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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative Democratization · Political Parties · Corruption · Subnational Politics · Territorial Cleavages · Balkans

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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| Postdoctoral Researcher <i>Dept. of Political Science, University of Zürich</i> | 2022 – Present Zürich, Switzerland |
| Visiting Fellow <i>Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute</i> | Fall 2023 Florence, Italy |
| Postdoctoral Research Fellow <i>Dept. of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen</i> | 2018 – 2022 Bergen, Norway |

EDUCATION

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| University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill <i>Ph.D., Political Science</i> <i>M.A., Political Science</i> | Chapel Hill, NC, USA 2018 2014 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 <i>M.A., Democracy and Human Rights in South East Europe</i> | Bologna, Italy; Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina 2007 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>cum laude</i>• Thesis: “Human Rights Institutions and Peace-Building: Lessons from Bosnia and Herzegovina for Iraq.” | |
| Stanford University <i>B.A., International Relations, minor in Music</i> | Stanford, CA, USA 2005 |

PUBLICATIONS

“Authoritarian or Simply Disillusioned: Explaining Democratic Skepticism in Central and Eastern Europe” (with B. Petrova), *Political Behavior*, 44: 1959–1983 (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* 37(2), 538–562 (2023) doi: 10.1177/088832542211075841.

“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.

“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

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

“Place-Based Resentment in an Egalitarian Welfare State,” with M. Eidheim and A.L. Fimreite.

“Rural-Urban and Center-Periphery: Resentment and Preferences,” with M. Eidheim and A.L. Fimreite.

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

“State Capacity and Covid-19 Responses: Comparing the U.S. States,” with J. Lerner, and H. Ridge (Revise and Resubmit, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*).

“State Capacity and Electoral Competition,” with J. Lerner and H. Ridge.

“Corruption and Affective Polarization across Democracies,” with A. Reiljan.

TEACHING AND MENTORING

Course Instructor and Supervisor

Dept. of Political Science, University of Zürich

2022 –

Zürich, Switzerland

- Instructor: Political Culture (B.A. seminar)
- Instructor: Populism and Electoral Protest in the International Context (B.A. research seminar).
- Instructor: Political Representation in Comparative Perspective (M.A. research seminar).
- Supervisor: 2 M.A. theses, 10 B.A. theses.

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

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| American Political Science Association | 2015-2017, 2019, 2021, 2022 |
| Association of Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies | 2017-2019 |
| European Political Science Association | 2016, 2023 |
| Midwest Political Science Association | 2019, 2022, 2023 |
| Nordic Local Government Conference | 2018, 2021, 2022 |
| International Political Science Association Colloquium, University of Sarajevo | 2019 |
| Frontiers of Political Science, Duke University | 2014, 2015 |

INVITED TALKS

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| 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

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| American Political Science Association, European Politics and Society Section | |
| • Section officer | 2022-2025 |
| • Committee member, Best Dissertation Award | 2023 |
| University of Bergen, Digital Social Science Core Facility (DIGSSCORE) | |
| • Co-coordinator, Research unit on Territorial Cleavages and Social Identities | 2023–present |
| • Co-organizer, Workshop on Territorial Cleavages | 2023 |
| Committee member, Women at the Center for Comparative and International Studies (CIS), ETH Zurich and University of Zurich | 2023-2024 |
| 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>Journal of Common Market Studies</i> , <i>International Political Science Review</i> , <i>Political Behavior</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.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| 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> |

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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| Program in Teaching Skills, University of Zurich | 2023-2024 |
| 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