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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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EU Politics, European Parliament, Comparative Politics, Legislative Politics, Coalition Government, Electoral Pledges, Legislative Reforms, Public Opinion.

## EMPLOYMENT

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09/2012 –	<b>Assistant Professor of European Politics</b> University of Mannheim (On maternity leave in 2013 and 2016)	Mannheim, Germany
7/2010 – 8/2012	<b>Research Fellow</b> University of Mannheim	Mannheim, Germany
12/2008 – 6/2010	<b>Research Assistant (PEGGED project)</b> Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies	Florence, Italy
4/2009 – 5/2009	<b>Research Assistant (PIREDEU project)</b> Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies	Florence, Italy
1/2008 – 3/2008	<b>Intern</b> European Parliament	Brussels, Belgium
10/2007 – 12/2007	<b>Academic collaborator</b> European University Institute (EUI)	Florence, Italy
11/2006 – 12/2006	<b>Research Assistant</b> Copenhagen and Aarhus Business Schools	Copenhagen, Denmark
07/2005 – 08/2005	<b>Intern</b> Centre for the Study of Democracy	Sofia, Bulgaria

## EDUCATION

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2007 – 2010	<b>Doctor of Political and Social Sciences</b> European University Institute  Thesis 'Legislative Organization in the European Parliament: The Role of Committees' under the supervision of Adrienne Héritier, Peter Mair and Simon Hix.  Committee: David Farrell, Mark Franklin, Adrienne Héritier, Simon Hix <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Prize for Best Dissertation</b> on EU studies by the European Union Studies Association</li><li>▪ <b>François Mény Prize</b> for Best Comparative Study of Political Institutions at the EUI</li></ul>	Florence, Italy
2006 – 2007	<b>MRes Political and Social Sciences</b> European University Institute	Florence, Italy
2005 – 2006	<b>MSc European Politics and Governance</b> London School of Economics and Political Science	London, UK
2002 – 2005	<b>BA Integrated Social Sciences</b> Jacobs University	Bremen, Germany

## PUBLICATIONS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

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- Books      **Yordanova, Nikoleta** (2013) ‘Organising the European Parliament: The Role and Legislative Influence of Committees’, *ECPR Monograph Series*.
- Articles    Mühlböck, Monika and **Nikoleta Yordanova** (2017) ‘When Legislators Choose not to Decide: Abstentions in the European Parliament’, *European Union Politics*, 18(2): 323-336.
- Steinert, Christoph and **Nikoleta Yordanova** (2016) “‘Alliance with the Enemy?’ Why the CDU and the Greens Formed Their First Coalition in a Large German Federal State?’, *German Politics*, 25(1): 54-72.
- Zhelyazkova, Asya and **Nikoleta Yordanova** (2015) ‘Signaling Compliance: The Link between Notified and Actual EU Directive Transposition’, *European Union Politics*, 16(3): 408-428.
- Yordanova, Nikoleta** and Monika Mühlböck (2015) ‘Tracing the Selection Bias in Roll Call Votes: Party Group Cohesion in the European Parliament’, *European Political Science Review*, 7(3): 373-399.
- Yordanova, Nikoleta** (2011) ‘The European Parliament: In Need of a Theory’, *European Union Politics*, 12(4): 597-617.
- Yordanova, Nikoleta** (2011) ‘The Effect of Inter-institutional Rules on the Division of Power in the European Parliament’, *West European Politics*, 34(1): 97-121.
- Yordanova, Nikoleta** (2009) ‘Committee Assignments in the European Parliament: Distributive, Informational and Partisan Rationales’, *European Union Politics*, 10(2): 253-280. Featured article in Editors’ Choice Collection.
- Chapters   **Yordanova, Nikoleta** (2015) ‘Collusion in Bicameral EU Decision-making: The impact of early agreements on representation and committee influence in the European Parliament.’ In Ferdinand Muller-Rommel and Fernando Casal Bertoa (eds.) *Party Politics And Democracy in Europe*. Abingdon/New York: Routledge.
- Yordanova, Nikoleta** (2012) ‘The Effect of Inter-institutional Rules on the Division of Power in the European Parliament.’ In Naurin, Daniel and Anne Rasmussen (eds) *Dynamics of Change in the European Union*. Abingdon/New York: Routledge.
- Yordanova, Nikoleta** (2006) ‘Police Racial Profiling Practices in the US and the UK.’ In: Philip Gounev (ed.) *Police Stops and Racial Profiling in Bulgaria*, pp. 52-80. Sofia: Centre for the Study of Democracy (CSD) Reports.
- Other      **Yordanova, Nikoleta** (2012) ‘Questions and Answers.’ In Kröger, Sandra (ed) (2012) *Interdisciplinary Views on Representation in the EU*, Working Paper No. 4/2012, The European Institute, UCL.
- Revise & resubmit    Coen, David; Adrienne Héritier, **Nikoleta Yordanova** and Guido Mattia (NP). ‘Managing European Regulation: A Firm’s Perspective.’ Under review.
- In progress    Lin, Nick; Katsunori Seki and **Nikoleta Yordanova**. ‘Unfulfilled Pledges and Responsibility Attribution in Coalition Governments’. Paper presented at Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA., 2016 and the Annual Conference of European Political Science Association. Brussels, Belgium, 2016.
- Angelova, Mariyana; Roni Lehrer; Moritz Osnabrügge, Sander Rennes and **Nikoleta Yordanova**. ‘Which Arguments Influence Attitudes towards the EU in Germany? An Experimental Survey Study.’
- Yordanova, Nikoleta**. ‘Informal Decision-making in the EU Bicameral Legislature.’ Paper presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association, Vienna, Austria, 2015.
- Yordanova, Nikoleta** and Asya Zhelyazkova. ‘Linking EU Law-making to Law-enforcement: The Consequences of Delegated and Implementing Acts for Legislative Outcomes’.

**Yordanova, Nikoleta** and Asya Zhelyazkova. 'Linking EU Law-making to Law-enforcement: The Consequences of Delegated and Implementing Acts for Legislative Outcomes'.

Toshkov, Dimiter; **Nikoleta Yordanova** and Asya Zhelyazkova. 'Strategic Incentives, Discretion and the Implementation of EU Directives'. Paper presented at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Conference of The European Political Science Association, Barcelona, June, 2013.

Pardos-Prado, Sergi and **Nikoleta Yordanova**. 'Democratic Paradox in the European Union: Systemic versus Participatory Components.' Midwest Political Science Association 67th Annual National Conference, The Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, April 2009.

## GRANTS

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- 2015 **MZES Workshop Grant**, together with Doreen Alerkamp and Anne Wetzel (€10000).
- 2014 **Research grant from the German Science Foundation (DFG)** for the project "Legislative Reforms and Party Competition", SFB 884, together with Thomas König (€490000).
- 2014 **Teaching Programme Baden-Württemberg** "Lehrprogramm Juniorprofessur" (€7700).
- 2011 **SFB Workshop Grant**, together with Elisabeth Schulte (€15000).
- 2008 **Grant** from the European University Institute for field research at the European Parliament.

## PRIZES

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- 2011 **Prize for Best Dissertation on the EU studies** defended in the period 2009-2010 by the European Union Studies Association, Boston, US.
- 2011 **François Mény PhD Prize** for Best Comparative Study of Political Institutions in 2010 awarded by the European University Institute, Florence, Italy.
- 2011 **Shortlisted for the Jean Blondel PhD Prize for the Best Thesis in Politics** defended in 2010 by the European Consortium for Political Research.
- 2007 **Duncan Black Award** for the best paper presented by a graduate student at the European Consortium for Political Research General Conference, Pisa, Italy.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

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- 2006 – 2010 **Full scholarship** from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and EUI for PhD study.
- 2002 – 2005 **Merit based scholarship** for the duration of BA study at Jacobs University.
- 1999 – 2002 **Scholarship** for academic achievement from the Bulgarian Ministry of Education.

## TEACHING

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- 2017 Spring Undergraduate **lecture** on 'EU Integration and Policy-Making'.
- 2017 Spring Undergraduate **laboratory** on 'Data Analysis'.
- 2017 Spring Undergraduate thesis **colloquium**.
- 2016 Fall Undergraduate **seminar** on 'Challenges to European Integration in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century'.
- 2016 Fall Undergraduate **tutorial** on 'Academic Research and Writing'.
- 2015 Fall Undergraduate **seminar** on 'European Union Politics'.
- 2015 Spring Graduate **lecture** on 'International Politics'.
- 2015 Spring Graduate thesis **colloquium**.
- 2015 Spring Undergraduate thesis **colloquium**.
- 2014 Fall Undergraduate **lecture** 'Introduction Lecture Series in Political Science' (co-taught).
- 2014 Fall Undergraduate **seminar** on 'The European Parliament'.

- 2014 Fall Undergraduate **tutorial** on ‘Academic Research and Writing’.
- 2014 Spring Undergraduate **lecture** on ‘EU Integration and Policy-Making’.
- 2014 Spring Undergraduate **seminar** on ‘Coalition Government’.
- 2012 Fall Graduate research **seminar** on ‘European Union Politics’.
- 2012 Spring Graduate **seminar** on ‘The Politics of Reform in Central and Eastern Europe’.
- 2011 Spring Graduate **seminar** on ‘Legislative Politics: European Parliament and EU Policy-Making’.
- 2011 Spring **Substitute lecturer** in an undergraduate course on ‘Positive Political Theory’.

## THESIS SUPERVISION

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Co-Supervisor, **PhD** Candidate Elena Frech, University of Mannheim, defended in 2016.

Co-Supervisor, **PhD** Candidate Stephan Solomon, University of Mannheim, defended in 2015.

**MA** Programme in Political Science, University of Mannheim, since 2014 (5 theses).

**BA** Programme in Political Science, University of Mannheim, since 2015 (21 theses).

## INVITED TALKS

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- 2015 Conference on “The Future of Europe”, European University Institute, Florence, Italy.
- 2014 Colloquium series at the Institute of Political Science (IfP), Eberhard Karls University, Tübingen, Germany.
- 2014 International Workshop on “Party Politics and Democracy in Europe”, Center for the Study of Democracy, Leuphana University, Lüneburg, Germany.
- 2012 Conference on “New Trends in Political Representation in the EU”, Exeter, UK.
- 2010 Colloquium series at the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research, Germany.

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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- 7/2014 – **Python and Natural Language Processing (NLP)** Mannheim, Germany  
7/2014 A 5-day course on the Python programming language and introduction to NLP.
- 6/2010 – **Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM)** Mannheim, Germany  
7/2010 Game theory, including random utility models, Bayesian statistics, and experimental methods.
- 9/2009 **ECPR Summer School on Analytical Politics** Torino, Italy  
Computational modelling, automated data collection, and ideal point estimation.
- 5/2009 **Multi-level Modelling** Florence, Italy  
Followed a 5-day course by Prof. Kenneth Benoit, Trinity College Dublin.
- 9/2008 **Teacher Training Certificate, EUI** Florence, Italy  
Followed a course in **teaching skills**, designed a course outline, and received a certificate.
- 7/2008 – **ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques** Ljubljana, Slovenia  
8/2008 Took a course on ‘**Formal Modelling**’ taught by Prof. Rebecca Morton, New York University.
- 5/2008 **Introduction to Time Series Analysis, EUI** Florence, Italy  
Followed a course by Prof. Dennis P. Quinn, Georgetown University.
- 7/2007 – **Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis** Colchester, UK  
8/2007 Took courses on calculus maths and **Logit and Probit Models** by Prof. Marco Steenbergen.

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

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- 2017 European Union Studies Association (EUSA), Miami, US. *Presenter.*
- 2015 Conference on “Informal Governance in the European Union: A Challenge to Legitimacy?”, Mannheim, Germany. *Organizer, Chair and Presenter.*
- 2015 European Political Science Association, Vienna, Austria. *Presenter and Discussant.*
- 2014 Conference on “The Future of Europe”, European University Institute, Florence, Italy. *Presenter.*
- 2014 International Workshop on “Party Politics and Democracy in Europe”, Center for the Study of Democracy, Leuphana University, Lüneburg, Germany. *Presenter and Discussant.*
- 2012 European Political Science Association, Berlin, Germany. *Presenter.*
- 2012 New Trends in Political Representation in the EU, Exeter, UK. *Presenter.*
- 2012 Europeanisation after EU Accession: Transformation, Reform and Compliance in Recent EU Member States, Nice, France. *Presenter.*
- 2011 SFB 884 Conference on the “Political Economy of Reforms”, Mannheim, Germany. *Principal organiser, chair and presenter.*
- 2011 European Union Studies Association (EUSA), Boston, US. *Presenter.*
- 2010 SFB 884 Conference on the “Quantifying Europe”, Mannheim, Germany. *Organiser and chair.*
- 2009 American Political Science Association (APSA), Toronto, Canada. *Presenter.*
- 2009 European Union Studies Association (EUSA), Los Angeles, US. *Presenter.*
- 2008 2nd Graduate Network Conference Central European University, Budapest, Hungary. *Presenter and Discussant.*
- 2008 European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) Joint Sessions, Rennes, France. *Presenter and Discussant.*
- 2007 4th ECPR General Conference, Pisa, Italy. *Presenter.*
- 2007 Transatlantic Conference for Young Researchers, Florence, Italy. *Presenter.*

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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### Reviewer for:

- American Journal of Political Science
- American Political Science Review
- British Journal of Political Science
- European Union Politics
- European Journal for Political Research
- Journal of Common Market Studies
- Journal of European Public Policy
- Journal of Legislative Studies
- Legislative Studies Quarterly
- Party Politics
- Political Science Research and Methods
- Scandinavian Political Studies
- West European Politics

### Grant applications referee for:

- German Science Foundation
- Agence Nationale de la Recherche (France)
- Research Fund Flanders (Belgium)

**Member of:**

- European Legislative Politics Research Group
- Standing Group on Analytical Politics and Public Choice (ECPR)
- European Political Science Association (EPSA)
- European Union Studies Association (EUSA)
- German Association of University Professors and Lecturers (Deutscher Hochschulverband)

**Elected member** of the Council of the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES) and the Council of the School of Social Sciences, University of Mannheim.

**Member of the selection committee** for the MA in Political Science, University of Mannheim, 2015.

**Member of the search committee** ‘W1 Juniorprofessorship in Methods of Empirical Social Research’, University of Mannheim, 2012.

**Examiner** for PhD Theses of Lorenzo Cicchi, IMT Institute for Advanced Studies, Lucca, Italy and Tim Mickler, Leiden University.

**LANGUAGE SKILLS**


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<b>Bulgarian</b>	Native
<b>English</b>	Fluent spoken and written
<b>German</b>	Advanced spoken and written
<b>Italian, French</b>	Basic spoken and written
<b>Polish, Russian</b>	Basic spoken

**STATISTICAL PACKAGES**


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Knowledge of R, STATA and SPSS.

**REFERENCES**


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