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ACADEMIC POSITIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

Columbia University, Faculty Adviser to MA Students in European History, Politics, and Societies, European Institute, 2014- and Lecturer in Political Science, 2018-

Service: MA Steering Committee, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, 09/2019-
Admissions, Student Research Grants, and Distinctions Committees, European
Institute, 09/2016

Affiliations: Scholar, Rising Democracies Network, Carnegie Endowment, 09/2013-
Series Editor, Memory Politics and Transitional Justice, Palgrave-Mcmillan, 09/2017-
Advisor, Nations in Transit Program, Freedom House, New York, NY, 10/2011-

Columbia University, Associate Research Scholar, Harriman Institute, 2013-2014

Columbia University, Post-Doctoral Fellow, Harriman Institute, 2011-2013

Harvard University, Post-Doctoral Fellow, Davis Center, 2010-2011

EDUCATION

Cornell University, PhD, Government, International Relations & Comparative Politics, 2011

Cornell Institute for Public Affairs, MPA, International Development, 2005

Cornell University, BA, Government, International Relations, 2003

Esman Undergraduate Thesis Prize, Summa cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

EHP5G 6101: Master Studies Colloquium II, Columbia University

Spring 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

EHP5G 6100: Master Studies Colloquium I, Columbia University

Fall 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

POLS 4230: Human Rights & Foreign Policy, Columbia University

Spring 2016, Spring 2015, Fall 2013, Summer 2013

GOVT 100: Politics & Power, Cornell University, Spring 2008

Award: Spencer Teaching Award, Knight Institute for Writing in the Disciplines, Cornell

GOVT 100: Politics & Power, Cornell University, Spring 2007

Award: Spencer Teaching Award Honorable Mention, Knight Institute for Writing in the Disciplines, Cornell

GOVT 432: European Union Politics, Cornell University, Fall 2005

PUBLICATIONS

Books

From Solidarity to Geopolitics: Support for Democracy Among Post-Communist States (Cambridge University Press, 2014)

Edited Volumes

Politics and the Current Challenges of Demography in Central and Eastern Europe, Special research cluster in the journal of East European Politics and Societies (May 2020), co-edited with Tomasz Inglot

Journal Articles

“Politics and the Current Challenges of Demography in Central and Eastern Europe” *East European Politics and Societies* 34.4 (2020), p. 879, co-authored with Tomasz Inglot

“Diffusion Brokers and Regime Change Waves: The US Role in the Wave of Central and Eastern European Electoral Breakthrough” *Demokratizatsiya: The Journal of Post-Soviet Democratization* 26.2 (2018), p. 227

“Pressure, Favours, and Vote-buying: Experimental Evidence from Romania and Bulgaria” *Europe-Asia Studies* 69.6 (2017), p. 940, co-authored with Isabela Mares and Aurelian Muntean

“Economic Intimidation in Contemporary Elections: Evidence from Romania and Bulgaria” *Government and Opposition* 53.3 (2016), p. 486, co-authored with Isabela Mares and Aurelian Muntean

“Diffusion and The Production of Eastern Europe” *East European Politics and Societies* 29.2 (2015), p. 487

“International, National, or Local? Explaining the Substance of EU Democracy Promotion,” *Review of International Affairs* 28.1 (2014), p. 136

“How Poland Promotes Democracy: Making a Difference?” *Journal of Democracy* 23.2 (2012), p. 133

“(Re-)Discovering a Strength of Civil Society in Post-Communist Eastern Europe,” *Europe-Asia Studies* 63.5 (2011), p. 757; re-printed in Terry Cox, ed., *Civil Society and Social Capital in Post-Communist Eastern Europe* (Routledge, 2013)

Award: Graduate Student Essay Prize Honorable Mention, Association for Women in

Slavic Studies, 2009

“Transactional and Participatory Activism in The Emerging EU Polity,” *Comparative Political Studies* 40.1 (2007), p. 74; co-authored with Sidney Tarrow

Book Chapters

“Civil Society and Social Movements” in Buttner, S. et al., eds. *Sociology of Europeanization* (DeGruyter Oldenbourg, forthcoming 2021); co-authored with Susann Worschech

“The Multiplier Effects of US Democracy Promotion: A Central and Eastern EU Perspective” in Basora, Adrian, Agnieszka Marczyk, and Maia Otarashvili, eds. *Does Democracy Matter?: the United States and Global Democracy Support* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2017)

“Trade and Freedom or Trading Freedom? How Strategic and Normative Interests Shape Foreign Policy and Democracy Assistance in Central and Eastern Europe” in Berti, Mikulova, and Popescu, eds., *Democratization in EU Foreign Policy: New Member States as Drivers of Democracy Promotion* (Routledge, 2016)

“Poland's Democracy Promotion in Belarus” in Vera Axyonova, ed., *European Engagement Under Review: Exporting Values, Rules, and Practices to the Post-Soviet Space* (ibidem-Verlag, 2016)

“Making Transnational EU Activism Work?” in Frank Schimmelfennig and Timm Beichelt, eds., *External Democracy Promotion and Civil Society in Post-Socialist Europe* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2013)

“Why Ineffective Protest Practices Spread Across Borders?” in Simon Teune, ed., *The Transnational Condition: Protest Beyond Borders in Europe* (New York: Berghahn Books, 2010)

“A Post-Communist Transition in Two Acts: On the International Factors Behind Democratization” in Valerie Bunce, Michael McFaul, and Kathryn Stoner-Weiss, eds., *Democracy and Authoritarianism in the Post-Communist World: What Role for External vs Domestic Variables?* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2009)

“EU Security and Defense Policy: Out of Globalization-Harm’s Way?” in Evangelista and Parsi, eds., *Partners or Rivals? European – American Relations After Iraq* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2005)

Selected Other Publications

“When Politics Trumps Growth: Using Machine Learning to Assess Political Stability in Autocratic States,” *The Diplomat* (May 2021); co-authored with Michael Hirson and Rickard Nyman

“Democracy Support Without Democracy: The Cases of Poland and Turkey” *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*, Washington, DC (January 5, 2021); co-authored with Senem Aydın-Düzgit

“The Various Forms of Autocratization in Central Europe” in Richard Youngs, *Post-Cold War Democratic Declines*, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, DC (June 27, 2019)

“The East/West Divide in the EU: A Useful Paradigm?” *Centre for Geopolitics and Security in Realism Studies* (February 2018)

“Populism in Eastern Europe: Rise, Decline or Maintaining the status quo?” *International Affairs Forum* (Spring 2017)

“An Unlikely Success Story?: Polish Democracy Promotion in Ukraine,” *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*, Washington, DC (16 October 2014)

“Solidarity’s Promise” *Foreign Policy* (27 June 2013)

“The New Role of Central and Eastern Europe in International Democracy Support,” *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*, Washington, DC (June 2011)

“Do the Ends Justify the Means?: On NATO’s and the EU’s External Relations,” *Ethics & Accountability Best Papers Series*, Johnson Institute, University of Pittsburgh

Award: Best Paper in Ethics and Accountability in the Public Sector, Emerging Scholar, Johnson Institute for Responsible Leadership, University of Pittsburgh (2009)

Work Under Review:

“The Rise and Resilience of Central European Populism,” submitted to *Democratization*, co-authored with Maria Snegovaya

“Making Democracy Work Well: Political Competition and Local Development in a New Democracy,” submitted to *European Journal of Political Economy*, co-authored with Matt Loftis

“Democracy Promotion in an Era of Autocratization: The Case of Poland, 1989-2019,” submitted to *Post-Soviet Affairs*, co-authored with Paulina Pospieszna

Work In Progress:

“Why Scandals Don’t Hurt Populists?” draft, co-authored with Paula Ganga

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“From Democratization to Populism: Explaining the Resilience of Contemporary Central European Populism” paper co-authored with Maria Snegovaya and presented at *American Political Science Association* meeting, 2020

ASEEES Convention, 2020

International Studies Association Annual Convention, March 25-28, 2020

ASEEES Convention, November 23-26, 2019

American Political Science Association meeting, August 29-September 1, 2019

Association for Nationalities Studies conference, May 2-4, 2019

European Union Studies Association Conference, May 9-11, 2019

International Studies Association Annual Convention, March 27-31, 2019

- ASEEES Convention*, November 23-26, 2018
- “Why Illiberal Democracies Promote Democracy and Human Rights” paper presented at the *American Political Science Association* meeting, August 30 – September 2, 2018
- “Explaining the Rise of Populism in Central Europe” paper prepared for *European Union Studies Association Conference*, May 4-6, 2017
International Studies Association conference, February 22-25, 2017
Association for Nationalities Studies conference, May 3-6, 2017
- “Making Democracy Work Better,” paper presented at
International Studies Association conference, February 22-25, 2017
Midwest Political Science Association conference, April 3-6, 2014
- “Theorizing the Export of Revolutions,” paper presented at
American Political Science Association meeting, August 28-September 2, 2013
International Studies Association conference, April 3-6, 2012
- “Why Only Some New Democracies Promote Democracy Abroad? The Cases of Poland, Brazil, and Indonesia,” paper presented at
American Political Science Association meeting, September 1-4, 2011
International Studies Association conference, April 1-4, 2012
- “A New Generation of Democracy Promoters?” paper presented at
European Union Studies Association, March 2-5, 2011
British International Studies Association, April 27-29, 2011
- “The Puzzle of Eastern European Transnational Activism,” paper prepared for
International Studies Association conference, March 16-19, 2011
European Consortium for Political Research conference, 9-11 Sept 2010
- “Social Networks and Contentious Activism,” paper presented at the 106 *American Political Science Association* meeting, September 2-5, 2010
- “Explaining Polish Democracy Promotion,” paper presented at
Association for the Studies of Nationality conference, April 17-18, 2010
Midwest Political Science Association meeting, April 22-25, 2010
- “From Recipients to Donors: On Eastern European Democracy Promotion,” paper presented at
Council for European Studies meeting, April 15-17, 2010
International Studies Association conference, February 17-20, 2010
- “Go East: The Domestic Roots of the Policy of the Eastern EU Members Towards the EU’s Periphery,” paper presented at
European Union Studies Association, March 2-5, 2011
British International Studies Association, April 27-29, 2011

- “The Puzzle of Eastern European Civic Democracy Promotion,” paper prepared for the *International Studies Association* conference, March 16-19, 2011
- “When All Good Things Don’t Go Together: Eastern European Democracy Promotion and Security Imperatives at Odds?” paper presented at ECPR SGIR 7th Pan-European International Relations Conference, 9-11 September 2010
- “Social Networks and Contentious Activism,” paper presented at the 106th *American Political Science Association* meeting, September 2-5, 2010
- “ ‘It’s the Security, Stupid!’: Poland Promotes Democracy in the European Neighborhood,” paper presented at *Association for the Studies of Nationality* conference, April 17-18, 2010
Midwest Political Science Association meeting, April 22-25, 2010
- “From Recipients to Donors: On the Democracy Promotion Activism of the Eastern EU Members,” paper presented at *Council for European Studies* meeting, April 15-17, 2010
International Studies Association conference, February 17-20, 2010
- “The Institutionalization of Eastern European Contentious Activism (Re-)Evaluated: Protest in Bulgaria, 1996-2005,” paper presented at the 5th *European Consortium for Political Research* General Conference, September 10-12, 2009
- “From Recipients to Donors: Eastern Europeans Promote Democracy Abroad,” paper presented at the Junior Scholar Training Seminar, East European Studies at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and the National Council for Eurasian and East European Research, August 7-10, 2009
- “Rediscovering the Strength of Civil Society in Post-Communist Eastern Europe: The Case of Citizen Participation in Bulgaria,” paper presented at the Society for Comparative Research Graduate Retreat, The Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies at Harvard University, May 24-25, 2008
- “A Contentious Popular History of Post-communism: the Case of Bulgaria, 1996-2005,” paper presented at the *Midwest Political Science Association* meeting, April 3-5, 2008
- “Rediscovering the Strength of Civil Society in Post-communist Eastern Europe: The Case of Citizen Participation in Local Governance in Bulgaria” paper presented at the *American Political Science Association* meeting, August 28-31, 2007
- “Differential Impact of EU Enlargement on First and Second Wave Applicants: Europeanizing Political Parties in Poland and Bulgaria,” paper presented at the *European Union Studies Association*, May 17-19, 2007
- “Differential Impact of EU Enlargement on First and Second Wave Applicants: Europeanizing Political Parties in Poland and Bulgaria,” paper presented at the “Waves and Troughs of Post-Communist Transitions,” Conference at the Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies at Stanford University, April 28-29, 2006
- “Citizen Participation in Local Governance in Bulgaria,” paper prepared for the 1st European Consortium for Political Research Graduate Student Conference on Contentious Politics, University of Essex, September 7-9, 2006

- “Europe’s Eastern Enlargement: A Lesson in Democratization?” paper presented at the 10th Annual CGES Graduate Student Conference, BMW Center of German and European Studies, Georgetown University, February 9-12, 2006
- “Europe’s Eastern Enlargement: A Lesson in Democratization?” paper prepared for the Fourth Annual International Graduate Student Conference at the Centre for Russian and East European Studies, University of Toronto, February 9-10, 2005
- “From State Officials Turnover to State Capacity Turnaround,” paper presented at the 2nd South East European Studies Association, April 28-29, 2005
- “Transactional and Participatory Activism in The Emerging European Polity,” paper presented at the Conference of the *Council for European Studies*, March 29-31, 2005; co-authored with Sidney Tarrow
- “The Democratization Costs of State-Building During the Post-Socialist East European Reintegration in the West,” paper presented at the 10th annual *Association for the Studies of Nationality* conference, April 14-16, 2005
- “The Two Faces of International Assistance: NATO and EU Involvement in Central and Eastern Europe,” paper presented at the *European Union Studies Association*, 31 March – 1 April 2005
- “Rent-Seeking in the Post-Communist World,” paper presented at the 8th annual *Association for the Studies of Nationality* conference, April 3-5, 2003
- “Explaining NATO Enlargement,” paper presented at the 7th annual *Association for the Studies of Nationality* conference, April 11-13, 2002

SELECTED OTHER PRESENTATIONS

- “Populism and the Demographic Crisis in Central and Eastern Europe,” US Department of State, Washington, DC, May 10, 2016
- “Human Rights and the Migrant Crisis in Europe,” World Affairs Forum, March 2, 2016
- “Electoral Integrity in Central and Eastern Europe,” US Department of State, Washington, DC, January 25, 2016
- “Democracy, Human Rights, and the Future of the Liberal International Order,” The German Marshall Fund, Washington, DC, December 7, 2012 and The Atlantic Council, Washington, DC, February 8, 2012
- “From Recipients to Donors: How Some Democracy Aid Recipients Emerge as Democracy Promoters,” National Endowment for Democracy, Washington, DC, July 18, 2012
- “Democracy and Human Rights in the Foreign Policy of New Democracies” Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, DC, November 18, 2009
- “Why and How the Eastern European Countries Support Democracy Abroad” US Department of State, Washington, DC, August 9, 2009

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

2018 Research Grant, EU Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, Columbia University
2013 National Council for Eurasian and East European Research Grant
2013 Social Science Research Council Small Research Grant
2013 Harriman Institute Shkilnyk Fellowship, Columbia University
2013 School of Advanced International Studies Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University (declined)
2012 American Council of Learned Societies Public Fellows Fellowship (declined)
2012 Transatlantic Relations & Global Governance Fellowship, Free University-Berlin (declined)
2011 Raegan-Fascell Democracy Fellow, National Endowment for Democracy
2011 IREX Individual Advanced Opportunity Research Grant
2011 Harriman Institute Post-doctoral Human Rights Fellowship, Columbia University
2010 Davis Center Post-doctoral Fellowship, Harvard University
2010 Harriman Institute Post-doctoral Fellowship, Columbia University (declined)
2010 Social Science Research Council Dissertation Completion Fellowship
2010 Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars Fellowship
2009 National Council for Eurasian and East European Research Junior Scholar
2009 Long Fellowship, Peace Studies Program, Cornell University
2009 Smith Richardson Foundation Grant
2008 Luigi Einaudi Dissertation Fellowship, Institute for European Studies, Cornell University
2008 Council for European Studies Pre-dissertation Fellowship
2008 International Travel Grant, Graduate School, Cornell University
2007 LaFeber Research Grant, Government Department, Cornell University 2006 Mellon-Sawyer
“Social Movements and Regime Change in Latin America and Post-communist Eurasia”
Fellowship (administered by Government Department, Cornell University)
2005 US Department of Education “Business, Civil Society, Government Interaction”
Research Grant, (administered by Johnson School, Cornell University)
2004 Michele Sicca Travel Grant, Institute for European Studies, Cornell University
2004 Tianaderrah Foundation Grant
2003 Merrill Presidential Scholar, Cornell University
2001 Human Rights Fellowship, Open Society Institute