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RESEARCH INTERESTS

EU politics and European Parliament, legislative politics, party politics, political and economic reforms in Central and Eastern Europe, electoral behaviour, regulation.

CURRENT POSITION

2010 – **Research Fellow**, University of Mannheim Mannheim, Germany
Collaborative Research Center 'Political Economy of Reforms' (SFB 884)

EDUCATION

2007 – 2010 **European University Institute** Florence, Italy
Doctor of Political and Social Sciences
Thesis: 'Legislative Organization in the European Parliament: The Role of Committees'
Defence committee: Prof. Adrienne Héritier (EUI); Prof. Simon Hix (LSE), Prof. David Farrell (UCD); Prof. Mark Franklin (EUI); Co-supervisor: Prof. Peter Mair (EUI).

2006 – 2007 **European University Institute** Florence, Italy
MRes Political and Social Sciences

2005 – 2006 **London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)** London, UK
MSc European Politics and Governance

2002 – 2005 **Jacobs University** Bremen, Germany
BA Integrated Social Sciences

PRIZES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2011 **European Union Studies Association Prize for Best Dissertation on the EU studies** defended in the period 2009-2010, Boston, US.

2011 **François Mény PhD Prize** for Best Comparative Study of Political Institutions in 2010 awarded by the European University Institute, Florence, Italy.

2011 **Shortlisted for the Jean Blondel PhD Prize for the Best Thesis in Politics** defended in 2010 by the European Consortium for Political Research.

2007 **Duncan Black Award** for the best paper presented by a graduate student at the European Consortium for Political Research General Conference, Pisa, Italy.

2006 – 2010 **Full scholarship** from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and EUI for PhD study.

2002 – 2005 **Merit based scholarship** for the duration of BA study at Jacobs University.

1999 – 2002 **Scholarship** for academic achievement from the Bulgarian Ministry of Education.

GRANTS

- 2009 **Travel grant** from the European Union Studies Association to attend its 2009 meeting.
- 2008 **Scholarship Fund Grant** from the European Consortium for Political Research to attend its Summer School in Methods and Techniques.
- 2008 **Grant** from the European University Institute for field research at the European Parliament.

TEACHING

- 2012 Graduate course on ‘The Politics of Reform in Central and Eastern Europe’, University of Mannheim, spring semester.
- 2011 Graduate course on ‘Legislative Politics: European Parliament and EU Policy-Making’, University of Mannheim, spring semester.
- 2011 Substitute lecturer in an undergraduate course on ‘Positive Political Theory’, University of Mannheim, spring semester.

PUBLICATIONS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

Books

‘Legislative Organisation of the European Parliament: The Role of Committees’, forthcoming in the ECPR Monograph Series, 2013; worldwide distribution via Columbia University Press.

Articles in peer-reviewed journals

‘The European Parliament: In Need of a Theory’, *European Union Politics*, 2011. 12(4): 597-617.

‘The Effect of Inter-institutional Rules on the Division of Power in the European Parliament’, *West European Politics*, 2011. 34(1): 97-121.

‘Committee Assignments in the European Parliament: Distributive, Informational and Partisan Rationales’, *European Union Politics*, 2009, 10(2): 253-280. Featured article in Editors’ Choice Collection of EUP, http://eup.sagepub.com/cgi/collection/institutional_analysis.

Articles under review

‘Reversed Economic Left-Right Party Ideology: Transposition of EU Legislation in Eastern vs Western Europe’, with Asya Zhelyazkova. Presented at the Twelfth Biennial Conference of the European Union Studies Association (EUSA), Boston, March, 2011.

Work in progress

‘Party Group Cohesion in the European Parliament: Tracing the Bias in Roll-Call Votes’, with Monika Mühlböck.

‘When Legislators Choose not to Decide: Abstentions in the European Parliament’, with Monika Mühlböck.

‘Compliance after Accession: Analysis of Infringement Cases in New Member States’, with Asya Zhelyazkova

‘Managing Regulation: A Firm’s Perspective’, with Adrienne Héritier and David Coen. Paper prepared for the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Seattle, September 2011.

‘Democratic Paradox in the European Union: Systemic versus Participatory Components’, co-authored with Sergi Pardos-Prado, paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association 67th Annual National Conference, The Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, April 2009.

Non-academic publications

'Police Racial Profiling Practices in the US and the UK.' In: Philip Gounev (ed.) (2006) *Police Stops and Racial Profiling in Bulgaria*, pp. 52-80. Sofia: Centre for the Study of Democracy (CSD) Reports.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 2012 European Political Science Association (EPSA), Berlin, Germany. *Presenter.*
- 2011 SFB 884 Conference on the "Political Economy of Reforms", Mannheim, Germany. *Principal organiser, chair and presenter.*
- 2011 European Union Studies Association (EUSA), Boston, US. *Presenter.*
- 2010 SFB 884 Conference on the "Quantifying Europe", Mannheim, Germany. *Organiser and chair.*
- 2009 American Political Science Association (APSA), Toronto, Canada. *Presenter.*
- 2009 EUSA, Los Angeles, US. *Presenter.*
- 2008 2nd Graduate Network Conference Central European University, Budapest, Hungary. *Presenter.*
- 2008 European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) Joint Sessions, Rennes, France. *Presenter.*
- 2007 4th ECPR General Conference, Pisa, Italy. *Presenter.*
- 2007 Transatlantic Conference for Young Researchers, Florence, Italy. *Presenter.*

TRAINING

- 6/2010 – **Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM)** Mannheim, Germany
7/2010 Game theory, including random utility models, Bayesian statistics, and experimental methods.
- 9/2009 **ECPR Summer School on Analytical Politics** Torino, Italy
Computational modelling, automated data collection, and ideal point estimation.
- 5/2009 **Multi-level Modelling** Florence, Italy
Followed a 5-day course by Prof. Kenneth Benoit, Trinity College Dublin.
- 9/2008 **Teacher Training Certificate, EUI** Florence, Italy
Followed a course in **teaching skills**, designed a course outline, and received a certificate.
- 7/2008 – **ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques** Ljubljana, Slovenia
8/2008 Took a course on '**Formal Modelling**' taught by Prof. Rebecca Morton, New York University.
- 5/2008 **Introduction to Time Series Analysis, EUI** Florence, Italy
Followed a course by Prof. Dennis P. Quinn, Georgetown University.
- 7/2007 – **Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis** Colchester, UK
8/2007 Took courses on calculus maths and **Logit and Probit Models** by Prof. Marco Steenbergen.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 12/2008 – **Research Assistant**, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies Florence, Italy
6/2010 Independent development and analysis of an online survey of 1000 regulatory directors of companies across Europe for the project 'Regulation in Europe.'
- 4-5/2009 **Research Assistant**, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies Florence, Italy

Collaborator in the PIREDEU project led by Prof. Mark Franklin. Prepared the Bulgarian versions of the candidate and voter surveys for the European Election Study (2009).

- 1/2008 – **Intern, European Parliament** Brussels, Belgium
2/2008
Co-authored a study on the ‘Implementation of the Structural Funds in Bulgaria and Romania.’
- 10/2007 – **Academic collaborator, European University Institute** Florence, Italy
12/2007
Organized an international workshop on Party Patronage hosted by Prof. Peter Mair.
- 11/2006 – **Assistant, Copenhagen and Aarhus Business Schools** Copenhagen, Denmark
12/2006
Collected a large quantitative data set on legislative reports in the 5th European Parliament for a research project of Dr Anne Rasmussen, Max Weber Fellow, EUI.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Served as a referee for *European Union Politics, European Journal for Political Research, Journal of Common Market Studies, West European Politics.*

Member of *European Legislative Politics Research Group, American Political Science Association (APSA) and European Union Studies Association (EUSA).*

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Bulgarian	Native
English, German	Fluent spoken and written
Italian, French	Basic spoken and written
Russian, Polish	Basic spoken

STATISTICAL PACKAGES

Knowledge of R, STATA and SPSS.

REFERENCES

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