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Education

University of Georgia, School of Public and International Affairs

Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science (expected May 2028)

Athens, GA, United States

- Comparative politics and methodology
- Research: European politics, far-right politics, democratic erosion, political behaviour

University of Amsterdam

MSc Political Science, September 2017 – June 2018

- Specialisation: European Politics and External Relations
- Negotiation and conflict resolution workshop (January 2018), Harvard Method
- Preparatory Course – Comprehensive Introduction to Research Methodology and Design: Introduction to Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods, SPSS and Data Analysis
- Master's Thesis: Shaping conceptions of 'normal'? - Normative Power Europe and EU sanctions. The cases of Russia and Syria.

University of Vienna, Postgraduate Center

Master of European Studies (M.E.S.), October 2016 – September 2017

- Coursework amongst others in: Human rights law, migration, history of international relations, EU law, economic policy, and security policy
- Thesis: Euroscepticism on the rise among the Hungarian government party - A case study of Viktor Orbán's Eurosceptic rhetoric.

University of Vienna

BA Hungarian Studies (with distinction), October 2013 – February 2017

- Minor in Political Science
- CEEPUS student grant recipient, exchange semester at the University of Szeged, Hungary (September 2015 - January 2016)
- Students' representative, 2015 – 2017, Department of Finno-Ugric Studies

Research Interests

Comparative Politics: European politics, the far right, democracy, democratic erosion, and challenges to democracy, political behaviour/psychology.

Political Methodology: Interviews, critical discourse analysis, surveys, OLS regression, mixed methods.

Research & Teaching Experience

Research Assistant:

Dr Cas Mudde, UGA SPIA (August 2024 – December 2024)

Dr Cas Mudde, UGA SPIA (January 2024 – May 2024)

Dr Laura Zimmermann, UGA SPIA (January 2024 – May 2024)

Dr Markus Crepaz, UGA SPIA (August 2023 – December 2023)

Dr Laura Zimmermann, UGA SPIA (August 2023 – December 2023)

Teaching Assistant:

INTL3300: Introduction to Comparative Politics (undergraduate), Dr Megan Turnbull (Fall 2024)

INTL3300: Introduction to Comparative Politics (undergraduate), Dr Erin Little (Fall 2023)

Language Skills

German (Native)

Hungarian (Bilingual professional)

English (Full professional proficiency)

French (Professional working proficiency)

Spanish (Limited working proficiency)

Arabic (Elementary proficiency)

Software Skills

CMS (WordPress)

SPSS

R programming

LaTeX, Overleaf

Working Papers

What's trust got to do with it? Unpacking the role of generalised trust in anti-immigrant attitudes in Eastern versus Western Europe.

What fuels electoral support for Populist and Populist Radical Right parties in CEE? The role of democratic satisfaction in post-communist Europe

Hungary: Between democratic breakdown and authoritarian consolidation – The role of party convergence, populist radical right politics, and polarization

Work in Progress

Revisiting Renan: The discursive construction of Austrian and Hungarian national identities in the 20th century in comparative perspective

Presentations

Conference and Workshop Presentations:

Upcoming: Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), April 2024.

Awards, Grants and Fellowships

Internal:

Spring 2024: SPIA Scholarship for Conference Travel (\$750)

2023 – 2027: University of Georgia’s Graduate School Doctoral Fellow Award (\$28,000)

2023 – 2028: Supplemental Funds UGA Dean’s Scholarship Fund (\$25,000)

2023 – 2028: UGA SPIA Assistantship

Teaching Interests

Introduction to European Politics

European Union: Politics, policies, and institutions

The European Union and its Neighbourhood

EU Politics and Transatlantic Relations

Democratic Erosion in Global Perspective

Professional Service, Affiliations, Memberships

Board Member – American Friends of the Documentation Center of Austrian Resistance

2024 – 2026: <http://www.austrianresistance.org>

Contributing Writer – The Hungarian Observer

2024 – present: <https://hungarianobserver.substack.com/>

ECPR Standing Group Member on Democratic Innovations

ECPR Standing Group Member on Extremism and Democracy

ECPR Standing Group Member on the European Union

Other Publications

Greilinger, G. (2023). Orbán’s Bid to Shape Hungary’s Next Generation Through Education Reform. [Visegrad Insight](#).

Greilinger G. (2023). Hungary’s Eastern Opening Policy as a Long-Term Political-Economic Strategy. Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy (AIES). AIES Fokus 4/2023.

Greilinger, G. (2023). How Fidesz’s irredentism strains neighbourly relations. *New Eastern Europe*. (03+04 (56)), 95-102.

Greilinger, G. (2023). Orbán, ethnonationalism and xenophobia. [Social Europe](#).

Greilinger, G. (2023). New SPÖ leader: can he stem the far-right surge?. [Social Europe](#).

Greilinger, G. (2023). Exploiting every crisis: why the FPÖ is topping the polls. [Social Europe](#).

Greilinger, G. (2023). The end of a friendship? Orbán’s opportunism on Russia may break the Polish-Hungarian axis in the EU. [New Eastern Europe](#).

Greilinger, G. (2023). How Hungary’s Russia connection undermines EU support for Ukraine. *New Eastern Europe*, (01+ 02 (55)), 75-81.

Greilinger, G. (2023). China’s Growing Foothold in Hungary. [The Diplomat](#).

Non-Academic Work Experience

Quo Vademus, Vienna, Austria, <https://quo-vademus.org/>

Co-Founder, April 2020 – present

Independent Analyst and Writer

Remote, October 2022 – July 2023

Der STANDARD, Vienna, Austria

Community Engagement Manager, March 2021 – October 2022

Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy, Vienna, Austria

Associate Fellow, September 2020 – March 2021

European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium

Policy Analyst Schuman Trainee, October 2019 – March 2020

DG for External Policies, Transatlantic Unit – Transatlantic relations, United Nations and G8/G7

United Nations Secretariat, New York City, United States

Political Affairs Intern, February 2019 – May 2019: Department of Peacekeeping Operations, Office of the Special Coordinator on improving the UN response to sexual exploitation and abuse

Volunteering**Fund for Global Human Rights, Washington D.C., United States**

Program Intern/Volunteer, October 2018 – December 2018

Enabling Environment Initiative for Civil Society

International Security and Conflict Analysis Network, Vienna, Austria

Program Coordinator, May 2020 – February 2021

Last updated: August 2024