Success of Anti-EU Parties”, Brussels, June

2014 “The Emergence of Anti-European Union Parties: Strategic Calculations and European Union Debates” (revised version), Edinburgh, June

STANDING GROUP EUROPEAN UNION (SGEU)

2016 “The Conditional Agenda Setting of the European Commission—an investigation” (with Petia Kostadinova presenting) Trento (Italy), June

FLORIDA POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION (FPSA)

2011 “European Attitudes and Turnout at EP Elections”, Jupiter FL, March

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE of SLAVIC STUDIES (SCSS)

2010 “Parties’ Survival in East Central Europe: an Institutional Model”, Gainesville, FL March

SOUTHERN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION (SPSA)

2009 “Party System Lifetime in East Central Europe”, New Orleans, LA, January

SERVICE/PROFESSION

Reviewer : *Communist and Post-Communist Studies* (2017), *European Union Politics* (2016), *European Journal of Political Research* (2015), *International Journal of Public Opinion Research* (2015), *Oxford University Press, Textbook editions* (2014), *Political and Military Sociology: An Annual Review* (2012)

Chair panel at MPSA 2014

Panel organizer and chair, EUSA (2013) *Democratic Linkages in the European Union*

Discussant and chair, SGEU (2016) panel “Communication and Representation - Connecting to Citizens through (Social) Media?”

Discussant, Comparative Politics Colloquium, Department of Political Science, University of Florida (March 2013; May 2011; March 2009)

Discussant, *Institutions, Narratives, and Identities: A Graduate Student Workshop in Comparative Politics and Political Theory*, Gainesville, February 2012

Discussant, *Research Frontiers in African Politics*, Workshop organized at the University of Florida, Gainesville, January 2010

Discussant American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada September 2009

SERVICE/DEPARTMENTAL

ECU

Symposium Organizer, *Russia Friend or Foe?*, interdisciplinary symposium organized at ECU, March 16-17, 2017

UF

Member of the ICPSR Award Graduate Selection Committee, UF, 2014

Member of the Best Undergraduate Thesis Committee, UF, 2014

Marshall, Bachelor Degree Ceremony, UF, 2014

Outreach presentations at the EU Club and ViVA Europe CES (UF), 2013, 2012

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Florida (2009-2007)

OPS employee, Center for European Studies, University of Florida (Summer 2006, 2007, 2008)

Data Analyst, Daedalus, Marketing & Research Co, Bucharest; Gallup Co., Bucharest, Romania (1999-2000; 2001-2002) Administered surveys

President of an Electoral Circumscription, Bucharest, Romanian National Election (2000)

Supervised the election process; assisted communication among City Hall, political parties, and media; prepared descriptive statistics for the election outcome

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

2015, 2014 Brussels (Belgium), interviews with EU officials (summer)

2011 Paris (France) June-July, interviews with regular citizens

2009 Bucharest (Romania) April-August. Designed and administered an exit-poll on EP Election Day and National Election Day (n=400)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS (various years)

American Political Science Association; European Union Science Association; Midwest Political Science Association; Southern Political Science Association; Florida Political Science Association

STATISTICAL PACKAGES: R, STATA, SPSS, SAS, Minitab

LANGUAGES Romanian (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate), Czech (beginner)

CITIZENSHIP USA and Romanian

REFERENCES

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