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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2023-present	Senior Lecturer/Associate Professor in Social and Public Policy , School of Politics and IR (SPIR), <i>Queen Mary University of London</i> , United Kingdom.
2021-2023	Lecturer/Assistant Professor in Social and Public Policy , SPIR, <i>Queen Mary University of London</i> , United Kingdom.
2019-2021	Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellow , Department of Political and Social Sciences, <i>European University Institute (EUI)</i> , Florence, Italy.
2018-2019	Research Fellow , NORFACE Welfare State Futures (WSF) Coordination Office, <i>EUI</i> , Florence, Italy.
2016	Visiting Researcher , School of Social Sciences and Philosophy, <i>Trinity College Dublin</i> , Ireland.
2015-2018	Postdoctoral Fellow , NORFACE WSF project "HEALTHDOX: The Paradox of Health State Futures", <i>University of Lisbon</i> , Portugal.
2013-2015	Research Assistant , Academic Careers Observatory, <i>EUI</i> , Florence, Italy.
2011	Visiting Researcher , Natolin Campus, <i>College of Europe</i> , Warsaw, Poland.

EDUCATION

2009-2014	PhD in Political and Social Science . Dissertation: "Policy Learning, Fast and Slow: Market-Oriented Reforms of Czech and Polish Healthcare Policy, 1989-2009". Supervisor: Prof. S. Steinmo. Department for Political and Social Science, <i>EUI</i> .
2008-2009	Postgraduate Exchange , Graduate School for Political Science, <i>Duke University</i> , USA.
2006-2009	MA in Social Sciences , Institute for Social Science, <i>Humboldt University Berlin</i> , Berlin, Germany.
1999-2005	BA in Philosophy , Faculty of Philosophy, <i>University of Belgrade</i> , Belgrade, Serbia.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2023 *Health Reforms in Post-Communist Eastern Europe: The Politics of Policy Learning*. Palgrave Macmillan. ISBN: 9783031154966.

2021 *Health Politics in Europe: A Handbook* (co-edited with Ellen M. Immergut, Karen M. Anderson and Camilla Devitt), Oxford University Press, ISBN: 9780198860525.

Articles in peer-reviewed journals

2025 'A Bitter Aftertaste? The Effects of Privatization Reforms on Evaluations of the Health Systems across Europe' (with A. Moise), *Journal of European Public Policy*, online.

2024 'Political Determinants of Health: Healthcare Privatization and Population Health in Europe' (with A. Moise), *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*, 49(5):769-782. DOI: 10.1215/03616878-11257024.

2022 'Governments' Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic in Eastern and Western Europe: The Role of Health, Political and Economic Factors' (with A. Moise), *East European Politics*, online.

2022 'Welfare Attitudes in Crisis: The Role of Ideology in Healthcare Satisfaction in Portugal and Ireland' (with D. Burlacu), *Journal of Social Policy*, 38(4), 507-528. DOI: 10.1017/S0047279422000332.

2021 'Veto Points Revisited: The Role of Party System Institutionalization in Welfare State Change', *Government and Opposition*, 58(2), 338-359, DOI: 10.1017/gov.2021.37.

2019 'Portuguese Healthcare Reforms in the Context of Crisis: External Pressures or Political Choice?' (with M. Asensio), *Social Policy & Administration* 53(4), 1003-1017, DOI: 10.1111/spol.12480.

2018 'Portuguese Public Opinion towards Healthcare in the Context of Crisis' (with S. Schneider and M. Asensio), *Journal of Social Policy* 48(4), 741-764, DOI: 10.1017/S0047279418000818, Open Access.

2018 'Cognitive Determinants of Healthcare System Evaluations – A Comparison of Eastern and Western European Countries' (with S. Schneider), *Health Policy* 122(3), 269-278, DOI:10.1177/0958928717754294, Open Access.

2018 'An East-West Comparison of Healthcare Evaluations in Europe: Do Institutions Matter?' (with S. Schneider), *Journal of European Social Policy* 28(5), 517-534, DOI: 10.1177/0958928717754.

Book chapters

2021 'The Czech Republic'. In *Health Politics in Europe: A Handbook*, Oxford University Press.

2021 'Poland'. In *Health Politics in Europe: A Handbook*, Oxford University Press.

2021 'Slovakia'. In *Health Politics in Europe: A Handbook*, Oxford University Press.

2021 'Slovenia'. In *Health Politics in Europe: A Handbook*, Oxford University Press.

2021 'Croatia'. In *Health Politics in Europe: A Handbook*, Oxford University Press.

2021 'Serbia'. In *Health Politics in Europe: A Handbook*, Oxford University Press.

2021 'Regional Outlook: Central Eastern Europe'. In *Health Politics in Europe: A Handbook*, Oxford University Press.

2021 'Regional Outlook: South Eastern Europe' (with G. Stolarova-Demuth). In *Health Politics in Europe: A Handbook*, Oxford University Press.

2021 'Former Yugoslavia: Introduction' (with N. Perišić). In *Health Politics in Europe: A Handbook*, Oxford University Press.

2020 'Access to Social Protection by Immigrants, Emigrants and Resident Nationals in Serbia'. In *Migration and social protection in Europe and beyond: A focus on non-EU sending states* (Volume 3) (eds. J-M. Lafleur and C. D. Vintila), Springer Open Access, 305-318.

2020 'Diaspora Policies, Consular Services and Social Protection for Serbian Citizens Abroad', In *Migration and social protection in Europe and beyond: A focus on non-EU sending states* (Volume 3) (eds. J-M. Lafleur and C. D. Vintila), Springer Open Access, 319-333.

2018 'The Role of Ideas in Welfare Reforms in Central Eastern Europe'. In M. Jessoula, B. Magni, N. Riva and M. Ferrera (eds.) *Gli Annali di LPF - Laboratorio di Politica Comparata e Filosofia Pubblica* (LPF) – Anno 2018. Centro Einaudi. ISBN 978-88-94960-00-6, Open Access, 1-20.

Book reviews

2017 'The Europeanization of Workplace Pensions: Economic Interests, Social Protection, and Credible Signaling' by A. Hennessy. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press 2014. *Journal of Common Market Studies* 55(3), 665-666.

2015 'The Transformation of Care in European Societies' by Margarita León (ed.). Basingstoke, Palgrave Macmillan 2014. *Journal of European Social Policy*, 25(4), 450–452.

TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

2024/25 'Evaluation and Delivery in Public Policy' (MA level), School of Politics and IR, Queen Mary University of London. **Seminar teacher**.

2024/25 'Political Analysis' (BA level). School of Politics and IR, Queen Mary University of London. **Seminar teacher**.

2024/25 **Supervision of 8 BA theses**. School of Politics and IR, Queen Mary University of London.

2024/25 'Research Project' (BA level), School of Politics and IR, Queen Mary University of London. **Course co-convener**.

2023/24 **Supervision of 5 BA and 2 MA theses**. School of Politics and IR, Queen Mary University of London.

2023/24 'Research Project' (BA level), School of Politics and IR, Queen Mary University of London. **Course co-convener**.

2022/23 'Research Project' (BA level), School of Politics and IR, Queen Mary University of London. **Course co-convener**.

2022-23 'Evaluation and Delivery in Public Policy' (MA level distance learning), School of Politics and IR, Queen Mary University of London. **Course convener**.

2022-23 **Supervision of 7 BA and 5 MA theses**. School of Politics and IR, Queen Mary University of London.

2021-22 'Evaluation and Delivery in Public Policy' (MA level), School of Politics and IR, Queen Mary University of London. **Course convener**.

2021-22 'Evaluation and Delivery in Public Policy' - Distance Learning, (MA level), School of Politics and IR, Queen Mary University of London. **Course convener**.

2021-22 'Public Management and Governance' (MA level), School of Politics and IR, Queen Mary University of London. **Course convener**.

2021-22 **Supervision of 7 MA and 9 BA theses.** School of Politics and IR, Queen Mary University of London.

2021 'Social Policies' (BA level), Political and Administration Sciences Program, Faculty of Political and Social Sciences, *University of Pompeu Fabra*, Barcelona. **Visiting lecturer (online).**

2015 'Public Policies' (BA level), Public Administration and Territorial Politics Program, Institute for Social and Political Sciences, *University of Lisbon*. **Visiting lecturer.**

2014 'European Social Policy in Hard Times' (MA level), Political Science Programme, EU Policy Studies, *James Madison University*, Florence. **Course convener.**

2014 'Neo-Institutional Approaches to the Study of Social Norms and Institutions' (MA level), Social Science Program, *University of Düsseldorf*. **Course designer and convener.**

CERTIFICATES IN TEACHING

2022 **Postgraduate Certificate in Academic Practice for Curriculum Design**, Queen Mary Academy, *Queen Mary University of London*.

2020/21 **Teaching Certificate**, Max Weber Programme, *EUI*.

2012 **Teaching Skills Certificate**, *EUI and London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)*.

COMPETITIVE GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS (selection)

2023 British Academy/Leverhulme Small Research Grant for project 'Public Responses to Austerity in Healthcare: The Role of Ideology & Government Rhetoric' (£9 997)

2022 QMUL SPIR General Research and Scholarship Funding for project "Government Discourse in the Context of Austerity-Driven Health Policy Reforms in Portugal, Ireland and Greece" (£ 1 930).

2021 EUI Early-Stage Researchers Grant for project "Government Discourse in the Context of Austerity-Driven Health Policy Reforms in Portugal, Ireland and Greece", PI (€ 2 810).

2020 EUI Research Council funding for project "Responding to COVID-19: Government Action, Government Rhetoric, and Public Trust", Co-PI with E. Immergut (EUI) and D. Burlacu (University of Newcastle) (€ 19 000).

2019-2021 Max Weber Program Postdoctoral Grant (est. : € 50 000).

2010 Paderewski Grant, *College of Europe, Natolin Campus* (€ 2 000).

2009-2013 PhD Research Grants, *Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and EUI* (est.: € 50 000).

2008-2009 Graduate School Scholarship, *Duke University* (est.: € 74 000).

2006-2009 MA Studies Grant, *Konrad Adenauer Foundation* (est.: € 22 000).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (selection)

2025 'Is traditional partisanship old school? Multi-dimensional partisanship, veto points, and European healthcare legislation, 1990-2019' (with E. M. Immergut, A. Moise and M. Wegeman), ECPR Joint Session Workshops, Charles University of Prague, 20-23 May 2025.

2024 'Changing Neo-liberal Ideas over Health Policy in CEE: Comparative Analysis of Reforms and Parliamentary Discourse', 22nd International ESPANet Conference, University of Tampere, 28-30 Aug 2024.

2023 'Political Determinants of Health: Healthcare Privatization and Population Health in Europe', 21st International ESPANet Conference, *University of Warsaw*, 7-9 Sept 2023.

2023 'Government Discourse in the Context of Austerity-Driven Health Policy Reforms in Portugal, Ireland and Greece', 21st International ESPANet Conference, *University of Warsaw*, 7-9 Sept 2023.

2022 'Health reforms in post-communist Eastern Europe: The politics of policy learning', Pitch Your Book Session, 20th International ESPANet Conference, *University of Vienna*, 14-16 Sept 2022.

2021 'Welfare Attitudes in Crisis: The Role of Ideology in Healthcare Satisfaction in Portugal and Ireland' (with D. Burlacu), 27th International Conference of Europeanists (CES) (online), 21-25 June 2021.

2021 'COVID-19 Responses in Eastern Europe: The Role of the Health System', 15th Max Weber Fellows June Conference, *EUI* (online), 16-18 June 2021.

2020 'Policy Performance in New Democracies: Veto Points and Party System Institutionalization', 14th Max Weber Fellows June Conference, *EUI* (online), 18-19 June 2020.

2018 'Taking opposition seriously: explaining market-oriented healthcare reforms in Slovakia and Hungary', Italian ESPAnet Conference Italy, University of Florence, 13-15 Sept 2018.

2018 'Portuguese and Irish healthcare reforms in the context of crisis' (with C. Devitt and M. Asensio), Italian ESPAnet Conference Italy, University of Florence, 13-15 Sept 2018.

2018 'Healthcare Satisfaction in the Context of Austerity: Portugal and Ireland Compared' (with D. Burlacu), 114th American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, Boston, USA, 30 Aug - 2 Sept 2018.

2018 'Portuguese and Irish Healthcare Reforms in the Context of Crisis' (with C. Devitt and M. Asensio), Welfare State Futures Program Final Conference, *EUI*, 24-25 May 2018.

2017 'When Ideas (Don't) Affect Policy Change: The Case of Healthcare Reforms in Central Eastern Europe', Italian ESPAnet Conference Italy, University of Bologna, 21-23 Sept 2017.

2017 'Portuguese Public Opinion towards Healthcare in the Context of Crisis' (with S. Schneider and M. Asensio), 15th International Conference of the ESPAnet, *University of Lisbon*, 14-16 Sept 2017.

2017 'Portuguese Public Opinion towards Healthcare in the Context of Crisis' (with S. Schneider and M. Asensio), 24th International Conference of Europeanists (CES), *University of Glasgow*, 12-14 Jul 2017.

2016 'Ideas, Institutions and Politics in Post-Communist Health Policy', the 14th International Conference of the ESPAnet, *University of Rotterdam*, 1-3 Sept 2016.

2016 'Haunted by the Past? An Institutional Analysis of Health Care Attitudes in Eastern and Western Europe' (with S. Schneider), 3rd International ESS Conference, *University of Lausanne*, 13-15 Jul 2016.

2015 'The Paradox of Portuguese Healthcare System: Economic Crisis and Institutional Choice', Italian ESPAnet Conference Italy, University of Salerno, 17-19 Sept 2015.

2015 'Policy Learning, Fast and Slow: Healthcare Policy Change in Post-Communist Countries', 2nd International Conference on Public Policies, Catholic University of Milano, 1-4 Jul, 2015.

2014 'The Role of Ideas, Interests and Institutions in the Post - Communist Health Policy', Italian ESPAnet Conference Italy, University of Torino, 18-20 Sept 2014.

2013 'Privatization and Marketization of Healthcare: An Experience from Eastern Europe', 3rd Doctoral German ESPAnet Section Workshop 'Privatization and Marketization of Social Services and Social Programs', *Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies*, 14-15 Nov, 2013.

INVITED TALKS (selection)

2024 'Book talk: Health reforms in post-communist Eastern Europe', Book Talk, Centre for Eurasian, Russian and Eastern European Studies, *Queen Mary University of London*.

2024 'Health reforms in post-communist Eastern Europe', Book Talk, Department of Political Science, Law, and International Studies, *University of Padua*.

2023 'Book Talk: Health reforms in post-communist countries: the politics of policy learning', *University of Vienna*.

2023 'Book Presentation: Health reforms in post-communist countries: the politics of policy learning', *Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, EUI*.

2022 'Book presentation: Health reforms in post-communist countries: the politics of policy learning', *University of Newcastle*.

2021 Book Presentation – Health Politics in Europe: A Handbook, *Lancaster University*.

2021 'Health Politics in Europe. The Breakdown of the Soviet Union and the Transformation to Capitalist Democracy in Eastern Europe', *Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, EUI*.

2020 'The Politics of Health Reforms in Eastern Europe', *EUI*.

2017 'Taking Opposition Seriously: Explaining Market-Oriented Healthcare Reforms in Slovakia and Hungary', *EUI*.

2016 'Ideas, Institutions and Politics in Market-Oriented Post-Communist Healthcare Reforms', *Trinity College Dublin*.

2016 'Politics and Institutions in the Post-communist Healthcare Policy: the Case of User Fees', Institute for Social Sciences, *University of Lisbon*.

2014 'Who Wins, Who Loses? Distributional Outcomes of Healthcare Reforms in Eastern Europe', *Heinrich Heine University of Düsseldorf*.

2013 'Convergence or Divergence? Financial Crisis' Impact on Social Policies in Europe', *James Madison University*.

ORGANISATION OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

2025 Co-chair, Section 'Ideas and discourses framing Welfare State change', Espanet Conference, University of Milan, 27-29 Aug 2025.

2025 Co-chair, Section 'Health Policy and Politics', University of Milan, 27-29 Aug 2025.

2025 Co-director, ECPR Joint Session Workshops, Charles University Prague, 20-23 May 2025.

2023 Co-chair, Section 'Health Systems in Transition: Reforms and Transformation between Policy and Politics', Espanet Italy Conference, University of Milan, 13-15 Sept 2023.

2021 Co-chair, Section 'Health Policy and Politics', ECPR General Conference (online), Sept 2021.

2021 Co-organiser, Max Weber Multidisciplinary Workshop on Health and Healthcare, EUI.

2020 Member of the Scientific Committee, Annual June Conference of the Max Weber Programme, June 2020.

2014-2015 Organiser, Conferences on National and European Funding Opportunities, Academic Careers Observatory, Max Weber Programme, EUI.

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

2011-present **Peer-reviewer** for *Journal of Common Market Studies*; *Journal of Public Policy*; *Social Policy & Administration*; *European Political Science Review*; *Journal of European Social Policy*; *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*; *International Journal of Health Planning and Management*; *Perspectives on European Politics and Societies*; *Political Psychology*; *Discover Public Health*, and *Bloomsbury Publishing*.

2024-2025 **Member of Nominating Committee for APSA Comparative Politics Section**, American Political Science Association (APSA).

2020-2021	Ambassador for CIVICA - alliance of eight leading European higher education institutions in the social sciences.
2018-2019	Convener of the <i>Welfare State Futures Working Group, EUI</i> .
2010-2014	Founder and convener of the <i>Eastern European Working Group, EUI</i> .

EXPERT ENGAGEMENT AND RESEARCH IMPACT

2018-2019	Country expert for social protection policies (Serbia), ERC Starting Grant funded Project "Migration and Transnational Social Protection in Post-crisis Europe Database" (MITSOPRO), <i>University of Liege</i> .
2017-2018	Country expert for institutional and electoral data (Montenegro, Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina), Political Configurations Database, <i>Humboldt University Berlin</i> .
2014	Research expert for 'Best of UNICEF Research', <i>UNICEF Office of Research - Innocenti</i> , Florence.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)
 American Political Science Association (APSA)
 International Public Policy Association (IPPA)
 Council of European Studies (CES)
 Network for European Social Policy Analysis (ESPA.net)
 Women in Politics, University College Dublin

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Serbian and Croatian – native
 English - fluent
 Italian - fluent (CELI 5)
 German - fluent (DSH 3)
 Portuguese - upper intermediate
 Spanish - lower intermediate
 Polish - elementary

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

02-07/2019 Maternity leave (paid).

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND DISSEMINATION

2021	'Health System Resilience in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Gap Between Eastern and Western Europe' (with A. Moise). <i>EUI STG Resilience Papers</i> .
2020	'Why is eastern Europe's second wave so much worse than its first?' (with A. Moise), <i>The Conversation</i> .
2020	'Health Policy After the Crisis: More of the Same or a New Path?', <i>Social Europe</i> .
2020	'Serbia's Response to the Coronavirus Pandemic', <i>Cambridge Core Blog</i> .
2020	'European Health Systems and COVID19: Some Early Lessons', <i>LSE EUROPP</i> .

2018 'Cognitive Determinants of Healthcare Evaluations', *NORFACE Welfare State Futures*.

2018 'An East–West Comparison of Healthcare Evaluations in Europe: Do Institutions Matter?', *NORFACE Welfare State Futures*.