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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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

Social Sciences Division

Core faculty with the Environmental Research Center

**Visiting Fellow, Stanford University, 2022-2024**

**Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Harriman Institute, Columbia University, 2019-2022**

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

## EDUCATION

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT

**Ph.D. Government, 2018**

Specializations: Comparative Politics, International Relations, 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)

Erasmus mobility with **Sciences Po, Lille** (2006)

**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<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, common Windows software) and mapping in ArcGIS, STATA and R, Quantum Computing with IBM's Qiskit

**Methods Training:** Ordinary Least Squares Regression, Survey Analysis, Generalized Linear Models, Time Series Analysis and Multilevel Modeling, 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 *Populism and Economic Nationalism in Europe*  
in progress

manuscript *States Within Markets. The Politics of Privatization-Nationalization Waves*  
in progress

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

8. **Paula Ganga**. 2024. "Ties that Bind: The Impact of Tied Aid on Development," *Studies in Comparative International Development*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12116-024-09432-4>.
7. **Paula Ganga**. 2022. "Economic nationalism goes global. Illiberal governments instrumentalizing globalization in Eastern Europe," *Journal of Illiberalism Studies*, 2(2): 69 – 85.
6. **Paula Ganga** and Nik Kalyanpur. 2022. "Offshore Protection: Evidence from the Yukos Precedent and the Moscow Stock Exchange," *Energy Policy*, Volume 167, 113034, ISSN 0301-4215.
5. Harold Alderman, **Paula Ganga** and Jed Friedman. 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," *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences*, 1492: 58–72.
4. **Paula Ganga**. 2015. "Baikonur, Bagys and the Legacy of Soviet-Era Territorial Leases in Contemporary Central Asia," *Cambridge Central Asian Reviews*, 1(1): 1-18.
3. **Paula Ganga**. 2012. "Being a Jewish Writer in Second World War Bucharest. The case of Mihail Sebastian," *Slovo*, 24(1): 3-18.
2. **Paula Ganga**. 2011. "A Problem of Consolidation. Moldovan Democracy and Regime Change from Independence to the *Twitter Revolution*," *Romanian Journal of International Relations and Security Studies* 1(2).
1. **Paula Ganga**. 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*, 1(1): 25-40.

### Chapters in books, Policy Memos and Other Publications

6. **Paula Ganga**. 2023. "Quantum Technology and Cybersecurity Challenges: The Role of the Government," chapter in *Transforming the Business of Government: Insights on Resiliency, Innovation, and Performance*, the IBM Center for The Business of Government.
5. **Paula Ganga**. 2023. "Is the War in Ukraine Helping or Hindering the Relationship Between the EU and its Illiberal Member States?," PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo No. 827, February 2023.
4. **Paula Ganga**. 2022. "Populism, a pandemic, and policymaking in Eastern Europe," Regional Studies Association blog , <https://www.regionalstudies.org/news/blog-21373/>

3. **Paula Ganga**. 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).
2. **Paula Ganga**. 2012. "Global Governance in Contemporary Politics," chapter in the *International Relations Textbook*, Andrei Miroiu and Radu-Sebastian Ungureanu, eds. (Bucharest, Polirom).
1. **Paula Ganga**. 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," **Paula Ganga** (Revise and Resubmit)
- "[Populism and environmental politics](#)," **Paula Ganga**; an early version of this article was published as a working paper with the Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (Revise and Resubmit)
- "The coercive capacity of COVID-19 policies: The rule of law or the rule of fear?" **Paula Ganga** and Caress Schenk (Revise and Resubmit)
- "Governing Under Crises: Sub-national Evidence from Ukraine During Pandemic & War," **Paula Ganga** and Sarah Wilson Sokhey (under review)
- "The new politics of private investment in developing countries," **Paula Ganga**, Duncan Hobbs and Erum Haider
- "Political scandals and populism: Kiss of Death or Elixir of Life?" Tsveta Petrova and **Paula Ganga**
- "The Politics of Privatization-Nationalization Waves," **Paula Ganga**

## Working papers

- "The Left Behind: Emigration, Political Brain Drain, and Support for Far-Right Parties in Europe," **Paula Ganga**, Abe Newman and Filip Savatic
- "[Patterns of Policy Responses to the COVID-19: Coronavirus Pandemic in Federal vs. Unitary States](#)," Tim Buthe, Joan Barcelo, Cindy Cheng, **Paula Ganga**, Allison Spencer Hartnett, Robert Kubinec and Luca Messerschmidt
- "Navigating through Educational Pathways to Political Participation: A Multi-theoretical Exploration of Voting Intentions Across 16 Years of CCES Data," Muhammad Hassan Bin Afzal, **Paula Ganga**, Oindrila Roy, Kristina Thompson
- "Property Rights in the Aftermath of Conflict. The Impact of the India-Pakistan Partition on Property Claims in Karachi," **Paula Ganga** and Rabea Kirmani

## AWARDS

### External Awards

- 2024 "The Global Quest for a Quantum Leap. Cooperation and Competition in Quantum Technology," The IBM Center for The Business of Government Grant

- 2024 Institute for Human Studies Conference Funding for organizing the 1-Day Applied Microeconomics Research Workshop of SERN (Society for Economics Representation and Networking), \$4500
- 2023 "The Quantum Technology Challenge: What Role for the Government?," The IBM Center for The Business of Government 25th Anniversary Challenge Grant
- 2022 Sakip Sabanci University International Studies Award, \$10000
- 2022 Institute for Humane Studies, Book Manuscript Workshop Grant
- 2022 James Buchanan Fellowship, \$10000
- 2020-21 Visiting Lecturer, Duke-DKU Global Fellows Program, Duke Kunshan University
- 2020-21 Regional Studies Association, Grant on Pandemics, Cities, Regions and Industry, \$4000
- 2019 APSA Small Research grant through the Centennial Center for Political Science and Public Affairs, \$ 2500
- 2019 Eurolab Grant at the GESIS Leibnitz Institute for the Social Sciences, \$5000
- 2019 George F. Kennan Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson Center, \$12000
- 2017-18 Adam Smith Fellowship, \$15000
- 2017 National Science Foundation (NSF) travel grant, \$1200
- 2017 Harriman Institute, Columbia University travel grant, \$1250
- 2016 National Science Foundation (NSF) travel grant, \$750
- 2011 Kathryn Davis Fellowship for Peace, Middlebury College, Russian Language Summer School, \$10000
- 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

- 2024 Summer Research Grant, Duke Kunshan University
- 2020-21 Columbia University Pepsico Fellowships for Research Travel, Winter 2020 (Poland), Summer 2020 (canceled due to COVID-19), Fall 2021 (Czech Republic, Romania) \$3500
- 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), \$5000
- 2016 Georgetown University Fellowship for the Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMMR) Summer Program, \$5000
- 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, \$5000
- 2014 Georgetown University Summer Research Award, \$5000
- 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), \$1250
- 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, 2017-23
International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting	2015-24
Midwest Political Science Conference (MPSA)	2014-15, 2019, 2022-23
Political Economy of Climate and the Environment (PECE)	2023
Council for European Studies (CES) Annual Conference	2022-23
COVID-19 Public Health and Social Measures (PHSMs) Research Outcome Conference	2021
Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth)	2016-17
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	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

University of California, Berkeley	2024
Stanford University	2024
San Jose State University	2023
Kazimierz Wielki University in Bydgoszcz, Poland	2023
Regional Studies Association, 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<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X</i> <sup>1</sup>	2016
George Washington University, Comparative Politics Workshop	2016
Georgetown Quantitative Models, <i>Advanced Visualization Techniques in R</i> <sup>1</sup>	2015
Georgetown Quantitative Models, <i>Accelerated Introduction to L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X</i> <sup>1</sup>	2014

## Additional Research Skills

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

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

<sup>1</sup> Conducted the lecture and coding training.

Technical skills: Statistical Packages (R, STATA, SPSS, Mplus, Python), Applications (L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, common Windows software) and mapping in ArcGIS, STATA and R, Quantum Computing with IBM's Qiskit

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

### Additional Training:

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, 2014 and 2023

Qubit by Qubit's *Introduction to Quantum Computing* course sponsored by IBM Quantum, the Coding School, 2023

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMMR) Summer Program, 2016

Middlebury College Russian Summer School, 2011

### 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)
- 2017-18 Editorial Assistant for *International Organization (IO)*, replication of accepted quantitative papers
- 2015-16 Professor Angela Stent, Researcher on Russian foreign policy
- 2016-18 Professor Desh 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 *Varieties of Democracy* Project, Boston University
- 2008 Research Assistant at the Overseas Development Institute, London

### TEACHING

#### Duke Kunshan University

<i>International Development</i>	Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024
<i>International Political Economy</i>	Fall 2022, Spring 2024
<i>International Politics</i>	Summer 2020, Spring 2024
<i>Authoritarian Regimes</i>	Spring 2023
<i>Economic Development</i>	Summer 2020

#### Columbia University

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

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

**Georgetown University**

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

**Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iasi, Romania**

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

**SERVICE**

ADVISING	Columbia University, MA Thesis in European Studies “ <a href="#">The Evolution of Populist Parties Positions when Mainstream Parties Adopt Previously Extremist Policies: The case of the <i>Alternative for Germany</i></a> ”
	Columbia University, MA Thesis in European Studies “Memory Politics in Orban’s Hungary”
	Columbia University, MA Thesis in European Studies “A Generation of Populists. Examining the Growing Trend of Young European’s Attraction to Populist Politics”
2022-	Vice President of Fundraising, <a href="#">Society for Economics Representation and Networking (SERN)</a>
2019-20	Co-Chair of the Postdoctoral Working Group, Harriman Institute, Columbia University
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 former Director of Columbia University’s Harriman Institute, [acooley@barnard.edu](mailto:acooley@barnard.edu)

Marc Morjé Howard, Professor of Government and Law; Director of the Prisons and Justice Initiative, Georgetown University, [mmh@georgetown.edu](mailto: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](mailto:ev42@georgetown.edu)

Harley Balzer, Professor Emeritus, Georgetown University, [balzerh@georgetown.edu](mailto:balzerh@georgetown.edu)

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