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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of Political Economy, Duke Kunshan University, July 2022-

Mellon Teaching Fellow in the Harriman Institute and Lecturer in Political Science, Columbia University, 2021-2022

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Harriman Institute, Columbia University, 2019-2021

Postdoctoral Fellow, Skalny Center, University of Rochester, 2018-19

EDUCATION

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT

Ph.D. Government, 2018

Specializations: Comparative Politics, Political Economy, Political Methodology

Dissertation: *States within Markets. Elites, Institutions and the Politics of Privatization-Nationalization Waves*

M.A. in Russian and East European Studies, 2012

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD, DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

M.Sc. in Global Governance and Diplomacy, 2008

A.I. CUZA UNIVERSITY, IAȘI, ROMANIA, PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT

B.A. in Political Science and European Studies, 2007 (valedictorian)

Research Areas: Populism and Economic Nationalism, Inequality and Economic Development, Energy and Environmental Policy, Corruption and Transparency, Democratic Backsliding, Economic Policy Reversal, Western European, Eastern European and Russian Politics, Political Methodology

Technical skills: Statistical Packages (R, STATA, SPSS, Mplus, Python), Applications (L^AT_EX, common Windows software) and mapping in ArcGIS, STATA and R

Methods Training: Ordinary Least Squares Regression, Survey Analysis, Generalized Linear Models, Time Series Analysis, Game Theory, Scaling and Dimensional Analysis, Advanced Bayesian Models, Text-as-Data, Event Studies Analysis

Additional Training: Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMMR) Summer Program and the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, Middlebury College Russian Summer School

SCHOLARSHIP

Books

- manuscript *Privatization, Nationalization and Back Again. The Politics of Economic Policy Reversal*
 in progress Book workshop in April 2022
- 2010 *The Energy Dimension in the EU-Russian Relations* (Bucharest: Institutul European, 2010)
 published in Romanian, original title *Relația Uniunea Europeana-Rusia. Problema energetica*

Peer reviewed publications

- 2022 "Offshore Protection: Evidence from the Yukos Precedent and the Moscow Stock Exchange," with Nik Kalyanpur, forthcoming in *Energy Policy*
- 2021 "[Assessing the Performance of Caregiver Reported Early Development Instruments \(CREDI\) Relative to the Bayley Scales of Infant and Toddler Development \(Bayley-III\) in Rural India](#)," with Harold Alderman and Jed Friedman, *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences*, 1492: 58–72
- 2015 "Baikonur, Bagys and the Legacy of Soviet-Era Territorial Leases in Contemporary Central Asia", *Cambridge Central Asian Reviews*, University of Cambridge (vol. 1, no. 1: 1-18)
- 2012 "Being a Jewish Writer in Second World War Bucharest. The case of Mihail Sebastian" in *Slovo*, School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College London, (vol. 24, no. 1: 3-18)
- 2011 "A Problem of Consolidation. Moldovan Democracy and Regime Change from Independence to the *Twitter Revolution*," *Romanian Journal of International Relations and Security Studies* (vol. 1, no. 2)
- 2009 "[Threads in the Canvas. Pipeline Politics and the Economization of the Russian Foreign Policy in the Black Sea Region](#)", *Journal of Asian and East European Studies*, (vol. 1, no. 1: 25-40)

Chapters in books

- 2021 "Economic Consequences of Illiberalism," chapter in the *Routledge Handbook of Illiberalism*, András Sajó, Renáta Uitz, Stephen Holmes, eds. (Routledge, New York and London: 691-709)
- 2012 "Global Governance in Contemporary Politics", chapter in the *International Relations Textbook*, Andrei Miroiu and Radu-Sebastian Ungureanu, eds. (Bucharest, Polirom)
- 2008 "Dissensions and Incertitudes. European Union-Russia Dialog in Transition", chapter in *International Relations. World of yesterday, world of tomorrow*, Paul Nistor, ed. (Iasi, Pim: 230-244)

Under Review

- "Bringing the State Back In. Populism and Economic Nationalism in Europe," under review
- "Ties that Bind: The Impact of Tied Aid on Development," with Desh Girod, under review
- "Corruption: Quantity or Consequences?," with Harley Balzer
- "The Politics of Privatization-Nationalization Waves"
- "[Patterns of Policy Responses to the COVID-19: Coronavirus Pandemic in Federal vs. Unitary States](#)," with Tim Buthe, Joan Barcelo, Cindy Cheng, Allison Spencer Hartnett, Robert Kubinec and Luca Messerschmidt

Working papers

- "The coercive capacity of COVID-19 policies: The rule of law or the rule of fear?" with Caress Schenk, presented at APSA 2021, ISA 2022, MPSA 2022
- "The new politics of private investment in developing countries," with Erum Haider, presented at APSA 2021, ISA 2022, APSA 2022
- "The Left Behind: Emigration, Political Brain Drain, and Support for Far-Right Parties in Europe," with Abe Newman and Filip Savatic, presented at APSA 2020, ISA 2021
- "Political scandals and populism: Origin story or silver bullet?" with Tsveta Petrova, presented at MPSA 2022, APSA 2022, CES 2022
- "The social origins of economic nationalism. Public opinions on transition reforms and the rise of populism", presented at ISA 2018
- "Place Matters. Economic Geography and Populist Voting in Europe," with Kate McNamara, presented at APSA 2018
- "Property Rights in the Aftermath of Conflict. The Impact of the India-Pakistan Partition on Property Claims in Karachi," with Rabea Kirmani, presented at APSA 2019, ISA 2019

AWARDS

External Awards

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| 2022 | Sakip Sabanci University International Studies Award |
| 2022 | Institute for Humane Studies, Book Manuscript Workshop Grant |
| 2022 | James Buchanan Fellowship |
| 2021 | Institute for Humane Studies, Book Proposal Workshop Grant |
| 2020-21 | Visiting Lecturer, Duke-DKU Global Fellows Program, Duke Kunshan University |
| 2020-21 | Regional Studies Association, Grant on Pandemics, Cities, Regions and Industry |
| 2020, 2021 | Summer Humane Studies Fellowship Award |
| 2020 | Kennan Alumni Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson Center (canceled due to COVID-19) |
| 2019 | APSA Small Research grant through the Centennial Center for Political Science and Public Affairs |
| 2019 | Eurolab Grant at the GESIS Leibnitz Institute for the Social Sciences |
| 2019 | George F. Kennan Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson Center |
| 2017-18 | Adam Smith Fellowship |
| 2017 | National Science Foundation (NSF) travel grant |
| 2017-18, 2015 | Humane Studies Fellowship |
| 2017 | Harriman Institute, Columbia University travel grant |
| 2016 | National Science Foundation (NSF) travel grant |
| 2011 | Kathryn Davis Fellowship for Peace, Middlebury College, Russian Language Summer School |
| 2007-08 | Chevening Scholarship from the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Open Society Foundation, Oxford University |
| 2006 | European Union Erasmus Mobility Fellowship, Institute for Political Science (Sciences Po), Lille |

Internal Awards

- 2020-21 Columbia University Pepsico Fellowships for Research Travel, Winter 2020 (Poland), Summer 2020 (canceled due to COVID-19), Fall 2021 (Czech Republic, Romania)
- 2016-17 The Jill Hopper Memorial Fellowship, Georgetown University
- 2017 Dissertation Research Grant, Department of Government, Georgetown University
- 2016 Dissertation Research Travel Grant, Georgetown University (Hungary)
- 2016 Georgetown University Fellowship for the Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMMR) Summer Program
- 2015 Georgetown University Graduate Student Organization Teaching Assistant Award
- 2014 Georgetown University Fellowship for the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research
- 2014 Georgetown University Summer Research Award
- 2012-18 Georgetown Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Fellowship, PhD fellowship
- 2012 Georgetown University Conference Travel Award
- 2011 Center for Eurasian, Russian and East European Studies summer research grant (Moldova)
- 2010-12 Georgetown Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Fellowship, graduate fellowship for the MA in Russian and East European Studies
- 2003-07 Alexandru Ioan Cuza University Study Award

Conference Presentations

- American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, 2014, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
- International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 (canceled due to COVID-19), 2021, 2022
- Midwest Political Science Conference (MPSA), 2014, 2015, 2019, 2020 (canceled due to COVID-19), 2022
- Council for European Studies Annual Conference, 2022
- COVID-19 Public Health and Social Measures (PHSMs) Research Outcome Conference, 2021
- Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth), 2016, 2017
- International Political Economy Society (IPES), 2019
- The Ideational Approach to Populism: Consequences and Mitigation, IE University in Segovia, Spain, 2019
- ISA/FLACSO, Quito, Ecuador, 2018
- Sixth Annual ICSID Conference, "Political Economy of Development: Exiting the Middle Income Trap," Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia, June 2017
- Association for Slavonic, Eastern European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Annual Convention, 2016
- Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference (SPSA), 2015
- Academic Swiss Caucasus Net (ASCN) Conference "Security, Democracy and Development in the Southern Caucasus and the Black Sea Region," Istanbul, Turkey, 2012

Invited talks

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| Regional Studies Association, virtual | 2022 |
| George Washington University, virtual | 2022 |
| Duke Kunshan University, virtual | 2022 |

Romanian Cultural Institute, New York	2020
Columbia University, Harriman Institute, New York	2019
Leibnitz Institute for Social Sciences, Cologne, Germany	2019
Center for Eurasian, Russian and East European Studies, Georgetown University	2019
Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington DC	2019
University of Rochester	2019
Georgetown University, Political Economy Faculty Seminar	2016
Georgetown Quantitative Models, <i>Advanced Topics in L^AT_EX</i> ¹	2016
George Washington University, Comparative Politics Workshop	2016
Georgetown Quantitative Models, <i>Advanced Visualization Techniques in R</i> ¹	2015
Georgetown Quantitative Models, <i>Accelerated Introduction to L^AT_EX</i> ¹	2014

Additional Research Skills

Languages: Romanian (native), French (fluent), Russian (advanced), Spanish (advanced), Italian (intermediate), Portuguese (intermediate)

Field work: Hungary, Romania, Moldova, Poland, the Czech Republic, Ukraine, Russia, Germany

Technical skills: Statistical Packages (R, STATA, SPSS, Mplus, Python), Applications (L^AT_EX, common Windows software) and mapping in ArcGIS, STATA and R

Statistical methods used in research and teaching: Ordinary Least Squares, Generalized Linear Models, Time Series Analysis, Scaling and Dimensional Analysis, Advanced Bayesian Models, Text-as-Data, Survey Analysis and Survey Experiments, Randomized Control Trials, Event Study Analysis and Survival Analysis, Game Theory

Additional Training:

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMMR) Summer Program

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research

Middlebury College Russian Summer School

Work and Research Experience

2020-21	Regional Data Manager CoronaNet Research Project , Western Europe
2018-19	Quantitative Researcher, World Bank Development Research Group (Poverty and Inequality Team)
2018-19	World Bank Development Research Group (Poverty and Inequality Team)
2017-18	Editorial Assistant for <i>International Organization (IO)</i> , replication of accepted quantitative papers
2015-16	Professor Angela Stent, Researcher on Russian foreign policy
2016-18	Professor Desha Girod, Statistical researcher on international aid and economic development
2015-16	Professor Jenny Guardado, Statistical researcher on insurgencies and conflict funded by a grant from the Office of Naval Research and the University of Chicago
2015	Professor Bill Gormley, Statistical researcher for Georgetown University Center for Research on Children in the US (CROCUS)
2014	Expert coder for the <i>Varieties of Democracy</i> Project, Boston University
2008	Research Assistant at the Overseas Development Institute, London

¹ Conducted the lecture and coding training.

TEACHING

Duke Kunshan University

Instructor of record, <i>International Development</i>	Fall 2022, Spring 2023
Instructor of record, <i>International Political Economy</i>	Fall 2022
Visiting Lecturer, <i>Economic Development</i>	Summer 2020
Visiting Lecturer, <i>International Politics</i>	Summer 2020

Columbia University

Instructor of record, <i>Populism in Europe and the World</i>	2020, 2021, 2022
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University of Rochester

Instructor of record, <i>Political Economy of Developing Countries</i>	2018
Instructor of record, <i>Populism in 21st Century Politics</i>	2019

Georgetown University

Instructor of record, <i>States and Markets: Linking Political Institutions and Economic Outcomes</i>	2016
Instructor of record, <i>Theories of International Relations</i>	2015
Instructor of record, <i>PhD Math Camp</i> for Government Department doctoral students	2015, 2016, 2017
Teaching Assistant, <i>Comparative Political Systems</i>	2013, 2014, 2015
Teaching Assistant, <i>Analysis of Political Data</i> (PhD statistics seminar)	2014
Teaching Assistant, <i>Russian Foreign Policy</i>	2013, 2014, 2016
Teaching Assistant, <i>Environmental Policy</i>	2013

Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iasi, Romania

Teaching Assistant, <i>Politics of the European Union</i>	2010
Teaching Assistant, <i>Theories of International Relations</i>	2009
Teaching Assistant, <i>European Union Institutions</i>	2009

SERVICE

ADVISING	Columbia University, MA Thesis in European Studies " The Evolution of Populist Parties Positions when Mainstream Parties Adopt Previously Extremist Policies: The case of the <i>Alternative for Germany</i>"
	Columbia University, MA Thesis in European Studies "Memory Politics in Orban's Hungary"
	Columbia University, MA Thesis in European Studies "Populism on the Left and on the Right. Comparing France and Spain"
	Columbia University, MA Thesis in European Studies "German Media Portrayals of the 2015 Refugee Crisis and the Rise of AfD"
	Columbia University, MA Thesis in Russian and East European Studies "Corruption in Romania"

REVIEWER International Studies Quarterly, Political Research Quarterly

2019-20 Language Exchange Fellow, International House NY

2014-15 Graduate Student Organization Dissertation Writing Boot Camp Drill Instructor
2013-15 Chair of the Georgetown University Political Science Graduate Working Group
2014-15 President of the Georgetown Quantitative Models, treasurer (2013 - 2014)
2013-14 Treasurer of the Georgetown's Graduate Political Science Association

REFERENCES

The following professors can write letters on my behalf.

Alexander Cooley, Claire Tow Professor of Political Science at Barnard College and Director of Columbia University's Harriman Institute, acooley@barnard.edu

Marc Morjé Howard, Professor of Government and Law; Director of the Prisons and Justice Initiative, Georgetown University, mmh@georgetown.edu

Erik Voeten, Peter F. Krogh Professor of Geopolitics and Global Justice in the School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, ev42@georgetown.edu

Hans Noel, Associate Professor, Georgetown University, hcn4@georgetown.edu

Harley Balzer, Professor Emeritus, Georgetown University, balzerh@georgetown.edu

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