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EDUCATION

University of Georgia

August 2023 – Present

Ph.D. Political Science and International Affairs, SPIA

Fields: Comparative Politics and Methodology

Teaching Assistant

- INTL3300 - Introduction to Comparative Politics (Fall 2023, Fall 2024, Spring 2025, Fall 2025, Spring 2026)

Research Assistant

- Dr Cas Mudde (Fall 2024, Fall 2025, Spring 2026)
- Dr Cas Mudde and Dr Laura Zimmermann (Spring 2024)
- Dr Markus Crepaz and Dr Laura Zimmermann (Fall 2023)

Other

- 2023 UGA Graduate School Doctoral Fellow Award Recipient
- UGA at Oxford programme graduate assistant (Summer 2025)

University of Amsterdam

September 2017 – June 2018

MSc. Political Science

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

University of Vienna, Postgraduate Center

October 2016 – September 2017

Master European Studies

- Coursework among others in: Human rights law, migration, history of international relations, EU law, European economic 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

October 2013 – February 2017

BA Hungarian Studies, with distinction

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

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative Politics	European politics, far-right politics and parties, democratic erosion, gender, political behaviour
Political Methodology	Interviews, ethnography, critical discourse analysis, text-as-data, causal inference, multilevel modeling, mixed methods

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

- Book Chapter: The Far Right in CEE. In: Beyond the East-West Divide: The Comparative Politics of CEE. (ed. Julia Rone) (Forthcoming Spring 2026)
- Grelinger G. and Mudde C. (2024) Talking left, voting right: an assessment of far-right voting on socio-economic issues in the European Parliament, Policy Brief 2024.05, ETUI.

WORKING PAPERS

- Constructing an ‘illiberal state’ through the welfare state? How the far-right’s socioeconomic agenda facilitates democratic erosion. (under review)
- What fuels electoral support for Populist and Populist Radical Right parties in CEE? The role of democratic satisfaction in post-communist Europe. (under review)
- Laboratories of radicalism? The Austrian radical left and right in local elections
- What’s trust got to do with it? Unpacking the role of generalised trust in anti-immigrant attitudes in Eastern versus Western Europe. (Revise and Resubmit)
- Hungary: Between democratic breakdown and authoritarian consolidation – The role of party convergence, populist radical right politics, and polarization.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Still a Love Affair? The European Far Right and Donald Trump 2.0 (with Jakub Wondreys)
- Far-right Vote Volatility and Government Performance During the Covid-19 Pandemic: Evidence From the 2022 Elections in Brazil (with Eduardo Bukle)
- Gender Positions in the Far Right – A Transnational Perspective (with Alberto Monroy-Trujillo)
- Beyond Backlash: The role of familialism in far-right anti-gender mobilisation
- Hostile, Benevolent or Modern? The Role of Sexism(s) in Explaining Far-Right Support Across Eastern and Western Europe
- Revisiting Renan: The discursive construction of Austrian and Hungarian national identities in the 20th century in comparative perspective

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

ECPR SGEU Conference, Catania, Italy	July 2026
ECPR SGEU ECR Pre-Conference, Catania, Italy	July 2026
EUI Workshop, Florence, Italy	June 2025
Political Behaviour in CEE	
Workshop, TU Dresden, Germany (by invitation):	June 2025
”Left and Right Political Radicalisms: Issue Positions of Parties and Voters in the Face of Global Crises”	
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago	April 2025
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago	April 2024

AWARDS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

SPIA Scholarship for Conference Travel (\$700)	2026
SPIA Supplemental Travel Award (\$250)	2023
SPIA Scholarship for Conference Travel (\$750)	2023
University of Georgia's Graduate School Doctoral Fellow Award (\$28,000)	2023-2027
Supplemental Funds UGA Dean's Scholarship Fund (\$25,000)	2023-2028
UGA SPIA Assistantship (approx. \$18,000)	2023-2028

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, AFFILIATIONS, MEMBERSHIPS

American Friends of the Documentation Center of Austrian Resistance
Board Member 2024 – 2026

ECPR Standing Group Member on Democratic Innovations
ECPR Standing Group Member on Extremism and Democracy
ECPR Standing Group Member on the European Union

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Online Panel Discussion:

“Populism Around the World” with Dr Thomas Zimmer and Dr Carlos de la Torre, organised by Vilanova University, April 8, 2025.

Invited Guest Lecture:

”The far right and democratic erosion in Europe: Austria and Hungary in comparative perspective”.
University of Miami, November 2024.

Contributing expert:

Apache project, headed by Dr Léonie de Jonge, on mapping the far right landscape in 27 EU countries ahead of the 2024 European elections.

Peer Review:

EPSR (December 2024); Electoral Studies (February 2026)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

German	Native
Hungarian	Bilingual professional
English	Full professional proficiency
French	Intermediate working proficiency
Spanish	Limited working proficiency
Arabic	Elementary proficiency

SOFTWARE SKILLS

Programming Languages	R
Software	LaTeX, Overleaf, SPSS
Other	CMS (WordPress)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS [SELECTION]

- Greilinger, G. (2025). Austria's Far-Right Revival: How the ÖVP's U-Turn is Paving the Way for Radical Leadership. Social Europe.
- Greilinger, G. (2025). Austria's Conservatives Trapped: Coalition or Collapse? Social Europe.
- Greilinger, G. (2025). Austria's far-right new government: history doesn't repeat itself — but it rhymes. EUobserver.
- Mudde, C. and Greilinger, G. (2024). Far-Right wins in Austria and Germany: what mainstream parties keep getting wrong. Social Europe.
- Mudde, C. and Greilinger, G. (2024). Europe's far right will look at Austria and say: this is how we do it. The Guardian.
- Mudde, C. and Greilinger, G. (2024). Europe's far-right parties are anti-worker – the evidence clearly proves it. The Guardian.
- Greilinger, G. (2024). Will the centre-right enable the far-right in Austria at September's election? (2024). EUobserver.
- Greilinger, G. (2024). When 'never again' becomes 'again and again'. Social Europe.
- Greilinger, G. (2024). Normalising the far right: a warning from Austria. Social Europe.
- 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

Hungarian Observer, hungarianobserver.substack.com <i>Contributing Writer</i>	May 2024 – Present
Quo Vademus, quo-vademus.org <i>Co-Founder</i>	April 2020 – 2025
Independent Analyst and Writer, remote <i>Various Outlets</i>	October 2022 – July 2023
Der Standard, Vienna, Austria <i>Community Engagement Manager</i>	March 2021 – October 2022

Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy

September 2020 – March 2021

Associate Fellow

European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium

October 2019 – March 2020

Policy Analyst Schuman Trainee

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

United Nations Secretariat, New York City, United States

January 2019 – May 2019

Political Affairs Intern

Department of Peacekeeping Operations, Office of the Special Coordinator on improving the UN response to sexual exploitation and abuse

REFERENCES

Available upon request.

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