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Curriculum Vitae

Department of Politics & International Relations
School of International and Public Affairs
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Academic Background

Ph.D. in Political Science, Florida State University, 2000
Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations, Public Policy
M.S. in Political Science, Florida State University, 1997
B.A. in History, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski, Bulgaria, 1980

Professional Experience

Associate Professor, Florida International University, 2008-
Assistant Professor, Florida International University, 2004-2008
Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota Duluth, 2000- 2004
Statistical Analyst, Florida State University Survey Research Lab, 1999
Teaching Assistant, Florida State University, Spring 1995-2000
Research Fellow, Center for the Study of Democracy, Sofia, Bulgaria, 1991-1995
Research Fellow, Institute of History of BCP, Sofia, Bulgaria, 1986-1990
National Museum of History, Sofia, Bulgaria, 1983-1986

Fields of Specialization

Elections, Electoral Systems, and Electoral Behavior
Institutional Reform
Democratic Transitions
Political Corruption
Comparative Environmental Policies
Public Support for Foreign Policies

Research Skills

Geographic Concentration

Central and Eastern Europe

Field Work

Bulgaria, Serbia, Macedonia, Slovenia, Hungary

Methodologies

Multivariate regression analysis

logit and probit models

pooled cross-sectional time-series designs

Categorical data analysis, ICPSR Summer Training Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, 2003

Survey data analysis

Path analysis

Proficiency in SPSS, Microsoft Excel, CASES, STATA, and Amelia

Published Books

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 2012. *Political Corruption in Eastern Europe: Politics After Communism*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 1995. *Bulgaria 1879-1946: The Challenge of Choice*. East European Monographs, New York: Columbia University Press.

Edited Collections

Kostadinova, Tatiana, and Barry Levitt (eds.) 2014. Symposium “New Research on Personalist Leadership,” *Politics & Policy* 42:4(August).

Peer-reviewed Articles

Kostadinova, Tatiana, and Petia Kostadinova. 2016. “Party Promises, Voter Understanding, and Mandate Responsiveness in East European Politics,” *Politics & Policy* 44:1: 5-34.

Kostadinova, Tatiana, and Anna Mikulska. 2015. “The Puzzling Success of Populist Parties in Promoting Women’s Political Representation,” *Party Politics*, OnlineFirst (September 4), DOI 10.1111/1354068815601604.

Kostadinova, Tatiana, and Barry Levitt. 2014. “Toward a Theory of Personalist Parties: Concept Formation and Theory-Building,” *Politics & Policy* 42:4(August): 490-512.

Levitt, Barry, and Tatiana Kostadinova. 2014. “Personalist Parties in the Third Wave of Democratization: A Comparative Analysis of Peru and Bulgaria,” *Politics & Policy* 42:4(August): 513-547.

Kostadinova, Tatiana, and Barry Levitt. 2014. “Introduction to the Symposium: New Research on Personalist Leadership,” *Politics & Policy* 42:4(August): 483-489.

Neshkova, Milena, and Tatiana Kostadinova. 2012. “The Effectiveness of Administrative Reform in New Democracies.” *Public Administration Review* 72:3: 324-333.

Kim, HeeMin, and Tatiana Kostadinova. 2011. “Does Tactical Voting Matter? The Political Impact of Tactical Voting in Canadian Elections,” *International Area Studies Review* 14:1(March): 49-71.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 2009. “Abstain or Rebel: Corruption Perceptions and Voting in East European Elections,” *Politics & Policy* 37:4(August): 691-714.

Kostadinova, Tatiana, and Timothy Power. 2007. "Does Democratization Depress Participation? Voter Turnout in the Latin American and Eastern European Democratic Transitions." *Political Research Quarterly*, 60:3 (September): 363-377.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 2007. "The Impact of Finance Regulations on Political Parties: The Case of Bulgaria." *Europe-Asia Studies*, 59:5 (July): 807-827.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 2007. "Ethnic and Women's Representation under Mixed Election Systems." *Electoral Studies*, 26:2 (June): 418-431.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 2006. "Party Strategies and Voter Behavior in the East European Mixed Election Systems." *Party Politics*, 12:1 (January): 121-43.

Ringquist, Evan J., and Tatiana Kostadinova. 2005. "Assessing the Effectiveness of Voluntary International Environmental Agreements: The Case of the 1985 Helsinki Protocol." *American Journal of Political Science*, 49:1 (January): 86-102.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 2003. "Voter Turnout Dynamics in Post-Communist Europe." *European Journal of Political Research*, 42: 741-759.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 2002. "Do Mixed Electoral Systems Matter?: A Cross-National Analysis of Their Effects in Eastern Europe." *Electoral Studies*, 21: 23-34.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 2000. "East European Support for NATO Membership: Fears and Aspirations." *Journal of Peace Research*, 28 (March): 235-249.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 1991. "The Socialists and Their Voters." *Novo Vreme* (academic journal), No. 7.

Sirkov, Dimitar, and Tatiana Kostadinova. 1990. "The Results of the Parliamentary Elections in 1939-1940." *Vekove* (journal published by the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences), No. 2.

Book Chapters

Kostadinova, Tatiana, and Maria Spirova. 2018. "Combatting Corruption" in Adam Fagan and Petr Kopecky (eds) *The Routledge Handbook of Eastern European Politics*, forthcoming.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 2016. "Organizational Structure and Trends in Bulgarian Party Politics" in Katarzyna Sobolewska-Myślik, Beata Kosowska-Gąstoł, and Piotr Borowiec (eds.) *Organizational Structures of Political Parties in Central and Eastern European Countries*. Krakow, Poland: Jagiellonian University and Pedagogical University at Kraków. [in English]

Kostadinova, Tatiana, and Rebecca Salokar. 2014. "Justice and Lustration in Post-Communist Countries: The Role of Constitutional Courts" in Doroty Kołodziejczyk (ed.) *Histories, Societies, Spaces of Dialogue: Post-Dependence Studies in a Comparative Perspective*. Kraków: Wydawców Prac Naukowych UNIVERSITAS. Pp. 37-60. [in Polish]

Kostadinova, Tatiana, and Milena Neshkova. 2013. "Explaining the Incidence of Administrative Reform in Eastern Europe" in *The Past, Present and the Future of Public Administration in Central and Eastern Europe*. Bratislava: NISPAcee. Pp. 91-107.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 2010. "Institutional Design and Ethnic Strife in Eastern Europe, 1990-2000" in *30 Years Department of History of the World and International Relations* (ed: Tamara Stoilova). Sofia: Institute for Historical Studies. Pp. 327-346 [in English].

Kostadinova, Tatiana P. 2010. "Politics in Bulgaria" in *European Politics Today* (eds: Gabriel A. Almond, Russell J. Dalton, G. Bingham Powell, and Kaare Strom), Fourth edition. New York: Pearson Longman. Pp. 374-416.

Ringquist, Evan J., and Tatiana Kostadinova. 2008. "Assessing the Effectiveness of Voluntary International Environmental Agreements: The Case of the 1985 Helsinki Protocol," article reprint in *International Environmental Politics* (ed: Ronald B. Mitchell). Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications. Pp. 146-172.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 2008. "Bulgaria: Three Finance Regimes and Their Implications" in *Public Finance and Post-Communist Party Development* (eds: Steven D. Roper and Janis Iktens). Aldershot/Burlington: Ashgate. 113-128.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 2003. "Women's Legislative Representation in Post-Communist Bulgaria" in *Women's Access to Political Power in Post-Communist Europe* (eds: Richard E. Matland and Kathleen Montgomery). Oxford University Press. Pp. 304-320.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 2002. "East European Support for NATO Membership: Fears, Aspirations, and Change" in *Globalization of Civil-Military Relations: Democratization, Reform and Security*. Bucharest: Editura Enciclopedica. Pp. 400-418.

Book Reviews and Non-Refereed Articles

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 2013. *Spoils of Truce: Corruption and State Building in Post-War Lebanon* by Reinoud Leenders (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2012), *Perspectives on Politics* 11:3(September): 882-883.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 2013. Response to Reinoud Leenders' Review of *Political Corruption in Eastern Europe: Politics After Communism* (Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 2012), *Perspectives on Politics* 11:3(September): 886.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 2011. *The Quality of Democracy in Eastern Europe: Public Preferences and Policy Reforms* by Andrew Roberts (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010), *The Journal of Politics* 71:1(January): 292-294.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 2010. Venelin I. Ganev. *Preying on the State: The Transformation of Bulgaria after 1989*. (Cornell University Press, 2007) in *Bulgarian Studies Association Newsletter* 2:13, available online at <http://foreninger.uio.no/bsa/Newsletters/newsletter2010-2.pdf>.

Kostadinova, Tatiana, and Evan J. Ringquist. 2004. "Evaluating International Environmental Agreements," *STEP Ahead* (Newsletter of the Science, Technology, and Environmental Politics Section of the American Political Science Association).

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 2003. Jan Zielonka (ed.) *Europe Unbound: Enlarging and Reshaping the Boundaries of the European Union*. (London & New York: RoutledgeCurzon, 2002) in *Europe-Asia Studies* 55(December): 1339-1340.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 1993. "The Challenge of Democracy." *The Insider*, No. 7.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 1990. "Nikola Petkov against Todor Zhivkov at the 1946 Session of the Grand Assembly." *Obshtestvo i Pravo* (journal published by the Bulgarian Bar Association), No. 9.

Work in Progress

"Corruption and Political Participation in Hungary: Testing Models of Civic Engagement," under review [with Zoltan Kmetty]

"Anger or Means: What Drives Political Action?" [with Kyle Mattes]

“Reforming Post-Communist Bureaucracies: The Effect of Transitional Justice” [with Milena Neshkova]

“Do Populist Parties Meet Their Promises?”

“Preferential Voting and Party Loyalty: How Voters Respond to Parties’ Choices”

Working Papers

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 1994. “The Nonprofit Sector in Bulgaria: A Historical Review,” Center for the Study of Democracy, Sofia.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 1992. “The Declaration of Black Sea Economic Cooperation: Political, Social, and Ethnic Aspects,” Center for the Study of Democracy, Sofia.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 1991. “The Idea of Monarchy in Present Political Life: Traditions and Continuity,” Center for the Study of Democracy, Sofia.

Courses Taught

Graduate

Seminar in Comparative Politics - FIU 2007-2017

Advanced Research in Comparative Politics - FIU 2011, 2013, 2014

Political Parties - FIU 2013, 2015

Democratic Transitions – FIU 2010, 2012, 2014, 2015

Comparative Institutional Choice – FIU 2005

Teaching Political Science – FIU 2006

Undergraduate

Research Methods in Political Science – FIU 2009, UMD 2002, FSU 1999

East European Politics – FIU 2004-2017, UMD 2002-2003, FSU 1998-1999

Russian Politics – FIU 2004-2017, UMD 2000

Comparative Electoral Behavior – FIU 2007-2016

Democratic Transitions – FIU 2007

Introduction to Comparative Government – FIU 2004-2011, UMD 2000-2004, FSU 1997-1998

Introduction to Political Economy - UMD, 2001-2002

Issues in Democratization - UMD 2001

Presidents and Assemblies of the World - UMD 2001

Policy Transition in Southeastern and Central Europe - FSU 1997, 2000

Service on PhD Dissertation Committees (* directed dissertation, candidate name, dissertation title, completion)

*Craig Lang, “The Impact of Transitional Justice on the Development and Perception of the Rule of Law,” defended (2017). Visiting Assistant Professor, Marshall and Franklin College, Lancaster, PA.

*Thomas Just, “Contemporary State Responses to Anti-Semitism in Germany and Poland,” defended (2017). Adjunct Professor, Florida International University, Miami, FL.

*Murat Altuglu, “Legislative Behavior in-between Institutional Constraints. A Comparative Study of the House of Representatives and the Bundestag,” defended (2014). Assistant Professor, Murat Hüdavendigâr University, Istanbul, Turkey.

*Engin Erdem, “European Integration and Democratic Consolidation: Spain, Poland and Turkey in Comparative Perspective,” defended (2011). Assistant Professor, Abant İzzet Baysal University in Bolu, Turkey

Aline Machado, “Party Coalitions in Brazil: Determinants and Effects,” 2011.

Zuzana Hlavacova, “The Electoral Geography of the Slovak Republic: A Comparison of the 1994, 1998, and 2002 Parliamentary Elections,” 2009.

Maria Ilcheva, “Ethnic Groups and Institutions: A Study of Institutional Engineering in Four Central and Eastern European Countries,” 2009.

Gonul Tol, “The Rise of Islamism among the Turkish Immigrants in Germany and the Netherlands,” 2008, Visiting Scholar, Middle East Institute, Washington D.C.

Gaye Gungor, “The European Parliament after the Big Bang Enlargement: Membership Shocks, Legislative Institutions, and Institutional Change,” 2008. Assistant Professor, Ismir, Turkey.

*Vera Beloshitzkaya, “Social Policies in the Former Soviet States,” in progress

Fiacre Bienvenu, in progress

Orcun Selcuk, in progress

Anand Shastri, in progress

Adam Howe, in progress

Nicholas Martinez (Public Administration), in progress

Deyan Peykov (History), in progress

MA Thesis Advisor

Murat Altuglu, “Putin’s Legacy: Authoritarianism with an Adjective?” 2007.

Conference Papers

Kostadinova, Tatiana, and Kyle Mattes. 2016. “Anger or Means: What Drives Political Action?” Annual Meeting of the European Consortium of Political Research, Prague, the Czech Republic.

Kostadinova, Tatiana, and Milena Neshkova. 2016. “Reforming Post-Communist Bureaucracies: The Effect of Transitional Justice,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.

Kostadinova, Tatiana, and Zoltan Kmetty. 2015. “Corruption and Political Participation in Hungary: Testing Models of Civic Engagement,” Annual Meeting of the European Sociological Association, Prague, Czech Republic.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 2015. “Preferential Voting and Party Loyalty: How Voters Respond to Parties’ Choices,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago IL.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 2014. “The Puzzling Success of Populist Parties in Promoting Women’s Political Representation,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington D.C.

Kostadinova, Tatiana, and Rebecca Salokar. 2013. “‘Communist-Forgiving’ or

‘Communist Purging?’ How Balkan Countries Come to Terms with Their Totalitarian Past,” Annual Meeting of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Boston, November 2013.

Kostadinova, Tatiana, and Rebecca Salokar. 2013. “The Challenge of Dealing with the Totalitarian Past: Justice, Conflict, and Lustration Laws in Post-Communist Countries,” *Histories, Societies, Spaces of Dialogue*, University of Wroclaw, Wroclaw, Poland.

Kostadinova, Tatiana, and Barry Levitt. 2012. “Towards a Theory of Personalistic Parties: Concept Formation, Validation and Theory-Building,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, New Orleans.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 2012. “Corruption and Political Participation: Testing Models of Voting and Protesting,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 2011. “Populism and Corruption in Eastern Europe: A Vicious Circle of Relationships,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle.

Kostadinova, Tatiana, and Petia Kostadinova. 2011. “Do Voters Understand Party Promises? Mandate Responsiveness in East European Politics,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 2010. “Networks of Corruption: ‘Friendly Circles’ in Bulgaria,” Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Los Angeles.

Kostadinova, Tatiana, and Milena Neshkova. 2010. “Explaining the Incidence of Administrative Reform in Eastern Europe,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 2010. “Corruption and Popular Attitudes towards National Institutions, the EU, and Democracy,” Annual conference of Miami-Florida EU Center of Excellence.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 2009. “Corruption and Public Trust: East European Experiences,” Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Boston.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 2009. “Disengaged Voters: Corruption and Voter Turnout in Eastern Europe,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.

Neshkova, Milena, and Tatiana Kostadinova. 2009. “The Effectiveness of Administrative Reform in New Democracies,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 2007. “Political Corruption and EU Integration in Post-Communist Europe,” Miami-EU Center Annual Conference, Florida International University.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 2006. “Electoral Rules, EU Integration, and Political Corruption in Post-Communist Countries,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 2006. “Electoral Rules and Political Corruption in Post-Communist Countries,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 2006. “Institutions, Ideology, or Wealth?: Government Spending after Communism,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.

Ringquist, Evan J., Tatiana Kostadinova, and Daniel Matisoff. 2005. “Designing Effective International Environmental Agreements: Theory and Evidence from Europe.” Annual Meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Washington D.C.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 2005. "Party Campaign Finance in Bulgaria." International conference Campaign Finance and Party System Development in Eastern Europe, Riga, Latvia.

Kostadinova, Tatiana, and Timothy Power. 2005. "Does Democratization Depress Participation? Voter Turnout in the Latin American and Eastern European Democratic Transitions." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.

Ringquist, Evan J., and Tatiana Kostadinova. 2004. "Assessing the Effectiveness of International Environmental Agreements: The Sofia and Geneva Protocols." Annual Meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Atlanta.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 2004. "Mixed Electoral Systems, Ethnic Groups, and (Un)Equal Representation." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago.

Kim, HeeMin, and Tatiana Kostadinova. 2004. "Does Tactical Voting Matter? The Political Impact of Tactical Voting in Recent Canadian Elections." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 2004. "In Coalition with the King: Election Strategies and Legislative Behavior of the Women's Party in Bulgaria." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.

Ringquist, Evan J., and Tatiana Kostadinova. 2003. "Assessing the Effectiveness of International Environmental Agreements: The Case of the 1988 Sofia Protocol." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 2002. "East European Public Support for NATO Membership: The Search for Transatlantic Security." Maastricht Center for Transatlantic Studies Conference Citizens, Nations & Cultures: Transatlantic Perspectives, the Netherlands.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 2002. "Early Responses to Mixed Electoral Rules in New Democracies." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 2002. "East European Public Support for NATO Membership: Fears, Aspirations, and Change." Conference of the Research Committee on Armed Forces and Society of the International Political Science Association, Bucharest, Romania.

Kim, HeeMin, and Tatiana Kostadinova. 2001. "Does Tactical Voting Matter? The Political Impact of Tactical Voting in Canadian Elections." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco.

Kostadinova, Tatiana, and Lee Metcalf. 2001. "Presidential Vetoes in Post-Communist States." 2001. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 2001. "Institutional Design and Ethnic Strife: Are There Chances for Success?" Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 2001. "Voter Turnout Dynamics in Post-Authoritarian Countries." Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Fort Worth.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 2000. "Institutional Sources of Ethnic Conflict Accommodation in Bulgaria." The 32nd National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Denver.

Kostadinova, Tatiana, and Lee Metcalf. 1999. "Duverger's Psychological Effect and Levels of Disproportionality in Post-Communist Elections." National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, St. Louis.

Kostadinova, Tatiana, and Lee Metcalf. 1999. "Duverger's Psychological Effect and Levels of Disproportionality in Post-Communist Elections." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Atlanta.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 1999. "Electoral Reform in Southeast Europe: Dynamics and Trends." The Socrates Kokkalis Workshop on New Approaches to Southeast Europe, Minda De Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University, Boston.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 1998. "East European Support for NATO Membership: Fears and Aspirations." Graduate Student Conference on International Affairs, Elliott School for International Affairs, The George Washington University, Washington D.C.

Kostadinova, Tatiana, and Lee Metcalf. 1998. "Two-Round Majoritarian Elections and the Effective Number of Parties." National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies 30th National Convention, Boca Raton.

Kostadinova, Tatiana, and Lee Metcalf. 1998. "The Impact of the Timing of Majority Runoff Presidential Elections." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 1997. "Political Consequences of the Electoral Laws in Post-Communist Europe." The Eighth Biennial Conference on Central and Eastern Europe, New College, University of South Florida, Sarasota.

Kostadinova, Tatiana. 1994. "Specifics of the New Electoral Law in Bulgaria." The International Foundation for Election Systems Conference on Electoral Reform in Central and Eastern Europe, Kiev, Ukraine.

Conference/Workshop Participation

Roundtable participant, "The Ten-year Anniversary of the EU's Big Bang Enlargement," organized by the Miami-EU Center at FIU & SIPA & PIR, November 2014

Presenter, "The Sociological Profile of Protesters in Kiev," Panel on the crisis in Ukraine, the Miami-EU Center & SIPA & PIR, February 2014

Presenter, "How the Crisis in Ukraine Threatens the Security of Eastern Europe," teach-in event organized by the Miami-EU Center at FIU & SIPA & PIR, March 2014

Panel organizer, "Challenges to Democratic Transition." Annual Meeting of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Boston, November 2013.

Panel participant, "The Polish Presidency of the EU," Miami-EU Center for Excellence, Florida International University, October 2011.

Panel participant, "What Does It Mean to Feel European?: An Eastern European Perspective," Center for EU Studies, Florida International University, March 2007.

Roundtable participant, "Romania and Bulgaria: Democratization and EU/NATO." The American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies National Convention, Pittsburgh, PA, 2002.

Panel organizer, "Challenges to Democratic Transition in the Balkans." Association for Slavic, East European & Eurasian Studies, Boston, 2013.

Panel organizer, "Presidents, Parliaments, and Veto Power in Post-Communist States." The Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, August-September 2001.

Panel organizer, "Challenges to Democratic Transition in Bulgaria." The American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies National Convention, Arlington, VA, November 2001.

Panel discussant, "Issues in Democratization." The Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Sciences Association, Fort Worth, March 2001.

Conference on the Problems of Democratic Transition in Eastern Europe. Lake Ohrid, Macedonia, July 1996.

Specialization Program in Electoral Politics and History. Program for International Education and Training, United States Agency for International Development. Boston MA, Washington D.C., and Florida. Lectures presented at Boston University and Eckerd College, March-April 1994.

Workshop on Liberal Theories and Practices in Germany. Friedrich Naumann Foundation, Konstanz, Germany, June 1991.

Invited Lectures/Talks

“Europe between Russia and the United States: New Challenges for EU and Eastern European Security,” SIPA Europe and Eurasian Studies Initiative, January 25, 2017

“Corruption and Political Participation,” Central European University, Budapest, Political Science Department research colloquium series, September 2013

“The ‘New Engine’ of Europe,” round-table on the Polish Presidency of the European Council, organized by the FIU-UM EU Center for Excellence, October 2011.

“Twenty Years After: Assessing the Quality of Democracy in Post-Communist Europe,” invited presentation before the Czechoslovak Society for Arts and Sciences and the American Czech-Slovak Cultural Club in Miami, March 2010

“Assessing the Quality of Democracy in Bulgaria,” Ambassadorial Seminar on Bulgaria, State Department, Washington D.C., November 2009

“Politics After Communism: Is Support for Democracy Still Strong?” FAU Peace Studies Interdisciplinary Conference “1989 Revisited: Lessons from Two Decades of Democratic Transition in Central and Eastern Europe,” Boca Raton, October 2009

“Bulgaria 1989: A Revolution or a Coup?” Miami-Florida EU Center of Excellence Panel “Eyewitnesses to Revolution: 20 Years After 1989,” September 2009

“International Environmental Agreements: Problems of Institutional Design,” Graduate Seminar on Global Governance, Florida International University, February 2009.

“Corruption in Post-Communist Countries,” Research Colloquium Series, Center for European Studies, University of Florida, January 2007.

“The EU Accession of Bulgaria,” Panel on Romania’s and Bulgaria’s accession in the European Union, Center for EU Studies, Florida International University, November 2006.

“Political Change in the Balkans,” Occasional Lecture Series, Alworth Institute for International Studies, University of Minnesota Duluth. November, 2003.

“The Prague Summit and the Importance of the New NATO,” Occasional Lecture Series, Alworth Institute for International Studies, University of Minnesota Duluth. November, 2002.

Grants

Sabbatical leave, “Populism and the Quality of Democracy in New Democracies,” Fall 2013.

Miami European Union Center Faculty Research Grant, for “The Role of the EU in Building Transparent Government,” 2009.

College of Arts and Sciences Summer Research Grant, for “Political Corruption in Eastern Europe,” FIU, 2008.

Miami European Union Center Faculty Research Grant, for “The EU’s Commitment to Capacity Building in the New Europe,” 2005.

German Marshall Fund of the United States, Research Fellowship Program for: “Evaluating the Effectiveness of European Environmental Agreements” (with Evan Ringquist), 2003-2004.

APSA Small Research Grant, “Electoral Reform during Democratic Transition in the Balkans: The Cases of Bulgaria, Macedonia, and Yugoslavia,” 2002

University of Minnesota International Programs Grant for participation in the conference Citizens, Nations and Cultures: Transatlantic Perspectives, Maastricht, the Netherlands, 2002.

College of Liberal Arts Summer Research Grant, UMD, 2001, 2002.

Chancellor’s Faculty Small Grant for Research, UMD, 2001, 2002, 2003.

Conference Travel Grant, UMD, 2001, 2002.

FSU Teaching/Research Assistantships, 1995-2000.

Conference Grant, Minda De Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University, 1999.

FSU Student Government Conference Grant, 1998, 1999.

FSU Abroad Travel Grant, 1996.

Manuscript Reviewer

Book Proposals

Cambridge University Press

Palgrave Macmillan

Journal Submissions

American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, The Journal of Politics, Social Science Quarterly, Comparative Political Studies, British Journal of Political Science, Public Choice, Party Politics, European Journal of Political Research, Politics & Policy, South European Society & Politics, Journal of Baltic Studies, Electoral Studies, Slovo, East European Politics, Polity, Perspectives on Politics, Public Administration Review

Grant Applications

National Science Foundation, 2014

Czech National Science Foundation, 2014

Swiss National Science Foundation, 2016

Country Expert (data collection)

Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Project, University of Gothenburg, Sweden

Electoral Integrity Project, University of Sidney, Australia

Chapel Hill Expert Survey, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA

Service to Professional National/International Organizations

Conference Organization Committee, Bulgarian Studies Association, 2009-

Book Prize Committee, Bulgarian Studies Association, 2009-2010

Advisory Board of H-Bulgaria, Bulgarian Studies Internet Society, 2002-2004

Departmental, College, and University Service

At Florida International University:

FIU Institutional Review Board, Social & Behavioral Sciences, Member, 2011-2017
SIPA Certification in Human Rights Committee, Co-chair, 2014-2015
CAS Strategic Committee on Research and Creative Activities, Member, 2014
Women's Studies Faculty Advisory Board, Member, 2009-2010
EU Center Faculty Curriculum Development Awards Committee, 2009
Director of Graduate Studies, PhD and MA Programs in Political Science, 2005-2008, 2015-
Political Science Graduate Studies Committee, Chair, 2005 – 2008, 2012-
International Relations Graduate Studies Committees, Member, 2009-2012
Personnel Committee, 2010-2014, 2016-
Advisory Committee to the Chair, 2012, 2015-
Third Year Review Committee, 2012
Caribbean Politics Faculty Search Committee, 2011-2012
American Politics Faculty Search Committee, 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2014-2015
International Relations/Western Europe-EU Faculty Search Committee, 2008-2009
Comparative Politics/Latin America Faculty Search Committee, 2005-2006
Research Seminar Coordinator, 2004-2005

At University of Minnesota Duluth:

Academic Affairs Committee, College of Liberal Arts, 2003-2004
Technology Advisory Committee, College of Liberal Arts, 2001- 2002
Honors Program Coordinator, Political Science, 2001-2003
International Studies Steering Committee, 2001-2002
Public Policy Faculty Search Committee, 2002-2003
Constitutional Law Faculty Search Committee, 2000-2001
Stephen P. Chilton Scholar Award Selection Committee, 2001-2002

Public Service

Interview to *The News Tribune*, cited in “Trump-Putin Bromance Is the Buzz for South-Florida Russians,” January 18, 2017 (<http://www.thenewstribune.com/news/nation-world/national/article127264469.html>)

Interview to *The Beacon*, March 5th (2014) issue—on the crisis in Ukraine

Interview to The Associated Press TV, with Tony Winton (2014)—on the crisis in Ukraine

Interviews to domestic TV stations, Duluth, MN (2000-2001)—on the fall of the Milosevic regime in Yugoslavia and European perceptions of the US presidential elections

Consulting on a volunteer basis the League of Women Voters (2001-2004)

Languages

Bulgarian (native speaker)

English (fluent)

Russian (fluent)
Serbian (reading comprehension)
Macedonian (reading comprehension)
Ukrainian (reading comprehension)

Professional Associations

American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies
Bulgarian Studies Association
Bulgarian Political Science Association