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Nationality: Romanian
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CURRENT APPOINTMENT

2018-current PhD Researcher, Department of Political and Social Sciences, EUI

Thesis Title: *The Europeanisation of post-communist administrations: The Commission as a driver?*

Supervisors: Prof. Emeritus Brigid Laffan

Brief Synopsis of Research: This research project seeks to analyse and evaluate the role of the European Commission in supporting administrative reform in post-communist administrations from Central and Eastern European states, the Western Balkans, and EU Neighbourhood states, with a focus on Romania, Serbia and Moldova. The study is based on an intensive qualitative and quantitative analysis of over 650 official communications pertaining to the implementation of EU-funded projects in each case study between 2000 to 2020, as well as on elite interviews from the European and national administrations.

Areas of Specialization

Comparative Political Science, Public Administration Reform, Differentiated Integration in the EU, European Integration Theories, Qualitative Research Methods (Elite Interviews, Path Dependency and Process Tracing, Qualitative Comparative Analysis), Research Design, Quantitative Text Analysis (MAXQDA), Eastern Europe since 1989, Rule of Law Oversight in the EU, Politics of Institutional Change, Quantitative Research Methods (STATA).

EDUCATION

2018-current **PhD in Political and Social Sciences, EUI**

Key workshops & seminars: (E. Immergut) The Politics of Institutional Change. The New Party Politics of Policy Recalibration; (H. Kriesi) Public opinion and political behaviour; (H. Gabor, D. Bohle, T. Junes) Eastern Europe since 1989; (H. Gabor & C. Closa) Rule of law oversight; (P. Genschel) EU Integration theory; (A. Hemerijck) The Nested Politics of Structural Reform; (E. Dinas & A. Hemerijck) Introduction to Research Design; (J. Harkonen & E. Dinas) Introduction to Quantitative Methods; (D. Bohle & E. Immergut) Qualitative Research Methods; (C. Wagmann & D. Bohle) Qualitative Comparative Analysis; (I. Sagarzazu, E. Immergut & E. Dinas) Introduction to Quantitative Text Analysis; (S. Bartolini & A. Hemerijck) Path Dependency and Process Tracing in the Social Sciences; (T. Bourke) Research Data Management; (M. Fraile) Course on STATA and Data Analysis; (H. Adzakpa) MAXQDA starter workshop.

2018-2019 **Master of Research (MRes), EUI**

2013-2014 **Master's Degree in Advanced European and International Studies in Istanbul, Nice & Berlin, Centre International de Formation Européenne (CIFE – France)**

Key modules: Conflict and Cooperation in the International System, European Integration and External Action, Federalism, Multi-Level Governance and Conflict Resolution, Economic Globalisation and Sustainable Development, Professional Skills Workshops (Project cycle management, Intercultural communication, International mediation and negotiation, Drafting of position papers and policy recommendations).

2012-2013 **Bachelor's L3 in Administration and International Affairs (Erasmus), Université Paris XII Est-Créteil, France**

2010 – 2013 **Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Transylvania University, Romania**

Additional training

Sept 2021 CIVICA Summer School for doctoral researchers: "*European integration in historical and contemporary perspective. New approaches and findings*", EUI

Jan 2021 Project Management for PhD students, LSE PhD Academy

Jan 2021 ECPR Winter School on Political Parties & Democracy, ECPR – OSCE/ ODHIR

Dec 2020 Executive Training Seminar "*Responsible Negotiations Across Nations*", School of Transnational Governance (STG), EUI

Dec 2019 Teaching and Learning in Higher Education Certification, EUI

Jan 2019 Workshop on Public Speaking Skills - Elia Nichols, EUI

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2021-2022 **Country Expert on Romania, Freedom House, USA**

Draft the country report for Romania's democracy-related developments during calendar year 2021 and assign numerical ratings to Romania along the organisation's Nations in Transit (NIT) indicators.

Reference: Noah Buyon, Research Analyst, buyon@freedomhouse.org

2020-2021 **Research Assistant & Country Expert on Romania, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies (RSCAS – EUI)**

Main tasks: (1) Draft the country report for Romania in the framework of the Horizon 2020 funded research project "*Integrating Diversity in the European Union*" ([InDivEU](#)), Work Package "*The Politics of Differentiated Integration: What do Citizens, Parties, and Governments want?*"; (2) Build a database on DI positions from the all the InDivEU Member State Reports and systematise the findings to facilitate the comparison across the 27 case studies.

Reference: Stefan Telle, Research Associate Stefan.Telle@eui.eu ; Brigid Laffan, former Director of the RSCAS and Scientific Coordinator of the InDivEU project, Brigid.Laffan@eui.eu .

2020 **Research Assistant & Country Expert on France, SPS – EUI**

Main Tasks: Contribute to the ERC Synergy programme "*Policy crisis and crisis politics, sovereignty, solidarity and identity in the EU post 2008*" ([SOLID](#)) by coding France's policy responses to the refugee crisis in the EU post-2015, and drawing a brief report on the main findings regarding five key episodes of this crisis.

Reference: Abel Bojar, Research Associate, Abel.Bojar@eui.eu ; Prof. Hanspeter Kriesi, Principal Investigator of the ERC-funded SOLID project, Hanspeter.Kriesi@eui.eu

2019 **Research Assistant & Country Expert on Romania, SPS – EUI**

Main Tasks: Contribute to the Project "*Political Conflict in Europe in the Shadow of the Great Recession*" ([POLCON](#)) by coding Romanian electoral campaigns based on the analysis of political contestation in the electoral arena, the protest arena, and in issue specific public interactions.

Reference: Argyrios Altiparmakis, Research Associate, argyrios.altiparmakis@eui.eu ; Prof. Hanspeter Kriesi, Director of the POLCON project, Hanspeter.Kriesi@eui.eu.

- Jun 2019 **Researcher, Delegations for Dialogue, UK**
- Main tasks: Undertake a field mission to Moldova and its separatist region, Transnistria, to assess and produce a report on the political, economic and cultural developments within the post-Soviet conflict zone, and analyse ongoing initiatives and future prospects for thawing the Transnistrian 'frozen conflict'.
- Reference:* Alan Gregory, Founder of Delegations for Dialogue, alan@delegations.org .
- Apr 2019 **Short-Term Expert, École Nationale d'Administration (ENA¹), France**
- Main tasks: (1) Undertake a field mission to Bucharest in order to understand the state of play of public administration research and training of civil servants in Romania; (2) Interview key representatives of the governmental authorities, academic institutions and other relevant stakeholders; (3) Write an analytical report with recommendations for the development of research activities at the Romanian National Institute of Administration, by identifying the main axes and key areas for the development of its research activity.
- Reference:* Fabrice Larat, Director of the Centre of Administrative Research and Expertise, Fabrice.Larat@ena.fr.
- Mar 2019 **Research Assistant, Country Expert on Romania & Team Leader, RSCAS – EUI**
- Main tasks: Contribute to the Voting Advice Application (VAA) developed in the framework of the [euandi2019](#) for the 2019 European Parliament vote, by coding the positions of Romanian parties on policy statements covering a wide range of policy issues and political values in European politics, coordinating a team of 5 members for Romania, and collaborating with 26 teams coding the other EU countries, building a database, and uploading the data on a CMS platform so as to provide voters with a clearer view of the European electoral campaign.
- Reference:* Lorenzo Cicchi, Coordinator, European Governance and Politics Programme Lorenzo.Cicchi@eui.eu .
- 2018-2019 **Research Assistant, Policy Network, UK & Das Progressive Zentrum, Germany**
- Main tasks: Contribute to the drafting of a comprehensive study on "[Measuring tomorrow's work and economy](#)" by undertaking an in-depth field analysis to gain

¹ The French National School of Administration (ENA) was abolished on 31 December 2021. It has been replaced by the Institut national du service public (INSP) since 1 January 2022 www.insp.gouv.fr

insights into business and policy-related issues in the digital economy, including through qualitative expert interviews in French and English.

Reference: Dr Barry Colfer, Director of Research at the Institute of International and European Affairs (IIEA), Ireland, Barry.Colfer@ieea.org.

2014-2018 **Senior Project Manager, Department of International Relations, ENA, France**

Main tasks: Draft project proposals and manage the implementation of projects in the field of public administration reform funded by the EU or by national governments.

Reference: Mr. Jérôme Guyon, Deputy Director of International Relations, Jerome.Guyon@ena.fr.

2012-2013 **Marketing Officer, Alliance People (Paris, France)**

2012 **Internship: Manager Assistant (Valencia, Spain)**

2012 **Internship: Project Assistant, International Network for Educational Exchange (INEX), (Vienna, Austria)**

Main task: Contribute to the preparation of the *Summer University: Green Building Solutions*, Promote the project online and at local universities, Update the database of stakeholders and participants.

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Forthcoming BADULESCU, Claudia. "Nations in Transit 2022 Country Report – Romania", Freedom House, USA.

2021 BADULESCU, Claudia. "Differentiated Integration or Discriminatory Integration? Romania's view on DI in the EU." *Australian and New Zealand Journal of European Studies* 13, no. 3 (2021).
<https://openjournals.library.usyd.edu.au/index.php/ANZJES/article/viewFile/15740/13812>.

BADULESCU, Claudia, *The politics of differentiated integration : what do governments want? country report - Romania*, EUI RSC, 2021/44, Integrating Diversity in the European Union (InDivEU)

Available on Cadmus, European University Institute Research Repository, at:
<https://hdl.handle.net/1814/70622> .

BADULESCU, Claudia, TELLE, Stefan, *Differentiated integration and the EU member states : salience and governmental positions*, EUI Research Data, 2021, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies

Available on Cadmus, European University Institute Research Repository, at:
<https://hdl.handle.net/1814/70895> .

TELLE, Stefan, , BADULESCU, Claudia, , FERNANDES, Daniel, *Differentiated integration in the EU : what do the member states 'think' about it?*, EUI RSC, 2021/50, Integrating Diversity in the European Union (InDivEU)

Available on Cadmus, European University Institute Research Repository, at:
<https://hdl.handle.net/1814/71002> .

2020 BADULESCU, Claudia, *Integrating diversity or fostering cleavages? : differentiated integration in the EU : a view from Romania*, IFAIR, 2020, EU & Europe
Available on Cadmus, European University Institute Research Repository, at:
<https://hdl.handle.net/1814/68355> .

2019 BADULESCU, Claudia, *"Transnistria: A Wedge Between Russia and the European Union. A Dialogue in 'Frozen' Conflicts"* (November 29, 2019). Delegates for Dialogue, 2019,
Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3691469> .

BADULESCU, Claudia, *"No confidence in the Social Democrat Government of Romania – civil society strikes back"*, co-authored with Dr Barry Colfer, Head of Research, Policy Network, October 2019, Available at: <https://policynetwork.org/opinions/blogs/the-collapse-of-romaniyas-social-democratic-government/> .

BADULESCU, Claudia, *"EU and I: How can you find out which party best reflects your views on the European elections?"* (original title in Romanian language: UE și EU : Cum poti să afli ce partid reflectă cel mai bine opiniile tale pentru alegerile Europarlamentare?), Ziarul Tricolorul, Romania; May 2019, Available at: <http://www.ziarultricolorul.ro/ue-si-eu-cum-poti-sa-afli-ce-partid-reflecta-cel-mai-bine-opiniile-tale-pentru-alegerile-europarlamentare/> .

2014 BADULESCU, Claudia, *"The paradox of Europe's borders: Romania's state of play in the Schengen accession process"*, Master's thesis, Centre International de Formation

Européenne (CIFE), Available at https://www.ie-ei.eu/Ressources/file/memoires/2014/BADULESCU_Claudia.pdf June 2014.

WORKING PAPERS

- 2020 BADULESCU, Claudia, *“Resisting the democratic backslide in the EU: A case study of Romania’s civil society’s retaliation against illiberal politics”*, EUI Term Paper May 2020.
- 2019 BADULESCU, Claudia; EYMERI-DOUZANS, Jean-Michel; LARAT, Fabrice: *“Developing applied research and expertise activities at the Romanian National Institute of Administration”*, Report co-authored with Prof. Dr. Jean-Michel EYMERI-DOUZANS, ScPo Toulouse, ENA-EGPA, Dr. Fabrice LARAT, Deputy Director of training in charge of research and Director of the Centre of Administrative Research and Expertise, ENA, in the framework of the SRSS project S2018/056 “Support to the National Institute of Administration in Romania” funded by the European Commission. June 2019.
- BADULESCU, Claudia, *“Respect the Rule of Law, for EU’s sake!”*, EUI Response paper, Rule of Law workshop, November 2019.
- BADULESCU, Claudia, *“Overcoming dysfunctional integration through administrative capacity building: a new approach to Europeanisation”*, EUI Term Paper May 2019.
- BADULESCU, Claudia, *“Concept paper – Research and development activity at the National Institute of Administration (INA)”*, translated into Romanian language for INA’s Department of Communication, Projects, Cooperation and External Relations (DCPCRE) in the framework of the SRSS project S2018/056 “Support to the National Institute of Administration in Romania” funded by the European Commission. April 2019.
- BADULESCU, Claudia, *“Too quiet to be strong? The EU’s tactics for advancing good governance at the domestic level”* – EUI Term Paper, January 2019.
- 2014 BADULESCU, Claudia, *“Romania – To be or not to be in the Eurozone?”* – Policy paper, Economics, Centre International de Formation Européenne (CIFE) 2014.
- 2013 BADULESCU, Claudia, *“Corporate Social Responsibility: Between Ethics and Profit”*, Bachelor’s thesis, Transylvania University, 2013.

2012 BADULESCU, Claudia, "*Opinions, attitudes and intentions of the Transylvania University's students regarding the Erasmus scholarships*" – Quantitative research study, Transylvania University, 2012.

BADULESCU, Claudia, "*The Foreign Trade Impact on the Romanian Gross Capital formation during 1990 – 2006*" – Econometrics, Transylvania University, 2012.

2011 BADULESCU, Claudia, "*The Eurozone in the current crisis: The Unemployment Challenge*" – International Business Law, Transylvania University, 2011.

Conference presentations

2021 CIVICA Summer School for doctoral researchers: "*European integration in historical and contemporary perspective. New approaches and findings*", EUI

European Governance and Politics Programme (EGPP) Seminar Series, RSCAS - EUI

ECPR Winter School on Political Parties & Democracy, ECPR – OSCE/ ODHIR

ECPR General Conference

American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) Conference

2020 NISPACEE Online Conference for PhD Students

2019 Eastern Europe 30 Years after the Fall of the Berlin Wall, EUI

2015 CES Conference Paris 2015

Other

2014-2018 Member of the *Committee for Pedagogical Innovation of the École Nationale d'Administration (ENA)*, Strasbourg, France

2012-2022 Academic and professional experience in intercultural contexts, including in: Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Egypt, France, Germany, Italy, Kuwait, Moldova, Romania, Spain, Turkey, the Netherlands.

Languages: *Romanian* (native), *English* (fluent), *French* (fluent), *Italian* (fluent), *Spanish* (intermediate), *Turkish* (basic), *Arabic* (basic).

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