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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative Democratization · Political Parties · Corruption · Western Balkans · Subnational Politics · Geographic Cleavages · State Capacity

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Postdoctoral Researcher

Dept. of Political Science, University of Zürich

2022 – Present

Zürich, Switzerland

Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Dept. of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen

2018 – 2022

Bergen, Norway

- Research Affiliate, Digital Social Science Core Facility (DIGSSCORE)

EDUCATION

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Ph.D., Political Science

Chapel Hill, NC, USA

2018

M.A., Political Science

2014

- Fields: Comparative Politics (primary) and Quantitative Methods (secondary).
- Methods Training: OLS, MLE/GLM, SEM, Causal Inference, Game Theory.
- Dissertation: “Partisan Accountability and the Perversion of Local Democracy: Evidence from Bosnia and Herzegovina.”

University of Bologna; University of Sarajevo

M.A., Democracy and Human Rights in South East Europe

Bologna, Italy; Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

2007

- *cum laude*
- Thesis: “Human Rights Institutions and Peace-Building: Lessons from Bosnia and Herzegovina for Iraq.”

Stanford University

B.A., International Relations, minor in Music

Stanford, CA, USA

2005

PUBLICATIONS

“Authoritarian or Simply Disillusioned: Explaining Democratic Skepticism in Central and Eastern Europe” (with B. Petrova), *Political Behavior* (2022), doi: 10.1007/s11109-022-09807-0.

“How do Parties Capture Newly Democratic States? Hungary and North Macedonia in Comparison,” (with J. Kartner), *East European Politics and Societies* (2022), doi: 10.1177/08883254221075841.

“Bosnia and Herzegovina: Local Elections within a Weak and Contested State,” In A. Gendźwill, U. Kjaer, and K. Steyvers (Eds.) *Routledge Handbook of Local Elections in Europe* (2022), ISBN: 9780367444334.

“Accountable to Whom? How Strong Parties Undermine Local Democratic Institutions,” *Party Politics* 28(5): 865–878 (2022), doi: 10.1177/13540688211019720.

“Geografisk bevissthet hos velgere, lokalpolitikere og forvaltningsansatte” [Geographic consciousness in citizens, local politicians, and public administrators] (with S.H. Dahl, M. Eidheim, and A.L. Fimreite), *Norsk statsvitenskapelig tidsskrift* 38(4): 158-177 (2022), doi: 10.18261/nst.38.4.3.

“Partisan Accountability and the Perversion of Local Democracy: Evidence from Bosnia and Herzegovina.” Doctoral Dissertation (2018), <https://cdr.lib.unc.edu/>.

“Political Participation of National Minorities: Standards and Practice in the Council of Europe’s Framework Convention” (2011), www.analitika.ba.

“Human Rights Institutions and Peace-Building: Lessons from Bosnia and Herzegovina for Iraq,” In: MA Theses selected for publication, A.Y. 2006-2007, eds. Zdravko Grebo and Stefano Bianchini. Sarajevo: Center for Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Studies of the University of Sarajevo, 2010.

ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW & WORKS IN PROGRESS

“State Capacity and Covid-19 Responses: Comparing the U.S. States,” with J. Lerner, and H. Ridge (under review).

“Rural but not Radical Right: The Urban-Rural Cleavage in Norway,” with M. Eidheim and A.L. Fimreite (under review).

“Place-Based Grievances and Affective Polarization in Norway,” with M. Eidheim and A.L. Fimreite.

“Measuring State Capacity in the U.S. States,” with J. Lerner and H. Ridge.

TEACHING AND MENTORING

Course Instructor

Dept. of Political Science, University of Zürich

2022 –

Zürich, Switzerland

- Populism and Electoral Protest in the International Context (B.A. seminar).
- Political Representation in Comparative Perspective (M.A. seminar).

Lecturer and Supervisor

Dept. of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen

2019 – 2022

Bergen, Norway

- Lecturer: Field Research Methods (4 seminars in M.A. course on Research Design).
- Lecturer: Qualitative Interviews (1 seminar, M.A. level).
- Lecturer: Democracy Assistance in the Western Balkans (1 seminar, M.A. level).
- Supervisor: 2 M.A. theses, 15 B.A. theses, 1 Research Assistant.

Teaching Assistant

Dept. of Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

2013 – 2016

Chapel Hill, USA

- International Relations and World Politics (2 semesters, B.A. course).
- Introduction to Comparative Politics (2 semesters, B.A. course).
- Introduction to American Government (1 semester, B.A. course).

Academic Tutor

Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Sarajevo

2008–2010

Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

- European Regional Master in Democracy and Human Rights in South East Europe (12 month M.A. program).

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Doctoral and Predoctoral Research Support

Field Research: Bosnia and Herzegovina (15 months), North Macedonia (3 months)

- James W. Prothro Award for Outstanding Research, UNC Dept. of Political Science 2018
- Dissertation Completion Fellowship, UNC Graduate School (\$18,000) 2017 – 2018
- Off-Campus Dissertation Research Fellowship, UNC Graduate School (\$10,000) 2017
- Druscilla French Graduate Student Excellence Fund, UNC Graduate School (\$2,000) 2017
- Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship, U.S. Dept. of Education (\$21,530) 2015 – 2016
- European Research Council Fellowship, Free University of Amsterdam (10,000 €) 2015 – 2016
- Richard J. Richardson Summer Research Fellowship, UNC Graduate School (\$4,000) 2015
- Title VIII Language and Research Fellowship, American Councils for International Education (\$10,000) 2014
- Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS), Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian (\$3,000) 2013

Other Awards

- Meltzer Research Travel Grant, University of Bergen 2019, 2020
- Graduate Student Transportation Grant, UNC Graduate School 2017
- Kathryn W. Davis Travel Grant, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies 2017
- Annual Meeting Travel Grant, American Political Science Association 2015, 2016
- George Maile Academic Scholarship, Stanford University 2003 – 2005
- Friends of Music Scholarship, Stanford University 2002 – 2005

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association	2015-2017, 2019, 2021, 2022
Association of Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies	2017-2019
Midwest Political Science Association	2019, 2022
Nordic Local Government Conference	2018, 2021, 2022
International Political Science Association Colloquium, University of Sarajevo	2019
European Political Science Association	2016
Frontiers of Political Science, Duke University	2014, 2015

INVITED TALKS

University of Bergen	
• “Geographic Polarization in Norway,” Digital Social Science Core Facility	2022
• “The Rise of the Radical Right in Eastern Europe,” United Nations Student Association	2021
• “Geography, Social Identities, and Polarization in Norway,” Digital Social Science Core Facility	2020
• “Democratic Backlash in Central Eastern Europe and the Balkans,” Dept. of Comparative Politics	2018
Center for Southeast European Studies, University of Graz	2016, 2017
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	
• “Hunger and Fury: The Crisis of Democracy in the Balkans,” Forum on Southeast Europe	2018
• “Parties, Voters, and Corruption in the Balkans,” Center for European Studies	2016
• “Crisis and Change in Bosnia and Kosovo,” Center for European Studies	2014

LEADERSHIP & PUBLIC SERVICE

American Political Science Association, European Politics and Society Section	
• Board member	2022-2025
• Committee member, Best Dissertation Award	2023
International Election Observer, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE/ODIHR)	
• Bosnia and Herzegovina	October 2022
• Serbia	April 2022
Media Interviews and Popular Writing	
• “Dissatisfaction Drives Democratic Scepticism in Eastern Europe,” <i>The Loop</i>	2022
• “En politiker representerer Haugalandet i styret til Rogaland Arbeiderparti,” <i>Haugesunds Avis</i> (Norway)	2022
• “Romania og Bulgaria avviser Russlands NATO-krav: Uakseptabelt,” <i>VG</i> (Norway)	2022
Alumni Interviewer, Stanford University	2014 – present
Advocate and Mentor, Carolina Firsts program for first generation college students, UNC Chapel Hill	2017 – 2018
Violin teacher, Musical Empowerment program for underprivileged children, UNC Chapel Hill	2012 – 2014
Instructor, Bosnian political affairs for U.S. 92nd Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne) prior to deployment	2014
Reviewer: <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> , <i>British Journal of Political Science</i> , <i>Communist and Post-Communist Studies</i> , <i>East European Politics and Societies</i> , <i>International Political Science Review</i> , <i>Sage Open</i>	

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant <i>Mathew McCubbins, Duke University</i>	2015 – 2016 <i>Durham, NC, USA</i>
Research Assistant <i>Milada Vachudova, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</i>	2012 – 2013 <i>Chapel Hill, NC, USA</i>
Researcher <i>Analitika- Center for Social Research</i>	2010 – 2012 <i>Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina</i>
Intern, Department of Human Rights <i>Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)</i>	June-October 2008 <i>Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina</i>
Intern, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Torture <i>Boltzmann Institute for Human Rights</i>	2005 – 2006 <i>Vienna, Austria</i>
Research Assistant <i>Martin Lewis, Stanford University Summer Research College</i>	2005 <i>Stanford, CA, USA</i>

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: English (native), Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian (professional fluency), French (advanced), German (advanced), Norwegian (intermediate).

Quantitative Methods: Ordinary Least Squares, GLM/MLE, Longitudinal and Hierarchical Models, Machine Learning, Structural Equation Modeling, Game Theory, Causal Inference, Social Network Analysis.

Software and Statistical Programming: R, Stata, MPlus, L^AT_EX, MS Office.

Data Collection and Management: Surveys, Qualitative Interviews, Archival Data, Comparative Case Studies.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Social Network Analysis, ECPR Summer Methods School	2021
Workshop on Research Design for Causal Inference, Duke University and Northwestern University	2018, 2019
ECPR Summer School on Political Parties, University of Nottingham, UK	2017
Causal Case Studies, Derek Beach, APSA Short Course	2017

REFERENCES

John Aldrich, Pfizer-Pratt Professor, Dept. of Political Science, Duke University

Florian Bieber, Professor and Director, Centre for Southeast European Studies, University of Graz

Elisabeth Ivarsflaten, Professor and Director, Digital Social Science Core Facility, University of Bergen

Graeme B. Robertson, Professor, Dept. of Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Milada A. Vachudova, Associate Professor, Dept. of Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill