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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in Political Science, April 2010, University of Pittsburgh
- Dissertation: "Political Learning and the Number of Parties: Why Age Matters"
– **winner of the UniCredit and Universities Foundation's CEE Best PhD Thesis Award**
 - Fields of specialization: Comparative Politics and International Relations
- M.A. in Political Science, August 2006, Washington University
M.A. in Political Economy and Public Policy, August 2002, Washington University
B.A. in Economics, August 2001, Washington University
Faculty of Philosophy, October 1997 – June 1999, Sofia University

Research expertise: party system development, electoral institutions, party regulation, party formation and party entry, women representation, ethnic parties, new democracies

EMPLOYMENT

- Assistant Professor in Comparative Politics*, University of Innsbruck, 2013 - present
- Research and teaching in the field of comparative politics
- Post-Doctoral Fellow*, Leiden University, 2010 – 2013
- Part of an international team of scholars working on the ERC-funded project "Party Law in Modern Europe" led by Prof. Dr. Ingrid van Biezen; duties included conducting research to be published in academic journals and books, and be presented at major political science conferences; both qualitative (archival and case study) and quantitative (statistical) analysis dealing with the effect of regulation on different aspects of the development of party systems were employed during the research; as part of this project I have also prepared an application for a large starting-grant and have organized and led an international workshop on gender and politics.
- Post-Doctoral Fellow*, University of Sussex, 2009 – 2010
- Aided the research on an ESRC-funded project on Labour Policy in Eastern Europe; duties included data collection and analysis.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

"Learning the Game: Explaining Party System Convergence in European Democracies", *Political Studies* (forthcoming; accepted November 2012).

"Ethnic Heterogeneity and Party System Size: a District-level Analysis", *Comparative European Politics*. Published online 25 March 2013.

"Deterring New Party Entry? The Impact of State Regulation on the Permeability of Party Systems" (with Ingrid van Biezen), *Party Politics*. Published online 23 September 2012.

"Does Parity Exist in the 'Macho' World?: Party Regulation and Gender Representation in the Balkans" (with Emilia Zankina), *Representation* (forthcoming).

"Gender Politics and Party Regulation: Quotas and Beyond" (with Ingrid van Biezen), *Representation* (forthcoming).

"The 2011 Presidential Election in Bulgaria: Have Bulgarians left the *Left?*", *Electoral Studies*, 31/2 (2012), pp. 448-465.

Book Manuscript

(revise & resubmit) *Closing the Gap: Party System Convergence, Political Learning, and the Number of Parties* with Palgrave-USA.

Book Chapters & Edited Volumes

"Contested Legitimacy: Paradoxes in the Legal Regulation of Political Parties", (co-editor and contributor, with Ingrid van Biezen). Special issue of *International Political Science Review*, forthcoming 2013.

"Gender and Regulation" (co-editor and contributor, with Ingrid van Biezen). Special issue of *Representation*, forthcoming 2013.

"Party Laws in Comparative Perspective: Evidence and Implications" (with Daniela Piccio and Fernando Casal-Bertoa) in I. van Biezen and H. ten Napel (eds.), *Political Parties and Public Law*, Leiden University Press, (forthcoming, 2013).

"Ethnic Parties Regulation in Eastern Europe" (with Maria Spirova) in I. van Biezen and H. ten Napel (eds.), *Political Parties and Public Law*, Leiden University Press, (forthcoming, 2013).

"Bulgarian Political Parties" in D. J. Sagar (eds.), *Political Parties of the World*, John Harper Publishing, 2009, pp.80-88.

Book Reviews

Review of Daniel Bochsler, *Territory and Electoral Rules in Post-Communist Democracies* (Palgrave Macmillan), *East European Politics*, 28/2 (2012), pp. 203-204.

Other Publications

"In the midst of political crisis, Bulgarians are searching for accountability and justice from their government". *LSE EUROPP Blog*. 28 February, 2013.
<http://bit.ly/YzDDiB>.

Working Papers

"Party Regulation in Post-communist Bulgaria", with Maria Spirova, Working Paper Series on the *Legal Regulation of Political Parties*, No. 21, 2012.

"When Less Means More: Influential Women of the Right - the Case of Bulgaria" with Emilia Zankina, Working Paper Series on the *Legal Regulation of Political Parties*, No. 19, 2012

"Party Law in Comparative Perspective" with Fernando Casal Bertoa and Daniela Piccio, Working Paper Series on the *Legal Regulation of Political Parties*, No. 16, 2012.

"Breaking the Cartel: The Effect of State Regulation on New Party Entry", with Ingrid van Biezen, Working Paper Series on the *Legal Regulation of Political Parties*, No. 12, 2011.

"Political Learning, Legal Constraints, and Party System Development: How Do Party Law and Democratic Maturity Affect the Number of Parties", Working Paper Series on the *Legal Regulation of Political Parties*, No. 5, 2010.

Publications under review

"Party Regulation in Post-communist Bulgaria", with Maria Spirova, under review in *East European Politics*

"When Less Means More: Influential Women of the Right - the Case of Bulgaria" (with Emilia Zankina) at *ECPR Press*, a chapter in a volume edited by Karen Celis and Sarah Childs.

Work in Progress

"The World Upside Down: De-legitimizing Party Funding" (with Daniela Piccio, Fernando Casal Bertoa, and Fransje Molenaar), paper project

"Party Systems in-the-Making: Institutional Change and the Arab Spring", paper project

"When Being a Political Party Pays Off: Money for 'Nothing' or the Paradox of Party Regulation", paper project

"Party Cooperation in East European Party Systems: The Effect of the European Union", paper project

"Voting When There is Something at Stake: Ethnic Heterogeneity, Government Stability, and Voter Turnout", paper project

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Peer-reviewed paper presentations

(2013) "Does Parity Exist in the 'Macho' World?: Party Regulation and Gender Representation in the Balkans" with Emilia Zankina, presented at the 3rd *ECPG Annual Conference* in Barcelona, March 21-23, 2013.

(2013) "The World Upside Down: De-legitimizing Party Funding" (with Daniela Piccio, Fernando Casal Bertoa, and Fransje Molenaar), presented at the *Political Legitimacy Conference* in Leiden, January 23-25, 2013.

(2013) "What Gets Women to Government: Determinants of Electing Women to High-Level Political Posts", to be delivered at the *SPSA general conference* in Orlando, Florida, January 3-5, 2013.

(2012) "Measuring Political Gender Equality: What Gets Women in Government", paper prepared for delivery at the *APSA general conference* in New Orleans, August 30 – September 3, 2012.

(2012) "Is Banning Ethnic Parties Futile? Evidence from Eastern Europe", with Maria Spirova, presented at the *Workshop on Ethnic Politics and Electoral Democracy* at the University of Zurich, 14-16 June, 2012.

- (2012) "When Less Means More: Influential Women of the Right - the Case of Bulgaria" with Emilia Zankina, *ECPR Joint Sessions*, Antwerp, Belgium, 10-15/04.
- (2012) "Party Regulation in Post-communist Bulgaria", with Maria Spirova, *19th International Conference of Europeanists*, Boston, USA, 22-24/03.
- (2011) "Breaking the Cartel: The Effect of State Regulation on Newcomers' Entry", with Ingrid van Biezen, *ECPR Conference*, Reykjavik, Iceland, 25-27/08.
- (2011) "Breaking the Cartel: The Effect of State Regulation on Newcomers' Entry", with Ingrid van Biezen, *IPSA-ECPR Joint Conference*, Sao Paulo, Brazil, 16-19/02.
- (2010) "Political Learning and the Number of Parties: Why Age Matters", *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, USA, 22-25/04.
- (2007) "Political Learning and the Number of Parties: The Case of Bulgaria", *ECPR Summer School in European Party Systems*, EUI, Florence, Italy, 10-21/09.
- (2006) "The Number of Parties: Why Age Matters", *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, USA, 20-24/04.
- (2005) "Electoral Systems And The Determinants Of Voter Turnout", *Pacific Northwest Political Science Association*, Coeur d'Alene Resort, Idaho, USA, 13-15/10.

Invited talks & other presentations:

- (2012) "From Descriptive Representation to Substantive Presence: The Role of Women of the Right in Bulgarian Politics", Corvinus University, Budapest, Hungary, October 3-5, 2012.
- (2012) "Is it a Men's World? Comparative Analysis of the Effect of Regulation on Gender Representation in the Balkans" with Emilia Zankina, presented at the *Gender & Regulation Workshop* in Leiden June 28-29, 2012.
- (2011) "Learning the Game: Explaining Party System Convergence in European Democracies", American University in Bulgaria, 26 September, 2011.
- (2010) "Legal Regulation of Political Parties: Data and Implications" with Evangelos Kyzirakos and Daniela Piccio, *Political parties and Public Law Symposium* at Leiden University, 25 June 2010.
- (2009) "Political Learning and the Number of Parties", *SEI research seminar* at Sussex University, October 2009.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Introductory courses**
 - i. **Introduction to Comparative Politics** (University of Pittsburgh, Fall 2008) – delivered a guest lecture, evaluated students' work, and held office hours
 - ii. **World Politics** (University of Pittsburgh, Fall 2007) – teaching assistant

- iii. **Introduction to International Relations** (Washington University, Spring 2005) – teaching assistant
- iv. **Introduction to Comparative Politics** (Washington University, Fall 2004) – teaching assistant
- **Upper-level courses**
 - i. **Comparative Analysis of Political Systems**
 - 1. Leiden University (Fall 2011) – lead working groups, evaluated students’ final exam performance
 - 2. Leiden University College (Fall 2012) – instructor
 - ii. **European Union Politics** (Leiden University, Fall 2010) – instructor
 - iii. **Government and Politics of Eastern Europe** (University of Pittsburgh, Spring 2009) – instructor
 - iv. **Foreign Policy** (University of Pittsburgh, Spring 2008) – teaching assistant
 - v. **East Europe in World Politics** (University of Pittsburgh, Fall 2007, Fall 2008) – teaching assistant
 - vi. **Crossing Borders** (Washington University, Fall 2005) – teaching assistant
 - vii. **The Immigrant Experience** (Washington University, Spring 2004) – teaching assistant
 - viii. **The Politics of the European Union** (University College, Washington University, Summer 2004, Fall 2004) – instructor
 - ix. **Individual and Community** (Washington University, Fall 2003) – teaching assistant
- **Graduate-level courses**
 - i. **Probability Theory** (Washington University, Spring 2003) – grader

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee/advisor for: *Party Politics, Security Dialogue, Comparative European Politics, Acta Politica, Czech Science Foundation, East European Politics, Regional and Federal Studies, Research Foundation Flanders (FWO)*

Academic judge: for *Undergraduate Research Symposium “Europe: East and West”*, University of Pittsburgh (April 2008).

Lead organizer: of *Workshop on Gender & Regulation*, held at Leiden University on June 28-29, 2012 as part of the ERC-funded project *The Legal Regulation of Political Parties in Post-war Europe*.

- Solely came up with the original idea of combining the fields of gender politics and party politics, looking into how party regulation affects the representation of women; gathered leading international experts from six countries both in Europe and North America; currently preparing an edited journal volume with the presented papers.

Membership of Professional Organizations:

- American Political Science Association (APSA); organized sections: Comparative Politics, Political Organizations and Parties
- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)

SCHOLARSHIPS, HONORS, AWARDS

- The UniCredit and Universities Foundation's CEE Best PhD Thesis Award, Spring 2011 (€5,000)
- Graduate Arts & Sciences Summer Research Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, Summer 2008 (\$3,000)
- Graduate Student Assistantship, University of Pittsburgh, 2007-2009 (full tuition with teaching obligations)
- EU Center Pre-Dissertation Research Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, Summer 2007 (\$3,000)
- Umberger Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, Spring 2007 (full tuition, no teaching obligations)
- Graduate Student Scholarship, Washington U, 2002-2006 (full tuition with teaching obligations)
- Dean's Summer Research Grant, Washington U, Summer 2003, 2004 (\$3,000)
- Fischlitz Travel Scholarship, Washington U, Summer 2004 (\$5,000)
- St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Academic Scholarship, Fall 2004/Spring 2005 (\$300)
- Center for Political Economy Tuition Scholarship, Washington U, Fall 2001/Spring 2002 (full tuition, no teaching obligations)
- American Institute for Economic and Political Systems (AIPES), Georgetown University & Charles University, Prague, Summer 2002

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Participant at the ENAPT Workshop, Keele, Summer 2009.
- Participant in the 16th ECPR Summer School on Parties and Party Systems, European University Institute, Florence, Italy, Fall 2007.
- Participant in the EITM Institute, Washington University in St. Louis, Summer 2004.
- Participant in AIPES Institute, Georgetown University & Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, Summer 2002.

RESEARCH SKILLS

Quantitative analysis (statistics, game theory)

Qualitative analysis (case studies, elite interviews, surveys)

Statistical software packages: STATA (proficient), R (some knowledge)

LANGUAGES

Bulgarian, English – fluent

Dutch – working knowledge

French, Italian, Russian – basic

REFERENCES

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