

Ekaterina R. Rashkova
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, party regulation, electoral regulation, party politics, electoral systems, gender politics, new democracies, Europe, Southeastern Europe

Electoral Politics Project: www.electorallaw.org

Gender Politics Project: www.gender-politics.org

EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor in Public Governance, University of Utrecht, August 2016 – present

- As a member of the Public Governance and Management (PGM) group at the Utrecht School of Governance, I am involved in research and teaching on comparative democratic institutions, introduction to public administration and global problems, as well as on Master Thesis supervision; a significant time of my service to the department goes to my role as a member of the management team developing a new interdisciplinary bachelor program – Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE).

NIAS Fellow (full academic year), EURIAS Junior Fellowship, 2015-2016

- Research on the effect of electoral regulation on party system development and Central and Eastern Europe

Assistant Professor in Comparative Politics, University of Innsbruck, 2013 - 2016

- Research and teaching in the field of comparative politics; bachelor thesis supervision and active participation in departmental matters; advising of graduate students

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 qualitative (archival and case study) and quantitative (statistical) analysis dealing with the effect of regulation on different aspects of the development of party systems

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

Journal Articles

"Regulation and Leadership: the Role of Institutional Reform in the Legitimizing the Executive", *Slovak Journal of Political Sciences* (forthcoming).

- "The Role of Women in Radical Right Politics" (with Silvia Erzeel), *West European Politics*, 2017, 40 (4): 812-820.
- "Are (Populist) Radical Right Parties *Männerparteien*? Evidence from Bulgaria" (with Emilia Zankina), *West European Politics*, 2017, 40 (4): 848-868.
- "Women's Representation in Politics in South Eastern Europe: Quotas and the Importance of Party Differences" (with Emilia Zankina), *Teorija in Praksa* (forthcoming).
- "Talking the Talk, but not Walking the Walk: Gender Equality in Eastern Europe", *East European Politics*, 2017, 33 (2): 309-315.
- "Introduction: The Discipline of Political Science in Europe: How Different is it from Political Science in North America?" (with Daniel Stockemer, Alasdair Blair and Jonathon Moses), *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 2016, 49 (4): 813-815.
- "Introduction: Diversity and Inclusion in Political Science" (with Daniel Stockemer, Alasdair Blair and Jonathon Moses), *European Political Science*, 2016, 15 (4): 437-440.
- "Party system change at work: the 2014 legislative election in Bulgaria", *Austrian Journal of Political Science*, 2016, 44 (4): 1-6.
- "Learning the Game: Explaining Party System Convergence in European Democracies", *Political Studies*, 2014, 62 (4): 804-823.
- "Deterring New Party Entry? The Impact of State Regulation on the Permeability of Party Systems" (with Ingrid van Biezen), *Party Politics*, 2014, 20 (6): 890-903.
- "Ethnic Heterogeneity and Party System Size: a District-level Analysis", *Comparative European Politics*, 2014, 12: 249-278.
- "Party Regulation and the Conditioning of Small Political Parties: Evidence from Bulgaria" (with Maria Spirova), *East European Politics*, 2014, 30 (3): 315-329.
- "The World Upside Down: De-legitimizing Party Funding" (with Daniela Piccio, Fernando Casal Bertoa, and Fransje Molenaar), *International Political Science Review*, 2014, 35 (3): 355-376.
- "The Legal Regulation of Political Parties: Contesting or Promoting Legitimacy" (with Ingrid van Biezen), *International Political Science Review*, 2014, 35 (3): 263-272.
- "Does Parity Exist in the 'Macho' World?: Party Regulation and Gender Representation in the Balkans" (with Emilia Zankina), *Representation*, 2013, 49 (4): 425-438.
- "Gender Politics and Party Regulation: Quotas and Beyond" (with Ingrid van Biezen), *Representation*, 2013, 49 (4): 393-400.
- "The 2011 Presidential Election in Bulgaria: Have Bulgarians left the *Left*?", *Electoral Studies*, 2012, 31 (2): 448-465.

Book Manuscript

(under contract) *Gender and Politics in Southeastern Europe: Where and How to Women Govern at the Top?* (with Emilia Zankina), Routledge-USA.

Book Chapters & Edited Volumes

"Gender and the Radical Right in Comparative Perspective" (with Silvia Erzeel). Symposium. *West European Politics*, 40 (4).

"How do rules matter? Regulatory changes and conditioning of small political parties in Bulgaria" (with Maria Spirova), in Ingrid van Biezen and Fernando Casal Bertoa (eds.), *The Regulation of Post-communist Party Politics*, Abingdon/New York: Routledge (forthcoming).

"Women in Politics in Eastern Europe: A Changing Outlook" (with Emilia Zankina) in Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (eds.), *Women Policy and Political Leadership*, KAS Press, 2015.

"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*, 2014, 35 (3).

"When Less Means More: Influential Women of the Right - the Case of Bulgaria" (with Emilia Zankina) in K. Celis and S. Childs (eds.), *Gender, Conservatism and Political Representation*, ECPR Press, 2014.

"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, 2014.

"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, 2014.

"Gender and Regulation" (co-editor and contributor, with Ingrid van Biezen). Special issue of *Representation*, 2013, 49 (4).

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

Book Reviews

Review of Kathleen Dolan, *When Does Gender Matter? Women Candidates and Gender Stereotypes in American Elections* (Oxford University Press, 2014), in *Perspectives on Politics*, 2015, 13 (2): 555-557.

Review of Luke March, *Radical Left Parties in Europe* (Routledge), *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, 2014, 47 (4): 867-868.

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

Other Publications

"The decline in support for Bulgaria's Socialist Party could be the first step in a rebalancing of the country's party system". *LSE EUROPP Blog*. 10 October, 2014. Available at: <http://bit.ly/1uQgHau>.

"With Plamen Oresharski's government on the verge of resigning, it remains to be seen whether Bulgaria can finally emerge from its political crisis". *LSE EUROPP Blog*. 26 June, 2014. Available at: <http://bit.ly/1mwABu3>.

"Governing Without an Opposition: The Aftermath of the Early Parliamentary Election in Bulgaria". *Political Reflections, CESRAN, UK*, 2013, 4 (3): 14-16. Available at: http://issuu.com/cesran/docs/pr_vol_4_no_3/16.

"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>.

Under review

"Motivating Parties?!: Central and East-European Electoral Law in Comparative Perspective"

"Size, Ideology or Money? What Matters for New Party Entry? Evidence from Austria", with Anna Trojer and Florian Tusch

Work in Progress

"Executive Leadership and Gender Politics in South-Eastern Europe", with Emilia Zankina

"What Gets Women to Government: Determinants of Electing Women to High-Level Political Posts"

"From the Ground Up: Development of Party Regulation in Post-Communist Bulgaria"

EDITORSHIPS

Co-editor, *European Political Science* –professional journal of the European Consortium for Political Research, July 2015 - present

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Peer-reviewed paper presentations (last 3 years):

(2017) "Determinants of Party System Size: The Effect of Public Funding in New and Established European Democracies" (with Yen-Pin Su), paper to be presented at the Council for European Studies Annual Conference in Glasgow, July 12-14, 2017,

(2017) "Gender Politics in Southeastern Europe: Where and How Do Women Govern at the Top?" (with Emilia Zankina), presented at the European Consortium for Politics and Gender Bi-Annual Conference in Lausanne, Switzerland, June 8-10, 2017.

(2016) "Size, Ideology or Money? What Matters for New Party Entry? Evidence from Austria", with Anna Trojer and Florian Tusch, presented at the Hungarian Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Esztergom, Hungary, June 17-18, 2016.

(2016) "Rules, Roles, Representation: When and How Institutions Matter?", panel organizer and paper presenter at the 23rd International Conference for Europeanists, held in Philadelphia, April 14-16, 2016.

(2015) "Motivating Parties?!: Central and East-European Electoral Law in Comparative Perspective", presented at the Campaigning and Voting in Europe Workshop held in Paris, France, December 14-16, 2015.

(2015) "How Radical, How Much For Women? Examining the Gender Question in Radical Right Parties in Bulgaria", with Emilia Zankina, presented at the bi-annual European Conference for Politics and Gender at the University of Uppsala, Sweden, June 10-13, 2015.

- (2015) "Escaping the Communist Equality Stigma: East-European Women's Rise to the Top", with Emilia Zankina, presented at the *3rd Equal is Not Enough Conference*, held at the University of Antwerp, February 4-6, 2015.
- (2014) "Executive Leadership and Gender Politics in South-Eastern Europe", with Emilia Zankina, presented at *APSA Annual Conference*, August 28 –31, 2014.
- (2014) "Regulation and Leadership: the Role of Institutional Reform in the Legitimizing the Executive", presented at *ECPR Joint Sessions*, Salamanca, Spain, April 10–15, 2014.

Invited talks & other presentations (selection):

- (2017) "Gender Politics and the Slovak Far-Right Parties", invited presentation at the Workshop on East-European Politics & Gender at King's College London, May 19, 2017.
- (2017) "Motivating Party Competition?: Electoral Law in Comparative Perspective", Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy, the Hague, March 23, 2017.
- (2016) "Regulating Politics Parties", invited participation in expert discussions over the regulation of political parties of OSCE countries, ODIHR, Warsaw 9-12 October, 2016.
- (2015) "Women and Executive Leadership in Southeastern Europe", Central and Eastern Europe Center, Leiden University, the Netherlands, Oct 30, 2015.
- (2015) "Europe is Burning - And we are Talking about Intersectionality", European Conference for Politics and Gender (ECPG) Round-Table, University of Uppsala, Sweden, June 10-13, 2015.
- (2014) "The Academic Job Market", ECPR Graduate Student Conference Round-Table, University of Innsbruck, Austria, July 3-5, 2014.
- (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.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

• **Introductory courses**

- i. **Introduction to Comparative Politics**
 1. University of Innsbruck (2014, 2015) - instructor
 2. University of Pittsburgh (2008) – delivered a guest lecture, evaluated students' work, and held office hours
 3. Washington University (2004) – teaching assistant
- ii. **World Politics** (University of Pittsburgh, 2007) – teaching assistant
- iii. **Introduction to International Relations** (Washington University, 2005) – teaching assistant
- iv. **Introduction to Public Administration and Organization Science** (Utrecht University) - instructor

- **Upper-level courses**
 - i. **Comparative Parties and Party Systems** (University of Innsbruck, 2014, 2015) - instructor
 - ii. **Comparative Analysis of Political Systems**
 1. Leiden University (2011) – led working groups, evaluated students’ final exam performance
 2. Leiden University College (2012) – instructor
 3. Utrecht University - instructor
 - iii. **Managing Global Problems** (Utrecht University, 2017) - instructor
 - iv. **European Union Politics** (Leiden University, 2010) – instructor
 - v. **Government and Politics of Eastern Europe** (University of Pittsburgh, 2009) – instructor
 - vi. **Foreign Policy** (University of Pittsburgh, 2008) – teaching assistant
 - vii. **East Europe in World Politics** (University of Pittsburgh, 2007 - 2008) – teaching assistant
 - viii. **Crossing Borders** (Washington University, 2005) – teaching assistant
 - ix. **The Immigrant Experience** (Washington University, 2004) – teaching assistant
 - x. **The Politics of the European Union** (University College, Washington University, 2004) – instructor
 - xi. **Individual and Community** (Washington University, 2003) – teaching assistant

- **Graduate-level courses**
 - i. **Probability Theory** (Washington University, 2003) – grader
 - ii. **Research Design** (Leiden University, 2016) - instructor

ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Member of the Coordination & Development Team for new PPE Bachelor, (Utrecht)
- Member of the Admissions Committee, Masters in European Governance, (Utrecht)
- Department Library Budget Manager, (Innsbruck)
- Member of departmental Research Strategy Committee, (Innsbruck)
- Member of academic committee for hosting international conferences, (Innsbruck)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee/advisor for: *Acta Politica, American Political Science Research, American Journal of Political Science, Comparative European Politics, Czech Science Foundation, East European Politics, International Political Science Review, Israeli Science Foundation, National Center for Science and Technology Kazakhstan, Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study (NIAS), Party Politics, Political Behaviour, Political Studies, Regional and Federal Studies, Research Foundation Flanders (FWO), Research in Social Movements, Conflicts and Change Security Dialogue, West European Politics*

SUPERVISION, LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT:

- Emanuela Garboni, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, (PhD committee, external member)
- Florin Shala, Utrecht University, (Master EU Governance, thesis supervisor)
- Rafael Sampson, Utrecht University, (Master EU Governance, thesis supervisor)
- Lieke Woutserse, Utrecht University, (Master PGM, thesis supervisor)

- Anna Trojer, University of Innsbruck (Electoral Law Project)
- Florian Tusch, University of Innsbruck (Electoral Law Project)
- Leonie Rupp, University of Innsbruck (Gender Politics Project)

Academic judge: for *Undergraduate Research Symposium "Europe: East and West"*, University of Pittsburgh, 2008.

Electoral and party system expertise provided for:

- OSCE, ODIHR – Guidelines for the Regulation of Political Parties, 2016.
- Gender Election Observation Mission, Netherlands National Election, 2017.

Lead organizer of:

1. *Undergraduate Research Symposium*, University of Innsbruck, 2015.
2. *Comparative Politics Research Group Innsbruck* (www.cprg.at).
3. *Workshop on Gender & Regulation*, held at Leiden University on June 28-29, 2012.

Membership of Professional Organizations:

- European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR)
- Council for European Studies (CES)

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, HONORS, AWARDS

- Förderungsbeiträge Aktion D. Swarovski KG 2015, 'Women in Executive and Party Leadership in Southeastern Europe', Research Grant (€4,000)
- EURIAS Fellowship 2015-2016, Netherlands Institute for Advanced Studies (NIAS), Research Grant (€4,500, in addition to €26,000 stipend)
- Nachwuchsförderung 2014, U of Innsbruck, Research Grant (€10,300)
- The UniCredit and Universities Foundation's CEE Best PhD Thesis Award, 2011 (€5,000)
- Graduate Arts & Sciences Summer Research Fellowship, U of Pittsburgh, 2008 (\$3,000)
- EU Center Pre-Dissertation Research Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, 2007 (\$3,000)
- Dean's Summer Research Grant, Washington U, 2003, 2004 (\$3,000)
- Fischlowitz Travel Scholarship, Washington U, 2004 (\$5,000)
- St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Academic Scholarship, 2004-2005 (\$300)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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

RESEARCH SKILLS

Quantitative analysis (statistics, game theory)

Qualitative analysis (case studies, elite interviews, surveys)

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

LANGUAGES

Bulgarian, English – fluent

Dutch – working knowledge

French, German, Italian, Macedonian, Russian – basic

REFERENCES

Prof. Scott Morgenstern, University of Pittsburgh

Prof. Ingrid van Biezen, Leiden University

Prof. Alberta Sbragia, University of Pittsburgh

Prof. Karen Celis, Vrije Universiteit Brussels

Prof. Steven Finkel, University of Pittsburgh

Prof. Norman Schofield, Washington University of St. Louis

Prof. Venelin Ganey, Miami University, Ohio