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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Legislative studies, EU politics, European Parliament, electoral behaviour, regulation.

## CURRENT POSITION

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2010 – **Research Fellow**, University of Mannheim Mannheim, Germany  
Collaborative Research Center 'Political Economy of Reforms' (SFB 884)

## EDUCATION

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2007 – 2010 **European University Institute** Florence, Italy  
**Doctor of Political and Social Sciences**  
Thesis: 'Legislative Organization in the European Parliament: The Role of Committees'  
Defence committee: Prof. Adrienne Héritier (EUI); Prof. Simon Hix (LSE), Prof. David Farrell (UCD); Prof. Mark Franklin (EUI); Co-supervisor: Prof. Peter Mair (EUI).

2006 – 2007 **European University Institute** Florence, Italy  
**MRes** Political and Social Sciences

2005 – 2006 **London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)** London, UK  
**MSc** European Politics and Governance

2002 – 2005 **Jacobs University** Bremen, Germany  
**BA** Integrated Social Sciences

## PUBLICATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS

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'Committee Assignments in the European Parliament: Distributive, Informational and Partisan Rationales', *European Union Politics*, 2009, 10(2): 253-280.

'The effect of inter-institutional rules on the division of power in the European Parliament', forthcoming in a special issue of *West European Politics*, 2011. Paper presented the European Union Studies Association 11<sup>th</sup> Biennial International Conference, Los Angeles, 2009.

'What We Know and Do Not Know about the Committees of the European Parliament: Issues of Measurement and Time', under review, 2010.

'Plenary Changes to Committee Reports: Legislative Powers of the European Parliament Committees', paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, September 2009.

'Democratic Paradox in the European Union: Systemic versus Participatory Components', co-authored with Sergi Pardos-Prado, paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association 67th Annual National Conference, The Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, April 2009.

'Police Racial Profiling Practices in the US and the UK.' In: Philip Gounev (ed.) (2006) *Police Stops and Racial Profiling in Bulgaria*, pp. 52-80. Sofia: Centre for the Study of Democracy (CSD) Reports.

## PRIZES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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- 2007 **Duncan Black Award** for the best paper presented by a graduate student at the European Consortium for Political Research General Conference, Pisa, Italy.
- 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.

## GRANTS

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- 2009 **Travel grant** from the European Union Studies Association to attend its 2009 meeting.
- 2008 **Scholarship Fund Grant** from the European Consortium for Political Research to attend its Summer School in Methods and Techniques.
- 2008 **Grant** from the European University Institute for field research at the European Parliament.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- 2009 American Political Science Association (APSA), Toronto, Canada
- 2009 European Union Studies Association (EUSA), Los Angeles, USA
- 2008 2nd Graduate Network Conference Central European University, Budapest, Hungary
- 2008 European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) Joint Sessions, Rennes, France
- 2007 4th ECPR General Conference, Pisa, Italy
- 2007 Transatlantic Conference for Young Researchers, Florence, Italy

## TRAINING IN RESEARCH METHODS

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- 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.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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- 12/2008 – 6/2010 **Research Assistant**, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies Florence, Italy  
Independent development and analysis of an online survey of 1000 regulatory directors of companies across Europe for the project ‘Regulation in Europe.’
- 4-5/2009 **Research Assistant**, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies Florence, Italy  
Collaborator in the PIREDEU project led by Prof. Mark Franklin. Prepared the Bulgarian versions of the candidate and voter surveys for the European Election Study (2009).
- 1/2008 – 2/2008 **Intern**, European Parliament Brussels, Belgium  
Co-authored a study on the ‘Implementation of the Structural Funds in Bulgaria and Romania.’
- 10/2007 – 12/2007 **Academic collaborator**, European University Institute Florence, Italy  
Organized an international workshop on Party Patronage hosted by Prof. Peter Mair.
- 11/2006 – 12/2006 **Assistant, Copenhagen and Aarhus Business Schools** Copenhagen, Denmark  
Collected a large quantitative data set on legislative reports in the 5th European Parliament for a research project of Dr Anne Rasmussen, Max Weber Fellow, EUI.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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Served as a referee for *European Union Politics* and *European Journal for Political Research*.

Member of *American Political Science Association (APSA)* and *European Union Studies Association (EUSA)*.

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

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

## STATISTICAL PACKAGES

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Solid knowledge of STATA and SPSS. Basic knowledge of R.

## REFERENCES

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**Prof. Dr Adrienne Héritier**  
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Advanced Studies  
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