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I am a comparative political scientist currently working as an **Assistant Professor (part-time) at the European University Institute (EUI)** and contributing to the SOLID ERC Synergy project led by Prof. Hanspeter Kriesi, Prof. Waltraud Schelkle, and Prof. Maurizio Ferrera. Before my positions at the EUI, I completed my PhD in Political Science with an additional specialization in Research Methodology at Central European University (CEU) in April, 2019. My research agenda focuses on **European politics and policymaking, political behavior and public opinion formation, and social movements and protest**. Beyond these substantive interests, I also focus on **research methodology and R software development** with a pluralist outlook comprising of both **quantitative (machine-learning, text mining, survey design, survey experiments) and qualitative methods (QCA).**

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor (part-time, 90% full time equivalent) *05/2024 - present*
SOLID ERC Project
European University Institute, Florence, Italy

Research Fellow *06/2019 - 04/2024*
SOLID ERC Project (PI: Prof. Hanspeter Kriesi)
European University Institute, Florence, Italy

Research Fellow *02/2019 - 06/2019*
POLCON ERC Project (PI: Prof. Hanspeter Kriesi)
European University Institute, Florence, Italy

EDUCATION

PhD in Political Science *09/2013 - 04/2019*
Specialization: Comparative Politics and Research Methodology
Central European University, Budapest (Supervisor: Prof. Zsolt Enyedi)
Thesis: Collective Mobilization and Dynamic Representation: From Citizens to Policy and Back Again

MA in Political Science (Distinction) *09/2011 - 09/2013*
Specialization: Social Science Methodology
Central European University, Budapest (Supervisor: Prof. Levente Littvay)
Thesis: When does information matter? Complexity, Cognitive Heuristics and Democratic Competence

BA in Political Science (Valedictorian) *09/2008 - 06/2011*
Department of Political Science, SNSPA, Bucharest

HABILITATION AS ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Italian National Scientific Habilitation as Associate Professor in Political Science (14/A2)
11/2024

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Book monographs (peer-reviewed)

4. **Ioana-Elena Oana**, Alexandru Moise, Zbigniew Truchlewski. 2025. "Demand for EU Polity Building in the Shadow of the Russian Threat". **Cambridge Elements In European Politics**.

3. Zbigniew Truchlewski, **Ioana-Elena Oana**, Alexandru Moise, Hanspeter Kriesi. 2025. "Pandemic Polity-Building: How Covid-19 Shaped the European Union." **Oxford University Press**.

2. Hanspeter Kriesi, Argyrios Altiparmakis, Abel Bojar, and **Ioana-Elena Oana**. 2024. "Coming to terms with the refugee crisis in the EU." **Cambridge University Press**.
   Reviewed by Natascha Zaun in Journal of Contemporary European Studies

1. **Ioana-Elena Oana**, Carsten Q. Schneider, and Eva Thomann. 2021. "Qualitative Comparative Analysis using R: A Beginner's Guide." **Cambridge University Press**.
   Reviewed by Giulia Bazzan in Swiss Political Science Review
   Reviewed by Ekaterina Paustyan in Journal of Mixed Methods Research
   Reviewed by Priscilla Alamos Concha in Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis

Special Issues

2. **Ioana-Elena Oana**, Stefano Ronchi, and Zbigniew Truchlewski. 2023. "EU polity resilience in times of COVID? Solidarity, legitimacy, and polity maintenance." Special Issue in **Comparative European Politics**.

1. Alexandru D. Moise, Marcello Natili, **Ioana-Elena Oana**, Zbigniew Truchlewski, Francesco Visconti, Chendi Wang. 2023. "Introduction: EU polity building after the Russian invasion of Ukraine". Debate Section in **Journal of European Public Policy**.

Peer-reviewed Articles

19. **Ioana-Elena Oana**, Alexandru Moise, and Zbigniew Truchlewski. 2025. "Demand-side Constraints on European Solidarity for Energy Sanctions: Experimental Evidence from Seven EU Countries." **European Union Politics**.

18. Alexandru Moise, **Ioana-Elena Oana**, Zbigniew Truchlewski, and Chendi Wang. 2025. "Two Functionalist Logics of EU Polity Building Under External Threat: Evidence from a Conjoint Experiment." Forthcoming in **European Union Politics**.

17. Alexandru Moise, Zbigniew Truchlewski, and **Ioana-Elena Oana**. 2024. "Tilly versus Milward: Experimental Evidence of Public Preferences for European Defense Amidst the Russian Threat." **Political Behaviour**.

16. **Ioana-Elena Oana**, Abel Bojar, and Chendi Wang. 2024. "The COVID-19 lockdown paradox: support for democracy in times of democratic restrictions." **European Political Science Review**.

15. **Ioana-Elena Oana**, Hanspeter Kriesi, and Argyrios Altiparmakis. 2024. "Dynamics of protest mobilization in the European poly-crisis". **Journal of European Public Policy**.

14. Hanspeter Kriesi, Alexandru Moise, and **Ioana-Elena Oana**. 2024. "The determinants of transnational solidarity within the EU". **West European Politics**.

13. Toktam Paykani and **Ioana-Elena Oana**. 2024. "Sociopolitical context and COVID-19 fatality rates in OECD countries: a configurational approach". **BMC Public Health**

12. **Ioana-Elena Oana** and Zbigniew Truchlewski. 2023. "Bounded Solidarity: Experimental Evidence on Cross-national Bonding in the EU during the Covid Crisis". **European Journal of Political Research**.

11. Zbigniew Truchlewski, **Ioana-Elena Oana**, and Alexandru D. Moise. 2023. "A missing link? Maintaining support for the European polity after the Russian invasion of Ukraine". **Journal of European Public Policy**.

10. **Ioana-Elena Oana** and Abel Bojar. 2023. "Populism, Anti-technocratic Attitudes, and COVID-19 related Conspiracy Beliefs across Europe". **Comparative European Politics**.

9. Chendi Wang, Abel Bojar, **Ioana-Elena Oana**, and Zbigniew Truchlewski. 2023. "Emergency politics, mass sentiment and the EU during COVID." **Comparative European Politics**.

8. Hanspeter Kriesi and **Ioana-Elena Oana**. 2022. "Protest in unlikely times: dynamics of collective mobilization in Europe during the COVID-19 crisis". **Journal of European Public Policy**.

7. **Ioana-Elena Oana**, Alessandro Pellegata, and Chendi Wang. 2021. "A cure worse than the disease? Exploring the health-economy trade-off during COVID-19." **West European Politics**.

6. **Ioana-Elena Oana** and Carsten Q. Schneider. 2021. "A Robustness Test Protocol for Applied QCA: Theory and R Software Application." **Sociological Methods & Research**.

5. Endre Borbath, Sophia Hunger, Swen Hutter and **Ioana-Elena Oana**. 2021. "Civic and Political Engagement during the Multifaceted COVID-19 Crisis". **Swiss Political Science Review**.

4. Hanspeter Kriesi, Argyrios Altiparmakis, Abel Bojar and **Ioana-Elena Oana**. 2021. "Debordering and re-bordering in the refugee crisis: a case of 'defensive integration'". **Journal of European Public Policy**.

3. **Ioana-Elena Oana**. 2019. "Party and protest participation patterns among students in new and old democracies." **Partecipazione e Conflitto**.

2. Maarten and Bezouw, Anastasia Garyfallou, **Ioana-Elena Oana**, Sebastien Rojon. 2019. "A methodology for cross-national comparative focus group research: illustrations from discussions about political protest." **Quality & Quantity**.

1. **Ioana-Elena Oana** and Carsten Schneider. 2018. "SetMethods: an Add-on Package for Advanced QCA." **The R Journal**.

Chapters in Edited Volumes or Series

6. **Ioana-Elena Oana**. 2024. "Qualitative Comparative Analysis." In Oxford Handbook: Doing Good Qualitative Research. Eds. Jennifer Cyr and Sara Wallace Goodman. **Oxford University Press**.

5. Abel Bojar, Anna Kyriazi, **Ioana-Elena Oana**, and Zbigniew Truchlewski. 2023. "A Novel Method for Studying Policymaking: Policy Process Analysis (PPA) Applied to the Refugee Crisis". Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies Research Paper No. RSC 24/2023.

4. **Ioana-Elena Oana**, and Hanspeter Kriesi. 2021. "Asylum Policy Preferences Among the European Publics: Conflict Configurations at the Transnational and Domestic Level". Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies Research Paper No. RSC 2021/93.

3. **Ioana-Elena Oana**. 2019. "Reinvigorating Romania's Civil Society: Talking About Politics and Corruption in Romania.", In When Citizens Talk About Politics. Eds. Clare Saunders and Bert Klandermans. **Routledge**.

2. Maarten and Bezouw, Anastasia Garyfallou, **Ioana-Elena Oana**, Sebastien Rojon, Clare Saunders. 2019. "Methodological appendix - Studying political talk using cross-national focus groups." In When Citizens Talk About Politics. Eds. Clare Saunders and Bert Klandermans. **Routledge**.

1. **Ioana-Elena Oana**. 2014. "The economy of dictatorship and democracy." In Economic and Evolutionary Approaches in Social Sciences. Ed. Mihai Ungureanu, Wolters Kluver, pp. 67-86.

Software Packages

2. **Ioana-Elena Oana**, Juraj Medzihorsky, Mario Quaranta, Carsten Q. Schneider. 2018. SetMethods: Functions for Set-Theoretic Multi-Method Research and Advanced QCA. R package (about 72,000 CRAN downloads).

1. **Ioana-Elena Oana**. 2020. MDScosa: Functions for Multidimensional Scaling of Election Campaign Data. R package .

Papers under Review and in Progress

Special Issues in progress

2. **Ioana-Elena Oana**, Alessandro Pellegata, Daniel Kovarek, Frederico Ferreira da Silva, Álvaro Canalejo-Molero. "The 2024 European Elections: Crises, Contestation, and Voter-Party Linkages in EU Politics". Special Issue proposal accepted in **European Political Science Review**. Delivery date: February 2025.

1. Kate Alexander-Shaw, **Ioana-Elena Oana**, Marcello Natili, Zbigniew Truchlewski, Waltraud Schelkle. "Rebuilding the ship at sea: crisis politics and EU polity formation". Special Issue proposal accepted in **Journal of European Public Policy**. Delivery date: March 2025.

Papers in peer review

4. Zbigniew Truchlewski, **Ioana-Elena Oana**, and Marcello Natili. Binding Constellations and EU Center Building: Demand-side preferences for binding in six crisis policy domains. Minor Revisions in *Journal of European Public Policy.*

3. **Ioana-Elena Oana**, Zbigniew Truchlewski, and Alexandru Moise. A Passage to Europe? Decision-making Preferences in the European Polity in Times of Crisis.

2. **Ioana-Elena Oana**, Hanspeter Kriesi, Argyrios Altiparmakis, and Chendi Wang. Dynamics of protest mobilization in crises: comparing the Eurozone, Refugee, and Covid crises.

1. Alexandru Moise, Zbigniew Truchlewski, and **Ioana-Elena Oana**. Polity Building Outside-in: The Impact of Threat and Economic Vulnerability on Demand-side support for EU defence centralization

Papers in progress

9. **Ioana-Elena Oana**. Second-Order European Elections? Voter-party Linkages and the Role of Domestic versus EU Issue Congruence.

8. **Ioana-Elena Oana**. Multilevel cueing: Experimental Evidence on Cueing Effects in Support for Domestic and EU policies.

7. **Ioana-Elena Oana**. The Protest Participation Consequences of Policy Change: Experimental Evidence on an Expanded Thermostatic Model.

6. **Ioana-Elena Oana**, Zbigniew Truchlewski, and Alexandru Moise. Crafting Solidarity: Experimental Evidence on the Cueing Effects of Domestic Politicians' on Public Support for EU Solidarity Policies.

5. **Ioana-Elena Oana** and Anna Kyriazi. Policy output legitimacy in the refugee crisis: A survey experiment on the consequences of asylum policy for EU support in Europe.

4. Zbigniew Truchlewski, **Ioana-Elena Oana**, and Alexandru Moise. Words or Deeds: Policy Feedback and Cueing in the European Union.

3. Eva Thomann and **Ioana-Elena Oana**. Scope Statements in Empirical Social Research: A User's Guide

2. Eva Thomann, Tiziano Zgaga, Liz Lopez, and **Ioana-Elena Oana**. Explaining actual corruption: Face mask scandals during the pandemic in the European Union.

1. **Ioana-Elena Oana**. Dynamics of Protest and the Role of Civil Society in the Refugee Crisis.

Book monographs in progress

Ioana-Elena Oana. "Collective Mobilization and Dynamic Representation: From Citizens to Policy and Back Again." *PhD thesis monograph.*

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

POLPART ADVANCED ERC (PI: Prof. Bert Klandermans)   *08/2014-11/2018*
Research Affiliate

POLCON ADVANCED ERC (PI: Prof. Hanspeter Kriesi)   *04/2017-09/2017*
Research Assistant

"Experimental Political Behavior" (CEU Research Support Scheme)   *01/2013-07/2013*
Research Affiliate

Pilot Study "The Post-Socialist Welfare States" (PI: Prof. Julia Szalai)   *03/2012-07/2012*
Research Assistant

RESEARCH VISITS

WZB, Berlin, Germany   *01/2020 - ongoing*
Guest of the Center for Civil Society Research (Host: Prof. Swen Hutter)

European University Institute, Florence, Italy   *01/2017 - 05/2017*
Department of Political and Social Sciences (Host: Prof. Hanspeter Kriesi)

VU University, Amsterdam, Netherlands   *01/2015 - 07/2015*
Department of Sociology (Host: Prof. Bert Klandermans)

University of Padua, Padua, Italy   *09/2009 - 02/2010*
Department of Political Science

GRANTS, AWARDS & FUNDING

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship (€212,933, grant awarded, but not accepted by recipient due to current position)   *02/2019*

ECPR Dirk-Berg Schlosser Award for outstanding pedagogical skills (€500)   *08/2018*

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship Seal of Excellence   *04/2018*

National Science Foundation and Maxwell School Grant for attending IQMR, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, NY, USA (Amount: €300 + accommodation)   *06/2017*

Full CEU Doctoral Fellowship (Tuition: €30,000; Stipend: €25,500)   *09/2013-02/2019*

CEU Doctoral Research Support Grant for a research stay at EUI, Florence (Amount: €4,000) *05/2016*

CEU Departmental Award for Excellence in Master Studies   *02/2012*

CEU Full Fellowship for Master Students (Tuition: €24,000; Stipend: €6,000 + accommodation) *09/2011-06/2013*

"Olympic Merit" Scholarship from the Romanian Government (Amount: €3,500)   *09/2008-06/2011*

ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH PUBLICATIONS

Ioana-Elena Oana and Alexandru Moise. 2022. "How unified are Europeans' views on the war in Ukraine?." EUIdeas Blog post.

Alexandru Moise and **Ioana-Elena Oana**. 2022. "Acceptance of Refugees and Solidarity in the EU." Migration Policy Center Blog post.

Ioana-Elena Oana. 2021. "Covid-19: spur or restraint to citizen engagement?." EUIdeas Blog post.

Hanspeter Kriesi and **Ioana-Elena Oana**. 2021. "Transnational and domestic conflicts in asylum policies: preferences among the European publics." Migration Policy Center Blog post.

Ioana-Elena Oana and Hanspeter Kriesi. 2020. "Report on Coronavirus Survey in Italy: First Two Waves." EUI European Governance and Politics Programme. Online Research Report

Ioana-Elena Oana and Hanspeter Kriesi. 2020. "Report on Coronavirus Survey in Italy: Comparison of First Three Waves." EUI European Governance and Politics Programme. Online Research Report

Thomann, Eva, **Ioana-Elena Oana**, and Stefan Wittwer. 2018. "Performing fuzzy and crisp set QCA with R: A user-oriented beginner's guide."

SELECTED GUEST LECTURES & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

SISP - Societa Italiana di Scienza Politica   *09/2024*
Dynamics of protest mobilization in crises: comparing the Eurozone, Refugee, and Covid crises

CES - 30th International Conference of Europeanists   *07/2024*
Crafting Solidarity: Experimental Evidence on the Cueing Effects of Domestic Politicians' on Public Support for EU Solidarity Policies

SISP - Societa Italiana di Scienza Politica   *09/2023*
A Passage to Europe? Decision-making Preferences in the European Polity in Times of Crisis

ISPI - Italian Institute for International Political Studies   *02/2023*
Guest Talk: The War One Year on - the Unwanted Game Changer

Solidarity in Europe (SiE) Conference, EUI, Florence   *01/2023*
Bounded solidarity? Experimental evidence on cross-national bonding in the EU during the COVID crisis

UOC (Universitat Oberta de Catalunya)   *11/2022*
Guest Lecture: Qualitative Comparative Analysis: what is it and when to use it?

SASE - Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics   *07/2022*
Circles of Bonding: Experimental Evidence on Cross-national Solidarity in the EU during the Covid Crisis.

CES - Twenty-Eighth International Conference of Europeanists   *07/2022*
Populism, Dissatisfaction, and COVID-19 related Conspiracy Beliefs across Europe.

Migration Policy Center Conference, EUI, Florence   *06/2022*
Dynamics of Protest and the Role of Civil Society in the Refugee Crisis.

City University London - Political Change Lecture Series   *05/2022*
Guest Lecture: Populism, Dissatisfaction, and COVID-19 related Conspiracy Beliefs across Europe.

ECPR Conference of the Standing Group on European Union *06/2021*
Populism, Dissatisfaction, and COVID-19 related Conspiracy Beliefs across Europe

KU Leuven, Master program in European policies and politics *02/2021*
<u>Guest Lecture:</u> *Comparative Analysis for Public Policy*

Expert Workshop on QCA, Antwerp Management School, Belgium *05/2019*
Case Orientation and Parameters of Fit Orientation. A Proposal for Systematized Robustness Tests in QCA using R

West University of Timisoara, Romania *11/2018*
<u>Guest Lecture:</u> *Party and Protest Participation Patterns among Students in New and Old Democracies*

Exeter Doctoral Seminar, University of Exeter, UK *03/2018*
<u>Guest Lecture:</u> *How Policy Change affects Alternative Participation – A Vignette Experiment*

ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, Nottingham, UK *04/2017*
The Policy Consequences of Alternative Participation: Civil Society Events and Governmental Attention to Issues

ECPR General Conference, Prague, Czech Republic *09/2016*
Income Inequality and Policy Responsiveness Perceptions: A Genetic Matching Approach

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Konstanz Methods Excellence Workshops (KOMEX), University of Konstanz *2025*
Survey Design

Konstanz Methods Excellence Workshops (KOMEX), University of Konstanz
Advanced Qualitative Comparative Analysis using R

BK21 Program, Yonsei University, South Korea *2024*
Using R for Qualitative Comparative Analysis

Konstanz Methods Excellence Workshops (KOMEX), University of Konstanz
Introduction to Qualitative Comparative Analysis using R

Konstanz Methods Excellence Workshops (KOMEX), University of Konstanz
Advanced Qualitative Comparative Analysis using R

Summer School for Women in Political Science, Bern, Switzerland *2023*
Object-oriented programming in R

Institute for Qualitative & Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University, USA
Qualitative Comparative Analysis with R

CUSO, University of Lausanne, Switzerland
Introduction to QCA in R

Summer School in Social Research Methods (3SRM), MethodsNET, Radboud University, Netherlands
Qualitative Comparative Analysis: Performing Basic and Advanced Analyses using R

Konstanz Methods Excellence Workshops (KOMEX), University of Konstanz, Germany
Qualitative Comparative Analysis using R

Institute for Qualitative & Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University, USA *2022*
Qualitative Comparative Analysis with R

CIVICA network joint course (EUI and CEU)
Set-Theoretic Methods and Qualitative Comparative Analysis

Institute for Qualitative & Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University, USA *2021*
Qualitative Comparative Analysis with R

IPSA-FLACSO Mexico Summer School - Virtual
Qualitative Comparative Analysis with R

ECPR Virtual Methods School
Qualitative Comparative Analysis with R

ECPR Virtual Methods School
Advanced Qualitative Comparative Analysis

ECPR Virtual Methods School *2020*
Qualitative Comparative Analysis with R

ECPR Virtual Methods School
Advanced Qualitative Comparative Analysis

ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques *2019*
Introduction to Case-Based Research

ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques
Qualitative Comparative Analysis and Fuzzy-Sets

ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniquesy
Seasoned Scholar Workshops: Quantitative and Qualitative Methods - Selected Topics

Antwerp Management School, Belgium
Intermediate QCA

University of Helsinki, Finland
R for QCA

West University, Romania *2018*
Introduction to QCA in R

Lund University, Sweden
Introduction to QCA in R

ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques
Seasoned Scholar Workshops: Qualitative and Multi-Method Research - Selected Topics

University of Exeter Q-Step Centre, UK
Introduction to Qualitative Comparative Analysis

European University Institute, Italy
Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA) with R

ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques *2013-2017*
Teaching Assistant for Qualitative Comparative Analysis and Fuzzy-Sets
- 5 times (included teaching Introduction to R and teaching lab seminars in R)
Teaching Assistant for Advanced Qualitative Comparative Analysis
- 4 times (included teaching Introduction to R and teaching lab seminars in R)

METHODS TRAINING

Institute for Qualitative & Multi-Method Research, Maxwell School, Syracuse, USA
Workshops Attended: Automated Text-Analysis; Multi-method research; Natural experiments; Causal
inference from causal models; QCA; *06/2017*

ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques, Bamberg

Workshop Attended: Multi-level modeling   _03/2016_

Central European University, Budapest

Methods classes attended: Quantitative Methods: Analyzing Countries, Research Methods and Design, Multivariate Statistics, Survey Methodology, Qualitative Research Methods, Set-Theoretic Methods for the Social Sciences, Network Science, Experimental Methods, Mathematical Statistics, Missing Data Problems in Statistical Inference;   _2011-2015_

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Reviewed for: American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, European Journal of Political Research, Journal of European Public Policy, West European Politics, Sociological Methods & Research, European Political Science Review, Comparative European Politics, Regulation & Governance, Research & Politics, Policy & Society, Swiss Political Science Review, Regional & Federal Studies, Policy Studies Journal, Quality & Quantity, Social Movement Studies, PLOS ONE

PROGRAMMING AND LANGUAGE SKILLS

Software: R & RStudio - advanced; R Markdown - advanced; LaTeX- advanced; Python - intermediate; STATA - intermediate;

Languages: _Romanian_ – native; _English_ – fluent; _Italian_ – fluent;
  French – intermediate/elementary; _Spanish_ – elementary;