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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Elections and Party Systems, Electoral behavior in Europe, the European Union, Democratization, De-democratization, Political Communication

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Teaching Instructor	NATIONAL LOUIS UNIVERSITY (NLU), IL, USA, 2020
Teaching Assistant Professor	EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY (ECU), NC, USA, 2016-2019
Postdoctoral Researcher	INSTITUTE OF POLITICAL STUDIES, CHARLES UNIVERSITY, Czech Republic, 2015-2016
Visiting Assistant Professor	UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA (UF), FL, USA, 2013-2014
Teaching Instructor	CENTER FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, FL, USA, 2013

EDUCATION

PHD, Political Science	UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, December 2012, Gainesville, USA Comparative Politics, Political Methodology (<i>with distinction</i>) Thesis: "European Union Politicization and the Democratic Deficit: Why European Parliament Elections Matter". Advisor: Amie Kreppel, co-Advisor: Bryon Moraski
MA, Political Science	UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, 2008, USA
MA, History	UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST, 2002, Romania
BA, European History	UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST, 1999, Romania

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION IN POLITICAL METHODOLOGY

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH	Behavioral Models of Politics, 2016 May, USA WORKSHOPS: Stochastic Modeling and Incentivized Experiments
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN	Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) COURSES: Regression Analysis, Panel Data, Event History Analysis, Survival Analysis, Multilevel Analysis, and Math for Social Science

PUBLICATIONS

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| PEER-REVIEWED | <p>8. Petia Kostadinova and Magda Giurcanu. 2019. "Europarties' election pledges and European Commission legislative priorities: An assessment of their overlap", <i>Party Politics</i>, 2019, in print.</p> <p>7. Petia Kostadinova and Magda Giurcanu. 2018. "Capturing the legislative priorities of transnational Europarties and the European Commission: A Pledge Approach", <i>European Union Politics</i>, 19(2): 363-379.</p> <p>6. Ji Young Kim, Magda Giurcanu, and Juliana Fernandes. 2017. "Documenting the Emergence of Grassroots Politics on Facebook: the Florida Case", <i>The Journal of Social Media and Society</i>, 6(1): 5-41.</p> <p>5. Petia Kostadinova and Magda Giurcanu. 2015. "Political Blackmail, Institutional In-fighting and Electoral Politics: The Fate of Governing Parties during the Great Recession (2008-12) in Romania and Bulgaria", <i>Politics and Policy</i>, 43(6): 789-821.</p> <p>4. Magda Giurcanu. 2015. "Assessing the Role of European Attitudes in Cross-National Research: Does the Post-Communist Context Matter?", <i>East European Politics and Societies and Cultures</i>, May 29: 504-518.</p> <p>3. Bryon Moraski and Magda Giurcanu. 2013. "European Reactions to the 2008 Georgian-Russian War: Assessing the Impact of Gas Dependence", <i>Studies in Comparative International Development</i>, 48: 432-456.</p> <p>2. Magda Giurcanu, 2012. "Europe at Stake during First European Parliament Elections Organized in an Enlarged Europe", <i>Florida Political Chronicle</i>, 21(1-2).</p> <p>1. Juliana Fernandes, Magda Giurcanu, Kevin Bowers, and Jeffrey Neely. 2010. "The Writing on the Wall: A Content Analysis of College Students' Facebook Groups for the 2008 US Presidential Election", <i>Mass Communication and Society</i>, 13(5): 653-675.</p> |
| BOOK CHAPTERS | <p>2. Magda Giurcanu. 2012. "Europe at Stake during First European Parliament Elections Organized in an Enlarged Europe", in <i>An Audit of Democracy in the European Union</i>, Susan Banducci, Mark Franklin, Heiko Giebbler, Sara Hobolt, Michael Marsh, Wouter van der Brug, and Cees van der Eijk (Eds), European University Institute.</p> <p>1. Juliana Fernandes, Magda Giurcanu, Kevin Bowers, and Jeffrey Neely. 2011. "Writing on the Wall: A Content Analysis of College Students' Facebook Groups for the 2008 US Presidential Election" in <i>New Media, Campaigning and the 2008 Facebook Election</i>, Thomas J. Johnson and David D. Perlmutter (Eds), Routledge.</p> |
| BOOK REVIEWS | <p>2. Magda Giurcanu. 2018. "Trouble of the Far Right. Contemporary Right-Wing Strategies and Practices in Europe", Maik Fielitz and Laura Lotte Laloire (eds) in <i>East European Politics</i>, 33(4): 572-573.</p> <p>1. Magda Giurcanu. 2010. "European Parliament Elections after Eastern Enlargement", Hermann Schmidt (ed.): Routledge in <i>EUSA Review</i>, 24 (2): Spring.</p> |

IN PROGRESS

4. Magda Giurcanu and Ken Wald. "Religion and Political Preferences in the United States, 1990-2012". Book chapter to be featured in *Religious Voting in Western Europe*, Jose Ramon Montero, Paolo Segatti, Kerman Calvo (eds.) (revise and resubmit at Oxford University Press)
3. Magda Giurcanu and Mihai Giurcanu. "Europe under Duress: Assessing Party Policy Ambiguity and Voter's Risk Behavior in European Parliament Elections" (revise and resubmit at *European Union Politics*)
2. Magda Giurcanu and Petia Kostadinova. "A public to policy linkage at the pre-legislative level: Setting the Political Agenda in the European Union" (submitted at *European Political Science Review* (May 2020))
1. Magda Giurcanu. "Do Electoral Rules Matter? Understanding the Success of Fringe Anti-European Union Parties at European Parliament Elections" *Party Politics* (summer 2020).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Comparative Politics/Europe

Intro to Comparative Politics	BA level, ECU (Spring 2019, Fall 2018, Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2016) and UF (Summer 2012)
Politics under Authoritarianism	BA level, UF (Spring 2014)
Visegrad in the 21st Century	BA level, ECU (Fall 2018, Fall 2017)
The European Union	BA level, ECU (Spring 2017)
Elections and Democracy	MA level, Charles University (Winter 2015)
Politics and Institutions	BA level, UF (Spring 2012)
Europe from a Social Science Perspective	BA level, UF (Fall 2012)
East Central European Politics	BA level, UF (Spring 2013, Spring-Fall 2011)
Elections and Public Opinion in the European Union	BA level, UF (Spring 2010)

International Relations/Europe

Intro to International Relations	BA level, ECU (Spring 2019, Spring 2018, Fall 2016)
The European Union on the Global Stage	BA level, ECU (Spring 2019)
Geopolitics of Eastern Europe	BA level, ECU (Spring 2017)
European Union Foreign Policy	BA level, UF (Spring 2015)

Political Methodology

Research Design	BA level; ECU (Fall 2018, Fall 2017)
Applied Political Research	MA level; Intermediate Statistics, Charles University (Spring 2016)
Introduction to R	MA level; Computer lab sessions, Charles University (Spring 2016)
Political Data Analysis	PhD level; Intermediate Statistics, UF (Fall 2013)
Introduction to STATA	PhD level; Computer lab sessions, UF (Spring 2013)
Research Methods	BA level, UF (Fall 2013)

American Politics

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND CIVIC EDUCATION	BA level, NLU (Spring 2020)
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Study Abroad Programs

PROGRAM DIRECTOR	<p>ECU to Prague, a 6-week study abroad program to Czech Republic. Program housed at the <i>Anglo-American University</i></p> <p>Visits organized to Radio Free Europe, the Czech Parliament, Museum of Communism, Yalta Bunker, and the American Center of US Embassy in Prague (Summer 2019, Summer 2018).</p>
PROGRAM INSTRUCTOR	<p>UF to Prague, a 6-week study abroad program to Czech Republic. Program housed at the <i>Anglo-American University</i> (Summer 2019, Summer 2016).</p>
PROGRAM INSTRUCTOR	<p>UF to Brussels, a 7-week study abroad program to Belgium. Course taught EU in the World and housed at <i>Vesalius College</i> (Summer 2015, Summer 2014)</p>

AWARDS/ FELLOWSHIPS/ GRANTS

International Fellowships

INTERNATIONAL FUND	<p>WISEGRAD</p> <p>A three-year <i>University Studies Grant</i> from IVF 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) (2017-2020)</p>
GESIS, EUROLAB	<p>A one-month research visit at GESIS Cologne, EUROLAB (€950, plus a one-month housing) (2017)</p>
NSF, I-Cubed	<p>Interdisciplinary Research Award: “Political Engagement on Facebook. Exploring Young Voters’ Political Engagement in Florida” (Co-PI, with Ji Young Kim, Juliana Fernandes) (\$2,500) (2011)</p>
EUROPEAN UNION STUDIES ASSOCIATION	<p>Ernst Haas Fellowship</p> <p>One of two annual recipients to conduct fieldwork in Europe (\$1,500) (2011)</p>
ICPSR	<p>Clogg Scholarship Award, Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research summer Program, Ann Arbor, Michigan (\$4,400) (2008)</p>

East Carolina University

HONORS COLLEGE	<p>Develop and teach a new course titled, <i>The European Union on the Global Stage</i> (\$870, plus a buyout of \$5,000) (2018)</p>
CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	<p>Program with the Office for Faculty Excellence. Leadership Faculty Fellows Program (\$1,800) (2017)</p> <p>Program with the Office for Faculty Excellence. A teaching grant part of the Active Learning and Leadership Program (\$1,000) (2016)</p>

University of Florida

GRADUATE SCHOOL	Emerging Scholar Finalist Award (\$1000) (2011)
ASSOCIATION FOR ACADEMIC WOMEN	Lockhart Dissertation Fellowship (\$2,000) (2017) O. Ruth McQuown Scholarship Award for Outstanding Female Students (\$5,000) (2009)
CENTER FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES	FLAS Foreign Language and Area Studies Program French Fellowship, Paris (\$5000) (2011) Course Development Grant to develop a new course on 'Elections and Public Opinion in the EU' (\$5,000) (2009) Pre-Dissertation Research Grant to conduct pre-dissertation research (\$850) (2009) Best Graduate Brownbag Paper Award (\$500) (2008) Graduate Fellow (\$12,500 x2) (2005; 2007)
OFFICE OF RESEARCH	Dissertation Research (\$250) (2010)
INTERNATIONAL CENTER	Outstanding International Student Certificate Award
POLITICAL SCIENCE DEP	Pre-Dissertation Summer Research Award to conduct fieldwork in Bucharest, Romania (\$1,500) (2009) Summer Research Award to participate at ICPSR and at the SIAS Summer Institute in Ann Arbor (\$1,500) (declined) Dauer Fellowship to attend the ICPSR summer program, Department of Political Science (\$2,200) (2008) Qualifying examination in Political Methodology passed with High Distinction (2008) Graduate Fellow (\$12,500 x2) (2006; 2008)
FLORIDA POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION	Best Graduate Student Paper Award for "Europe at Stake at first European Parliament Elections Organized in an Enlarged Europe" (\$250) (2011)

Travel Grants

APSA	Peter Mair Travel Award from the European Section (\$1,000) (2016)
EUSA	Graduate Student Travel Grant (\$200) (2009)
SPSA	European Union Studies Association Student Travel Award (\$150) (2011) Southern Political Science Association Prestage-Cook Travel Award (\$250) (2009)
CHARLES UNIVERSITY	Grant to present research at EPSA and SG EU Trento (\$1,000) (2016)
CES, UF	Center for European Studies (\$1,000 x2) (2014, 2013)
CLAS, UF	College of Liberal Arts and Science (\$250) (various years)
POLITICAL SCIENCE DEP, UF	Travel Support Grants (\$250 x5) (various years)

INVITED TALKS/WORKSHOPS

Non-Affiliated Institutions

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN	17th Annual European Union Day: November 9, 2018; Paper "In Search for an Electoral Link between the EU Electorate(s) and the EU Legislative Proposals: Reality or Wishful Thinking" (Nov 2018)
GESIS, EUROLAB	Brownbag seminar, paper "New Party Entrance and EU Debates" (June 2017)
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH	Behavioral Models of Politics workshop; Paper "Assessing Uncertainty in Electoral Research" (May 2016)
	Workshop on the European Union. Paper "First European Parliament Elections in Romania and Bulgaria" (March 2009)
ACADEMIA BELGICA, ROME	Workshop "Comparative Perspectives on Electoral Behavior: The Impact of the Electoral and Party System"; Paper "Do Electoral Rules Matter? Understanding the Success of Fringe Anti-European Union Parties at European Parliament Elections" (Sept 2015)
MANNHEIM, CENTER FOR EUROPEAN SOCIAL RESEARCH	Talk "Democratization by Elections: Why European Parliament Elections Matter" (Oct 2012)
EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE, FLORENCE	Workshop "Religious voting in Western Europe". Paper "Religion and Voting Behavior in the US", 1980-2008 (with Ken Wald) (Nov 2013)
	Workshop "ELECDEM-Advancing Electoral Research". Paper "Romanians' Behavior in the First Europe-wide Elections for the European Parliament. A critique of current behavioral theories" (July 2012)
	Workshop "PIREDEU Final User-A Collaborative Project on Providing an Infrastructure for Research on Electoral Democracy in the European Union"; Paper "Europe at stake during the first EP elections in an Enlarged Europe" (Nov 2010)
WISSENSCHAFTSKOLLEG ZU BERLIN	SIAS Summer Institute: "Comparative Perspective on Federalism and Separation of Powers: Lessons from - and for - National, Supranational and Global Governance". (July 2009)
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, SEATTLE	European Parliament Elections and EU Politicization. Public debate and discussion of 2014 elections (May 2014)
	Western US Graduate Research on the EU, workshop organized by the Colorado European Union Center and the European Union Center of Excellence at the University of Washington. Paper "European Parliament Elections" (June 2009)
SOROS ROMANIAN FOUNDATION, BUCHAREST	Romanian Fellows Camp. Talk "European Parliament Elections and the Legitimacy Crisis. Evidence from Romania" (June 2009)

Affiliated Institutions

EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY	Great Decision Speaker, talk delivered, "The Future of Europe" (Jan 2017)
CHARLES UNIVERSITY	Department of International Relations, Institute of Political Studies; Brown-bag seminar, paper presented "The Emergence of New Anti-EU Parties in EP Elections: Strategic Elites and EU Debates" (Nov 2015)
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	Jean Monnet Speakers Series; Talk delivered, "Do Electoral Rules Matter? The Emergence of New Anti-EU Parties in EP Elections", Department of Political Science,(Oct 2015) Workshop titled, "Agenda-setting in the European Union: Beyond the European Commission". Paper presented: "In Search for an Electoral Link between the EU Electorate(s) and the EU Legislative Proposals: Reality or Wishful Thinking" (March 2015) Workshop titled: "Whither Eastern Europe. Changing Political Science Perspectives on the Region". Paper presented: "Assessing the Role of European Attitudes in Cross-national Electoral Research: Does the Post-Communist Context Matter?" (Jan 2014) Workshop titled, "Democracy in the European Union". Paper presented "European Attitudes and Political Participation at European Parliament Elections" (April 2012)

Peer-Reviewed Conference Presentations

APSA	American Political Science Association (2016, 2014, 2011, 2010, 2009)
CES	Conference for European Studies (2017)
ECPR	European Consortium for Political Research (2016)
EPSA	European Political Science Association (2016, 2014)
EUSA	European Union Studies Association (2013, 2011)
FPSSA	Florida Political Science Association (2011)
MPSA	Midwest Political Science Association (2019, 2018, 2017,2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2008)
SAPOR	Southern chapter of the American Association for Public Opinion Research (2018)
SGEU	Standing Group of the European Union (2016)
SCSS	Southern Conference of Slavic Studies (2010)
SPSA	Southern Political Science Association (2009)

SERVICE

To the Profession

PARTY EXPERT	VARIETIES OF DEMOCRACY (V-DEM), 2020. Coder for the 2020 VDEM wave. Filled out surveys related to the party system in Romania and France
AD-HOC REVIEWER	Communist and Post-Communist Studies (2017), European Union Politics (2019; 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)
CHAIR/ DISCUSSANT	CES Glasgow, panels “Policy Making in the EU” and “Origins and Impact of Public Support for the EU” (2017) MPSA Chicago, panels “Policy Making in the EU” and “Origins and Impact of Public Support for the EU” (2017) SGEU Trento, panel “Communication and Representation - Connecting to Citizens through (Social) Media?” (2016) EUSA, panel “Democratic Linkages in the European Union” (2013) Comparative Politics Colloquium, UF (March 2013; March 2009) Institutions, Narratives, and Identities: A Graduate Student Workshop in Comparative Politics and Political Theory, UF (Feb 2012) Research Frontiers in African Politics, workshop organized, UF (Jan 2010) APSA Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada (Sep 2009)

To the Department

SPEAKER SERIES/ SYMPOSIA	European Union on the Global Stage, ECU (Spring 2019) Visegrad in the 21st Century, interdisciplinary symposium, ECU (Spring 2019, Spring 2018) Russia, Friend or Foe?, interdisciplinary symposium, ECU (Spring 2017)
ADVISOR/ Mentor	<i>Political Science Student Association at ECU (2 years)</i> Advised over 50 students as instructor of the <i>Research Methods</i> course at ECU. These students either presented research at regional/undergraduate conferences and/or published papers in regional outlets. Mentored 5 student applications to the Gilman International Fellowship competition, US State Department; 3 applications successful totaling \$15, 000 in federal funds to the study abroad <i>ECU to Prague</i> program.
COMMITTEE MEMBER	ICPSR Award Graduate Selection Committee, UF (Spring 2014)
MARSHALL	Bachelor Degree Ceremony, UF (Spring 2014)
OUTREACH	Presentations, EU Club and ViVa Europe, UF (2013)

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC	In-depth interviews with public officials and academic elites from CHARLES UNIVERSITY and RADIO FREE EUROPE; Participant in events such as the 2018 EUROPEAN PRAGUE SUMMIT organized at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the 2018 NATO BRUSSELS SUMMIT organized at the American Center of US EMBASSY (Summer 2019, Summer 2018)
BRUSSELS, BELGIUM	In-depth interviews with public EU officials and academic elites from the EUROPEAN COMMISSION, EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, COUNCIL OF THE EU, EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE, and VESALIUS COLLEGE (Summer 2015, Summer 2014)
PARIS, FRANCE	In-depth interviews with regular citizens (2011)
BUCHAREST, ROMANIA	Interviews and one exit poll organized in Bucharest, N=400, in the context of EP and National Elections (2009)

LANGUAGES

ENGLISH: Fluent
FRENCH: Basic Knowledge
ROMANIAN: Mothertongue

COMPUTER SKILLS

Intermediate Knowledge: STATA, RStudio, \LaTeX

REFERENCES

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