GABRIELA GREILINGER

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EDUCATION

University of Georgia August 2023 – Present
Ph.D. Political Science and International Affairs, SPIA
Fields: Comparative Politics and Methodology
Advisor: Dr Cas Mudde

Instructor of Record

- INTL3300 - Introduction to Comparative Politics (Fall 2026)
- INTL4316 – Democratic Erosion (Spring 2027)

Teaching Assistant

- INTL3300 - Introduction to Comparative Politics (Fall 2023, 2024, 2025; Spring 2025, 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 (University of Oxford, Summer 2025)

University of Amsterdam September 2017 – June 2018
MSc. Political Science (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 2027)
- Greilinger 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

- Reversing Backsliding: How Electoral Turnover and Retributive Policies Shape Public (with Ben Yoel)
- 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 Burkle)
- Democratic Backsliding and Support for Democracy (with Ben Yoel)
- What's in a label? Far-right parties' "pro-family" agenda between rhetoric, policy, and outcomes
- The Populist Radical Right and "Common Sense" (with Cas Mudde)
- Constructing an 'illiberal state' through the welfare state? How the far right's socioeconomic agenda facilitates democratic erosion. (under review)
- The role of democratic satisfaction in electoral support for far-right parties (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

- Gender Positions in the Far Right – A Transnational Perspective (with Alberto Monroy-Trujillo)
- All in the Family? Far-Right Political Commentary and the Mainstreaming of Anti-Feminist Ideology: 'The Family' as Symbolic Anchor
- 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 Research Funds ($1000)	2026
SPIA W. Tapley Bennett Jr. Scholarship ($2865)	2026
SPIA Scholarship for Conference Travel ($1700)	2026
SPIA Supplemental Travel Award ($250)	2024
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	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 Villanova 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
European Political Science Review (December 2024); Electoral Studies (February 2026 & July 2026); Journal of Contemporary European Studies (May 2026); Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties (August 2026); European Trade Union Institute (August 2026)

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT [SELECTION]

Speaking Invitations

- **Online Webinar**
  "Hungary's Road Back to Democracy", organised by TTRex, October 12, 2026."

- **In-Person Panel Discussion**
  "Orbán's Defeat and the Future of the Global Far Right", organised by the Rifkind Center at CCNY, September 28, 2026.

- **In-Person Panel Discussion**
  "Thought, Ideologies, and Intellectual History of the Radical Right" [in German]. Bruno Kreisky Forum Vienna, Vienna, June 2026.

Media Appearances, Interviews, Commentary [Selection]

- Der Standard. (October 6, 2026) (Interview). Muss die SPÖ in die Mitte rücken? "Wir sehen das Gegenteil in der Forschung", sagt Expertin.
- De Tijd. (April 17, 2026) (Interview). Politicologe Gabriela Greilinger: "Na Orbáns vertrek vinden Poetin en Trump wel een andere nuttige idioot".
- Der Standard (April 17, 2026) (Comment). Was Orbáns Machtverlust für die Wissenschaft bedeutet – auch in Österreich
- The Guardian (April 15, 2026) (Comment). Hungary's voters shunned Orbán – but it may be too early to celebrate end of Europe's far right.
- Reuters (April 14, 2026) (Comment). Orban's defeat topples a pillar of Europe's far right, prompts scrutiny of MAGA links.
- tageins.at (April, 2025) (Interview). Gabriela Greilinger: "Copying the far right only strengthens the original" [in German].
- Also quoted in: Financial Times, The Guardian, Reuters, Der Standard, The World programme, Oslobodenje, Courthouse News Service, Instick Media, Libération, El Salto, De Tijd, and Augsburger Allgemeine.

Podcast Appearances [Selection]

- **242news**: "He's more of a surfer" - On Péter Magyar and the Hungarian election
- **Recht Politisch**: "Elections in Hungary: Learning from Magyar?" [in German]
- **Ganz offen gesagt**: "#27 2026 On Donald Trump and Viktor Orbán" [in German]
- **WIE WEITER**: "#38: What's next with Hungary, Gabriela Greilinger?" [in German]
- **Ganz Offen Gesagt**: "#19 2026 SPECIAL What do we learn from Trump? - Part 1"

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. (2026). Three Lessons From Hungary on How to Beat Competitive Authoritarianism Talking Points Memo.
- Greilinger G. (2026). Hungary's Creep Toward Autocracy Helped Inspire Trump. In 2 Days, Voters Will Try to Reverse It Talking Points Memo.
- Greilinger, G. and Mudde, C. (2026). Even if Victor Orbán is ousted on Sunday, Hungary's return to liberal democracy is not guaranteed. The Guardian.
- 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 May 2024 – Present
Contributing Writer

Quo Vademus, quo-vademus.org April 2020 – 2025
Co-Founder

Independent Analyst and Writer, remote October 2022 – July 2023
Various Outlets

Der Standard, Vienna, Austria March 2021 – October 2022
Community Engagement Manager

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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