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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

John Cabot University, Italy 01/2023 -
Assistant Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science and International Affairs

Oxford University, UK 05/2022 - 12/2022
Departmental Lecturer, Department of Politics and International Relations
In association with Magdalen and Nuffield Colleges

Bocconi University, Italy 09/2019 - 05/2022
ERC Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Social and Political Sciences

Princeton University, USA 09/2018 - 08/2019
Postdoctoral Fellow, The Bobst Center for Peace and Justice and Department of Politics

EDUCATION

University of Chicago, USA 09/2011 - 08/2018
Ph.D., Political Science, specialization in Comparative Politics and Methods

University of Essex, UK 09/2008 - 09/2009
MA, Global and Comparative Politics

University of Bucharest, Romania 09/2005 - 07/2008
BA, International Relations, European Cultural Studies and Sociology

BOOKS

1. **Bogdan G. Popescu**, 2023. *Imperial Borderlands: Institutions and Legacies of the Habsburg Military Frontier*. Cambridge University Press.

Media:

[Imperial Borderlands](#). *Fifteeneightyfour* - Cambridge University Press Blog

[Beyond Lines of Demarcation: Borders as Buffers](#). *Broadstreet*

[Borders and their Legacies](#). *Central and Eastern European Affairs Review*

2. **Bogdan G. Popescu**, *Islam, Sultans, and the Printing Press: How Absence of the Printed Word Limited Development*. Manuscript under review.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. **Bogdan G. Popescu** and Marlene Jugl. 2024. "Civic Associations, Populism, and (Un-)Civic Behavior: Evidence from Germany." *Political Science Research and Methods*. Forthcoming

2. Yusuf Mağiya, **Bogdan G. Popescu**, and Güneş Tezcür. 2023. "All the Sultan's Men: Regime Type, Insecurity, and the Shuffling of Governors." *Comparative Political Studies*. OnlineFirst.

3. **Bogdan G. Popescu**, 2023. “The Developmental Legacies of Border Buffer Zones: the Case of Military Colonialism”. *Journal of Historical Political Economy*. Vol. 3: No. 1, pp. 31-63. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1561/115.00000045>

Media: Beyond Lines of Demarcation: Borders as Buffers. *Broadstreet*

4. **Bogdan G. Popescu** and Mircea Popa, 2022. “Imperial Rule and Long-Run Development: Evidence on the Role of Human Capital in the Ottoman Europe,” *Comparative Political Studies*. Vol. 55: No. 11, pp. 1910-1946. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00104140211060283>

James Caporaso Award for Best Article published in CPS in 2022

Media: Ottoman Governance and Development: The Role of Human Capital. *Broadstreet*

5. Maura Cremin and **Bogdan G. Popescu**, 2021. “Sticks and Stones? Connecting Insurgent Propaganda with Violent Outcomes,” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, Vol. 66: No. 3, pp. 504-528. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00220027211027291>

Media: The Links between ISIS Propaganda and Terrorist Attacks. *Political Violence at a Glance*

6. Mike Albertus and **Bogdan G. Popescu**, 2020. “Does Equalizing Assets Spur Development? Evidence From Large-Scale Land Reform in Peru,” *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 15: No. 2, pp. 255-295. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1561/100.00019033>

WORKING PAPERS

Frontiers of Resilience: Borders as Strategic Buffers (with Harunobu Saijo (Hiroshima University), Crystal Jing Xu (Chinese University of Hong Kong), Anna Zhang (Facebook))

Cuius Regio, Eius Religio: Indirect Rule and Conversion to Islam in the Early Ottoman Empire

God Save the Queen’s English! How Industrial Revolution Migration Shaped the English Language

Communism and Development: Legacies of Collectivization in Romania (with Leonid Peisakhin (NYU))

DATASETS

2017. *Historical Atlas of Central and Eastern Europe: 1326 - 1922*.

154 different shape files showing in detail the borders of: Ottoman Empire, Republic of Venice, Habsburg Empire, etc. URL: <http://bgpopescu.net/data/>

2017. *Demographics and Taxation in 15th Century Ottoman Albania*, based on Ottoman manuscripts. APP: https://bgpopescu.shinyapps.io/ottoman_map_interactive/

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Council for European Studies, Reykjavik, Iceland: 2023

American Political Science Association: 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019 (presenter, discussant, chair), 2015

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago: 2021, 2018, 2015, 2013, 2011

Council for European Studies, Madrid, Spain: 2019

Politics and History Conference, Yale University, New Haven: 2019

Borders and Boundaries Conference, UPenn Perry World House, Philadelphia: 2019

Fourth Annual CES Graduate Workshop on Comparative Research on Europe, Glasgow, UK: 2017

Second Annual Graduate Workshop on Comparative Historical Research in Europe, Paris, France: 2015

UChicago, USA. Comparative Politics Workshop: 2017, 2015, 2013 (presenter, discussant)

International Studies Association Meeting, Montreal, Canada: 2011

European Consortium for Political Research Graduate Conference, Dublin, Ireland: 2010

University of Nottingham, UK. Centre for the Study of Social and Global Justice Seminar: 2010

INVITED TALKS

Historical Political Economy Virtual Workshop, October 26, 2023

Sapienza University, Rome, Economic History Seminar Series, April 26, 2023

John Cabot University, Rome, Digital Humanities Series, March 14, 2023

University of Essex, UK, PEPSI Seminar Series, December 14, 2022

Barcelona Institute of Economics, Spain, “Pandemic Crisis and Democratic Preferences,” Nov. 25, 2022

Harvard Business School, Business, Government & the International Economy, October 27, 2021

Konstanz University, Germany, “When, why and how the past matters Seminar,” June 2, 2020

Sciences Po, France, “Ethnicity and Democracy in Interwar Europe” Workshop, November 16, 2019

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Ramon y Cajal Fellowship for outstanding research record | Spanish Ministry of Science, *declined*, 2024

James Caporaso Award for Best Article published in CPS in 2022 for *Imperial Rule*

Extraordinary CPS Reviewer Award in 2022

UChicago, Stevanovich Institute Dissertation Research Fellowship, 2016

American Political Science Association, Travel Grant to participate at the Annual Meeting, 2015

UChicago, Bienen Summer Research Fund for Pre-Dissertation Archival Research, 2015

UChicago, Grodzins Prize Lectureship to teach *The Political Economy of Corruption*, 2015

UChicago, Institute of Politics Stipend for the FairVote internship in Washington, DC, 2014

UChicago, Ph.D. Social Sciences Fellowship, USA, 2011 - 2016

University of Nottingham Graduate School Travel Prize to participate at ISA and MPSA in 2011

University of Nottingham, Sir Francis Hill Postgraduate Scholarship, 2009

London Romanian Cultural Centre Rațiu Trustees Grant for Academic Excellence, 2008

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

U - undergraduate; G - graduate

Applied Computational Methods for Social Science, John Cabot (Winter 2024, U)

Statistics, John Cabot (Winter 2024, Winter 2023, Fall 2023, U)

Globalization, John Cabot (Winter 2023, Fall 2023, U)

Comparative Politics, John Cabot (Winter 2024, Winter 2023, Fall 2023, U)

Comparative Political Economy, Oxford (Autumn 2022, U)

Comparative Government, Oxford (Autumn 2022, U)

European Politics and Society, Oxford (Autumn 2022, G)

Political Economy of Corruption, UChicago (Autumn 2015, U)

UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Oxford University

Magdalen College member of PPE undergraduate committee (2022)

PPE undergraduate admissions (2022)

University of Chicago

Methodology Hiring Committee, Department of Political Science (2013)

Community Fellow, [The International House at UChicago](#) (2012-2015)

Professional Service

Referee: *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies* (Extraordinary Reviewer Award in 2022), *World Politics*, *Democratization*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

Council for European Studies

SKILLS

Modern Languages: Romanian (native), English, Spanish (fluent), Turkish, French, German, Italian (intermediate), Farsi (reading ability)

Classical Languages: Ottoman (Neshi, Talik, Rika, Divani) [2-year training], Latin [3-year training]

Statistical Software Packages: Stata, R, SPSS.

Computer Applications: T_EX, ArcGIS, Python

REFERENCES

Jane Gingrich - jane.gingrich@spi.ox.ac.uk

Professor of Social Policy, Department of Social Policy and Intervention, University of Oxford

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