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**RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS**

**Political Behavior**  
**European Union Politics, Policies, and Institutions**  
**Post-Communist Politics**  
**International Organizations**

**Political Methodologies**  
**Political Communication**  
**Democratization**

**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT**

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

**PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT**

Post-Doctoral Researcher, Institute of Political Studies, Charles University, Czech Republic  
(Jan 2015 – Dec 2016) (2 years)

Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science, University of Florida, US (2013-2014) (position  
in Political Methodology)

**EDUCATION**

Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science, University of Florida, US (Dec 2012)

Fields: Comparative Politics and Political Methodology (with distinction)

Master of Arts, Department of Political Science, University of Florida, US (2008)

Master of Arts, International Relations & Bachelor of Arts, Department of History, University of  
Bucharest, Romania (2002)

**TRAINING IN POLITICAL METHODOLOGY**

Behavioral Models of Politics (University of Pittsburgh, 2016)

- Workshops in Stochastic Modeling and Incentivized Experiments

Inter-University Consortium for Political & Social Research (ICPSR, Ann Arbor, MI, 2008)

- Regression Analysis, Panel Data, Event History Analysis, Survival Analysis, Multilevel Analysis, and Math for Social Science

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Peer-reviewed journal publications**

2018 Petia Kostadinova and **Magda Giurcanu**. “Capturing the legislative priorities of transnational Europarties and the European Commission: A Pledge Approach”, *European Union Politics*, 19(2): *forthcoming*.

2017 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*, 6(1): 5-41. (\*authors contributed equally)

- 2015 Petia Kostadinova & **Magda Giurcanu\***. “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. (\*authors contributed equally)
- Magda Giurcanu. “Assessing the Role of European Attitudes in Cross-National Research: Does the Post-Communist Context Matter?” *East European Politics and Societies & Cultures* May 29: 504-518.
- 2013 Bryon Moraski & **Magda Giurcanu**. “European Reactions to the 2008 Georgian-Russian War: Assessing the Impact of Gas Dependence.” *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 48: 432-456.
- 2012 Magda Giurcanu. “Europe at Stake during First European Parliament Elections Organized in an Enlarged Europe”, *Florida Political Chronicle*, 21(1-2). (Best Graduate Student Paper Award at the Florida Political Science Association)
- 2010 Juliana Fernandes, **Magda Giurcanu\***, Kevin Bowers, & Jeffrey Neely. “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. (\*first two authors contributed equally)
- Reprinted in: Thomas J. Johnson and David D. Perlmutter (Eds). 2011. *New Media, Campaigning and the 2008 Facebook Election*, Routledge.

### Non-peer reviewed publications

- 2012 Magda Giurcanu. 2012. “Europe at Stake during First European Parliament Elections Organized in an Enlarged Europe”, in Susan Banducci, Mark Franklin, Heiko Giebbler, 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.

### Book reviews

- 2017 Book Review of *Trouble of the Far Right. Contemporary Right-Wing Strategies and Practices in Europe*, Maik Fielitz and Laura Lotte Laloire (eds) in *East European Politics*, 33(4): 572-573.
- 2011 Magda Giurcanu. Book Review of *European Parliament Elections after Eastern Enlargement*, Hermann Schmidt (ed.): Routledge 2010 in *EUSA Review*, 24 (2): Spring.

### WORKING PROJECTS

“Assessing the Influence of Election Pledges by Euro-Parties in the European Commission’s Pre-Legislative Proposals” (with Petia Kostadinova) (under review)

“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.) (with Ken Wald) (R&R at *Oxford University Press*)

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE in POLITICAL METHODOLOGY****Graduate level courses in Political Methodology**

Applied Political Research: Intermediate Statistics (Spring 2016, MA Level, Charles University)

- This course had an online component focused on R, Intro to R (Spring 2016) Political Data Analysis (Fall 2013, PhD level, University of Florida)

- This course was accompanied by lab sessions in STATA

**Undergraduate level courses**

Research Design (Fall 2017) (East Carolina University)

Data Analysis – scheduled to teach in STATA (Spring 2018, East Carolina University)

Research Methods (Fall 2013, University of Florida)

- This course was accompanied by lab sessions in SPSS

**COMPARATIVE POLITICS AND EUROPEAN STUDIES****East Carolina University (all undergraduate courses)**

Visegrad in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (Fall 2017) (PI, a three-year grant from the Visegrad Fund)

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**

EU Democracy, Elections, and Opinions (Winter 2015) (graduate course)

**University of Florida (all undergraduate courses)**

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**

*UF in Prague*, Czech Republic (Summer 2016 & 2018): East European Politics (@ the Anglo-American University).

- Visits organized to Radio Free Europe, Czech Parliament, and Museum of Communism

*UF in Brussels*, Belgium: EU in the World (Summer 2014 & 2015) (Vesalius College).

- Visits organized to 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

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

**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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 950, plus a one-month housing)

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)

EUSA Student Travel Award (\$150)

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)

APSA Graduate Student Travel Grant (\$200)

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)

**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)  
 Association for Academic Women Lockhart Dissertation Fellowship (\$2,000)  
 FLAS Foreign Language and Area Studies Program French Fellowship, Paris (\$5000)  
 College of Liberal Arts and Science (CLAS) Travel Grant (various years)  
 Departmental Travel Support Grant (\$250 x5) (various years)
- 2010 Office of Research (\$250)  
 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)  
 Graduate Student Council Travel Grant (\$250 x2)  
 Travel Support, Department of Political Science to present at the Graduate Student Conference, University of Pittsburg (\$200)  
 Course Development Grant, Center for European Studies, to develop and teach a new course on 'Elections and Public Opinion in the EU' (\$5,000)  
 Center for European Studies Pre-Dissertation Research Grant (2009) to conduct pre-dissertation research (\$850)  
 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)  
 Outstanding International Student Certificate Award, from UF International Center  
 Qualifying examination in Political Methodology passed with High Distinction  
 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)

#### **INVITED TALKS/ WORKSHOPS**

- 2017 GESIS EUROLAB brownbag seminar, "New Party Entrance and EU Debates", June 28  
 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  
*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

*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

*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)

*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

*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

*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

*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

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

*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
- “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 CONSORTIUM FOR POLITICAL RESEARCH (ECPR)**

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

### **MIDWEST POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION (MPSA)**

- 2017 “The Emergence of New Anti-EU Parties in EP Elections”, Chicago, April
- “In Search for an Inter-Institutional Link at the Pre-Legislative Level: Reality or Wishful Thinking?”, Chicago, April
- 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
- “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
- “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
- “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* (2016-2017), *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)

2017 Chair and panel discussant, CES Glasgow, panels “Policy Making in the EU” and “Origins and Impact of Public Support for the EU

Chair and panel discussant, MPSA, panels “Policy Making in the EU” and “Origins and Impact of Public Support for the EU”.

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

2014 Chair panel, MPSA

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

2009-2013

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

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

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

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

**SERVICE/DEPARTMENTAL**

2017 Symposium Organizer, Visegrad in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, interdisciplinary symposium to be organized at ECU, Nov 13-14

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

2014 Member of the ICPSR Award Graduate Selection Committee, UF  
Member of the Best Undergraduate Thesis Committee, UF  
Marshall, Bachelor Degree Ceremony, UF

2012-2013

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

## **OTHER EXPERIENCE**

2007-2009

Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Florida

2006-2008

OPS employee, Center for European Studies, University of Florida

1999-2002

Data Analyst, Daedalus, Marketing & Research Co, Bucharest; Gallup Co., Bucharest, Romania

2000 President of an Electoral Circumscription, Bucharest, Romanian National Election; 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 (membership in various years)**

American Political Science Association; Council for European Studies; European Union Science Association; European Political Science Association; European Consortium for Political Research; 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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