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EDUCATION

- 2007 – 2010 **Doctor of Political and Social Sciences** Florence, Italy
European University Institute (EUI)
Topic: 'Legislative Organization in the European Parliament: The Role of Committees.' Supervisors: *Adrienne Héritier, Peter Mair and Simon Hix*
Prize for Best Dissertation on EU studies by the European Union Studies Association, François Mény Prize for Best Comparative Study of Political Institutions at the EUI.
- 2006 – 2007 **MRes Political and Social Sciences** Florence, Italy
European University Institute (EUI)
- 2005 – 2006 **MSc European Politics and Governance** London, UK
London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
- 2002 – 2005 **BA Integrated Social Sciences** Bremen, Germany
Jacobs University

POSITIONS

- 08/2019 – **Assistant Professor of Political Science** Leiden, The Netherlands
Leiden University
- 08/2019 – **Associate Member of SFB 884 "Political Economy of Reforms"** Mannheim, Germany
- 09/2012 – **Assistant Professor of European Politics (W1)** Mannheim, Germany
07/2019 University of Mannheim
Positive mid-term evaluation in June 2018
Maternity leave January-August 2016
Maternity leave January 2013-January 2014
- 07/2010 – **Research Fellow** Mannheim, Germany
08/2012 University of Mannheim
- 12/2008 – **Research Assistant (PEGGED project)** Florence, Italy
06/2010 Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, EUI
- 04/2009 – **Research Assistant (PIREDEU project)** Florence, Italy
05/2009 Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, EUI
- 01/2008 – **Intern** Brussels, Belgium
03/2008 European Parliament
- 10/2007 – **Academic Collaborator** Florence, Italy
12/2007 European University Institute (EUI)
- 11/2006 – **Research Assistant** Copenhagen, Denmark
12/2006 Copenhagen and Aarhus Business Schools
- 07/2005 – **Intern** Sofia, Bulgaria
08/2005 Centre for the Study of Democracy (CSD)

PUBLICATIONS

- Books** **Yordanova**, Nikoleta (2013) *Organising the European Parliament: The Role and Legislative Influence of Committees*. Colchester: ECPR Monograph Series. ISBN-10: 1907301399.
- Peer-reviewed Articles**
- Yordanova**, Nikoleta; Mariyana Angelova; Roni Lehrer, Moritz Osnabrügge and Sander Rennes (2020) ‘Arguments that can Sway EU Attitudes: A Survey Experiment on German Voters’. Forthcoming in *European Union Politics*. 2018 Impact Factor: 2.600
- Yordanova**, Nikoleta and Asya Zhelyazkova (2020) ‘Legislative Control over Executive Law-making: Delegation of Quasi-Legislative Powers to the European Commission’, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, 58(2): 345-364. 2018 Impact Factor: 2.746.
- Coen, David; Mattia Guidi; Nikoleta **Yordanova** and Adrienne Héritier. (2020) ‘Managing European Regulation: A Firm’s Perspective.’ *Public Policy and Administration*. Online First: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0952076718814900> 2018 Impact Factor: 1.183.
- Nanni; Federico Nanni; Goran Glavaš; Simone Paolo Ponzetto; Sara Tonelli; Nicolò Conti; Ahmet Aker; Alessio Palmero Aprosio; Arnim Bleier; Benedetta Carlotti; Theresa Gessler; Tim Henrichsen; Dirk Hovy; Christian Kahmann; Mladen Karan; Akitaka Matsuo; Stefano Menini; Dong Nguyen; Andreas Niekler; Lisa Posch; Federico Vegetti; Zeerak Waseem; Tanya Whyte and Nikoleta **Yordanova** (2018) ‘Understanding Euroscepticism Through the Lens of Textual Data’, In: *Proceedings of the LREC 2018 Conference ParlaCLARIN* : Miyazaki, Japan, Monday 7th May 2018.
- Mühlböck, Monika and Nikoleta **Yordanova** (2017) ‘When Legislators Choose not to Decide: Abstentions in the European Parliament’, *European Union Politics*, 18(2): 323-336. 2018 Impact Factor: 2.600.
- 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. 2018 Impact Factor: 1.464.
- Zhelyazkova , Asya and Nikoleta **Yordanova** (2015) ‘Signaling Compliance: The Link between Notified and Actual EU Directive Transposition’, *European Union Politics*, 16(3): 408-428. 2018 Impact Factor: 2.600.
- 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. 2018 Impact Factor: 1.545.
- Yordanova**, Nikoleta (2011) ‘The European Parliament: In Need of a Theory’, *European Union Politics*, 12(4): 597-617. 2018 Impact Factor: 2.600.
- 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. 2018 Impact Factor: 3.508.
- 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. 2018 Impact Factor: 2.600.

- Book Chapters** **Yordanova, Nikoleta** (2019) ‘Bulgaria: Neither a Protest nor a European Vote.’ In L. De Sio, L. Russo and M. Franklin (eds) *The European Parliament Elections of 2019*. Rome: Luiss University Press, pp. 97-102.
- Yordanova, Nikoleta** (2019) ‘Europee Bulgaria: né un voto di protesta, né un voto europeo’, Available at: <https://cise.luiss.it/cise/2019/06/03/europee-bulgaria-ne-un-voto-di-protesta-ne-un-voto-europeo/>.
- Yordanova, Nikoleta** (2015) ‘Collusion in Bicameral EU Decision-making: The impact of early agreements on representation and committee influence in the European Parliament.’ In F. Muller-Rommel and F. Casal Bertoa (eds.) *Party Politics And Democracy in Europe*. Abingdon/New York: Routledge, pp. 178-193.
- Yordanova, Nikoleta** (2012) ‘Inter-institutional Rules and Division of Power in the European Parliament: Allocation of Consultation and Co-decision Reports’ In D. Naurin and A. Rasmussen (eds) *Dynamics of Change in the European Union*. Abingdon/New York: Routledge, pp. 97-121.
- Book Reviews** **Yordanova, Nikoleta** (2018) Book Review of *Ambitious Politicians: The Implications of Career Ambition in Representative Democracy*, Patrik Ohberg (University Press of Kansas, 2017). *Perspectives on Politics*, 16(3): 873-75. Impact Factor: 1.642.
- Yordanova, Nikoleta** (2018) Book Review of *Career Behaviour and the European Parliament: All Roads Lead Through Brussels?*, William T. Daniel (Oxford University Press, 2015). *Perspectives on Politics*, 16(3): 873-75. Impact Factor: 1.642.
- Other** Mühlböck, Monika and Nikoleta **Yordanova** (2019) ‘So stimmen die Abgeordnete ab’ Politikwissenschaftsblog der ÖGPW - Österreichische Gesellschaft für Politikwissenschaft auf DerStandard.at vom 18. April 2019.
- 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.
- Yordanova, Nikoleta** (2006) ‘Police Racial Profiling Practices in the US and the UK.’ In: Philip Gounev (ed.) *Police Stops and Racial Profiling in Bulgaria*. Sofia: CSD, pp. 52-80.

COMMISSIONED RESEARCH

Yordanova, Nikoleta ‘The European Parliament’, Oxford Bibliographies. Peer-reviewed book chapter published by Oxford University Press.

WORK IN PROGRESS

‘The End of Consensus? Changes in Voting Behavior in Bicameral EU Decision-making since 2009.’ (with Monika Mühlböck)

‘Taking back or giving up control? Analysing the impact of politicisation on member states’ control over Commission activities.’ (with Asya Zhelyazkova)

‘Unfulfilled Policy Pledges and Responsibility Attribution in Coalition Governments.’ (with Nick Lin and Katsunori Seki)

‘Bill Assignment to Legislative Committees under Coalition Government.’ (with Nick Lin)

‘Informal Decision-making in the EU Bicameral Legislature.’

‘Delegating legislative powers to the European Commission: The threat of Non-compliance with tertiary legislation in the member states.’ (with Asya Zhelyazkova)

‘Timing of Policy Reforms under Coalition Governments.’ (with Thomas König, Nick Lin, Xiao Lu and Galina Zudenkova.)

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 06/2020 – 05/2023 **NORFACE Governance grant.** Project title: “EUINACTION: Willingness and Capacity for EU Policy Action in Times of Crises: Conflicts, Positions and Outcomes”, PI of the international consortium. Co-applicants: Goran Glavas, University of Mannheim and Zachary Greene, University of Strathclyde (total amount €1,200,000).
- 01/2018 – 12/2021 **German Science Foundation.** Project title: “Legislative Reforms and Party Competition”, SFB 884, Co-PI with Thomas König and Galina Zudenkova (€547,200).
- 2015 **MZES Workshop Grant**, with Doreen Alerkamp and Anne Wetzel (€10,000).
- 01/2014 – 12/2017 **German Science Foundation.** Project title: “Legislative Reforms and Party Competition”, SFB 884, Co-PI with Thomas König (€490,000).
- 2014 **Teaching Programme Baden-Württemberg** (€7,700).
- 2011 **SFB Workshop Grant:** with Elisabeth Schulte (€15,000).
- 2008 **Grant** from the EUI for field research at the European Parliament (€1,700).

GRANT APPLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW

- 2020 **Jean Monnet Project** proposal on “Limits of European Integration in Its Current Form: Need and Potential for EU Reboot (euReboot)”. Submitted application as PI with Amy Verdun in February 2020 (€60,000).

PRIZES

- 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 EUI, 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

- 2006 – 2010 **Full PhD scholarship** from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and EUI.
- 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.

INVITED TALKS

- 2018 **Economic Integration in the EU**, Jean Monnet Circle Seminar, “European Integration and Institutional Studies”, *ZAK Centre for Cultural and General Studies, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology*, Germany, 16 November 2018.
- 2018 **Understanding Europe**, Invited talk for a workshop prepared for the Residency Woxsen School of Business by the *Mannheim Business School*, Germany, 20 April 2018.
- 2018 **Arguments that Can Sway EU Attitudes**, Invited talk for a workshop on “Understanding Responsiveness in European Union Politics” at the *Lorentz Center, Leiden*, the Netherlands, 29 January-1 February 2018.
- 2017 **Spatial Theory of Voting**, “Hackathon: Understanding Euroscepticism through the Lens of Big-Data”, *German-Italian Center for European Excellence, Villa Vigoni, Menaggio*, Italy, 4-7 December 2017.
- 2017 **Economic Integration in the EU**, Jean Monnet Circle Seminar, “European Integration and Institutional Studies”, *ZAK Centre for Cultural and General Studies, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology*, Germany, 10 November 2017.
- 2014 **Beyond Europe**, “Conference on The Future of Europe”, *EUI*, Florence, Italy, 20-21 November 2014.
- 2014 **Voting Behaviour in the European Parliament**, Colloquium series, *Institute of Political Science (IfP), Eberhard Karls University, Tübingen*, Germany, 25 June 2014.
- 2014 **Collusion in Bicameral EU Decision-Making: Efficiency at the Expense of Transparency and Representation**, International Workshop on “Party Politics and Democracy in Europe” *Center for the Study of Democracy (CSD)*, Leuphana University (Lüneburg), 23-26 February 2014.
- 2012 **Roundtable Discussion** on “New Trends in Political Representation in the EU”, *University of Exeter*, UK, 24-26 May 2012.
- 2010 **Legislative Power of Parliamentary Committee: Adoption of Committee Reports in the European Parliament**, Colloquium series at the *Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES)*, Germany, 19 February 2010.

ORGANIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

- 2015 Conference on “Informal Governance in the European Union: A Challenge to Legitimacy?”, Mannheim. *Organiser, Chair and Presenter*.
- 2011 SFB 884 Conference: “Political Economy of Reforms”, Mannheim. *Organiser, Chair and Presenter*.
- 2010 SFB 884 Conference: “Quantifying Europe”, Mannheim. *Organiser and Chair*.
- 2009 SPS Workshop: “The Legislators of Europe”, Florence. *Organiser and Presenter*.
- 2007 International Workshop: “Party Patronage”, Florence. *Organiser and Presenter*.

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

- 2019 European Union Studies Association, Denver, US. *Presenter, Chair and Discussant*.
- 2018 German Political Science Association, Frankfurt, Germany. *Presenter and Discussant*.
- 2017 European Union Studies Association, Miami, US. *Presenter*.
- 2015 European Political Science Association, Vienna, Austria. *Presenter and Discussant*.

- 2014 Conference on “The Future of Europe”, EUI, 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 European Union Studies Association, Boston, US. *Presenter.*
- 2009 American Political Science Association, Toronto, Canada. *Presenter.*
- 2009 European Union Studies Association, Los Angeles, US. *Presenter.*
- 2008 2nd Graduate Network Conference Central EUI, Budapest, Hungary. *Presenter and Discussant.*
- 2008 Joint Sessions of the European Consortium for Political Research, Rennes, France. *Presenter and Discussant.*
- 2007 4th General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research, Pisa, Italy. *Presenter.*
- 2007 Transatlantic Conference for Young Researchers, Florence, Italy. *Presenter.*

THESIS SUPERVISION

PhD Supervisor:

- Alexander Schilin, Leiden University, 2020 – present;
- Aleksandra Khokhlova, University of Mannheim. 2018 – present;
- Elena Frech, University of Mannheim, defended in 2016;
- Stephan Solomon, University of Mannheim, defended in 2015.

External examiner for PhD Theses of Tim Mickler, Leiden University, The Netherlands, defended in 2017; Lorenzo Cicchi, IMT Institute for Advanced Studies, Lucca, Italy, defended in 2013.

MA Programme in Political Science, University of Mannheim, 2014-2009 (7 theses).

BSc Programme in International Relations and Organizations, Leiden University, since 2020 (supervising currently 21 theses).

BA Programme in Political Science, University of Mannheim, 2015-2019 (37 theses).

TEACHING

At Leiden University

- 2020 Spring Bachelor project course: ‘Euro-scepticism: Causes, Consequences and Responses’ (Blocks 3&4).
- 2020 Spring Graduate core course: ‘Politics of Policy-making: National and International Challenges’ (Block 3).
- 2019 Fall Graduate core course: ‘Politics of Policy-making: National and International Challenges’ (Block 2).

At the University of Mannheim

- 2019 Spring Graduate **seminar**: ‘The Politicization of European Integration’.
- 2019 Spring Undergraduate **laboratory**: ‘Data Analysis’.
- 2019 Spring Undergraduate thesis **colloquium**.
- 2018 Fall Undergraduate **seminar**: ‘Euroscepticism: Causes, Consequences and Responses’.
- 2018 Fall Undergraduate **tutorial**: ‘Academic Research and Writing’.
- 2018 Spring Graduate **seminar**: ‘European Union Politics’
- 2018 Spring Undergraduate **laboratory**: ‘Data Analysis’.
- 2018 Spring Undergraduate thesis **colloquium**.
- 2017 Fall Undergraduate **seminar**: ‘Challenges to European Integration in the 21st Century’.
- 2017 Spring Undergraduate **lecture**: ‘EU Integration and Policy-Making’.
- 2017 Spring Undergraduate **laboratory**: ‘Data Analysis’.
- 2017 Spring Undergraduate thesis **colloquium**.
- 2016 Fall Undergraduate **seminar**: ‘Challenges to European Integration’.
- 2016 Fall Undergraduate **tutorial**: ‘Academic Research and Writing’.
- 2015 Fall Undergraduate **seminar**: ‘European Union Politics’.
- 2015 Spring Graduate **lecture**: ‘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**: ‘The European Parliament’.
- 2014 Fall Undergraduate **tutorial**: ‘Academic Research and Writing’.
- 2014 Spring Undergraduate **lecture**: ‘EU Integration and Policy-Making’.
- 2014 Spring Undergraduate **seminar**: ‘Coalition Government’.
- 2012 Fall Graduate research **seminar**: ‘European Union Politics’.
- 2012 Spring Graduate **seminar**: ‘The Politics of Reform in Central and Eastern Europe’.
- 2011 Spring Graduate **seminar**: ‘Legislative Politics: European Parliament and EU Policy-Making’.
- 2011 Spring Substitute lecturer in an undergraduate **seminar** on ‘Positive Political Theory’.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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| 09/2018 –
12/2018 | Natural Language Processing
A 14-week course using Python. | Mannheim, Germany |
| 12/2017 –
12/2017 | Text Analysis and Big Data
A 4-day hackathon on “Understanding Euroscepticism through the Lens of Big-Data”. | Milan, Italy |
| 07/2014 –
07/2014 | Python and Natural Language Processing (NLP)
A 5-day course on the Python programming language and introduction to NLP. | Mannheim, Germany |

06/2010 – 07/2010	Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Game theory, random utility models, Bayesian statistics, and experimental methods.	Mannheim, Germany
09/2009	ECPR Summer School on Analytical Politics Computational modelling, automated data collection, and ideal point estimation.	Torino, Italy
05/2009	Multi-level Modelling A 5-day course by Prof. Kenneth Benoit.	Florence, Italy
09/2008	Teacher Training Certificate, EUI Series of courses on teaching skills ; designed a course outline, received a certificate.	Florence, Italy
07/2008 – 08/2008	ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques A course on ‘Formal Modelling’ taught by Prof. Rebecca Morton.	Ljubljana, Slovenia
05/2008	Introduction to Time Series Analysis, EUI Followed a course by Prof. Dennis P. Quinn, Georgetown University.	Florence, Italy
07/2007 – 08/2007	Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis Courses on calculus maths and Logit and Probit Models by Prof. Marco Steenbergen.	Colchester, UK

ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

2019 –	Chair of the Research Feedback Sessions	Leiden, The Netherlands
2018 – 2019	Coordinator of the BA Programme in Political Science	Mannheim, Germany
2015 – 2019	Member of the selection committee for MA Political Science	Mannheim, Germany
2014 – 2019	Representative of Junior Professors at Council of MZES	Mannheim, Germany
2018 – 2019	Elected member of the School of Social Sciences Council	Mannheim, Germany
2012 – 2019	Member of the search committees	Mannheim, Germany
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ‘W1 Juniorprofessor in Public Economics, Finance’ (2018) ▪ ‘W1 Juniorprofessor in Public Economics, Applied Finance’ (2018) ▪ ‘W3 Professor in Methods of Empirical Social Research’ (2017) ▪ ‘W1 Juniorprofessor in Methods of Empirical Social Research’ (2012) 	

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

2019	Research interview for the joint study by Bertelsmann Stiftung and the European Policy Centre entitled “A panorama of citizens’ participation instruments at the EU level”.
2019	Political Science Blog, DerStandard; “So stimmen die Europaabgeordnete ab”, 18 April 2019.
2018	Appointment by the Ministry of Justice and Europe of Baden-Württemberg to the Europadialog Expert Forum, 11 May 2018.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Reviewer for:

- American Journal of Political Science (since 2012)
- American Political Science Review (since 2013)
- British Journal of Political Science (since 2015)
- European Journal of International Relations (since 2019)
- European Journal for Political Research (since 2011)
- European Union Politics (since 2008)

- Journal of Common Market Studies (since 2011)
- Journal of European Public Policy (since 2012)
- Journal of Legislative Studies (since 2017)
- Legislative Studies Quarterly (since 2017)
- Parliamentary Affairs (since 2018)
- Party Politics (since 2015)
- Perspectives on Politics (since 2018)
- Political Analysis (since 2019)
- Political Science Research and Methods (since 2015)
- Regional and Federal Studies (since 2018)
- Scandinavian Political Studies (since 2013)
- West European Politics (since 2010)

Grant applications referee for:

- German Science Foundation (DFG), Germany
- Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR), France
- Research Fund Flanders (FWO), 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 (Deutscher Hochschulverband)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Bulgarian	Native	Dutch	Basic spoken and written
English	Fluent spoken and written	Italian	Basic spoken and written
German	Advanced spoken and written	Polish	Intermediate spoken

STATISTICAL PACKAGES & OTHER SKILLS

Knowledge of R, STATA, LaTeX and Python

REFERENCES

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