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I am a Research Fellow at the European University Institute within the framework of the SOLID project led by Prof. Hanspeter Kriesi. My current work focuses on collective mobilization, public opinion, and party competition dynamics for the study of the multiple crises that have hit the EU since 2008. My broader research interests include political behavior, political participation and mobilization, political representation, and public opinion formation. Beyond my substantive interests, a lot of my work also focuses on research methodology and R software development with a pluralist outlook. I work with text as data solutions for semi-automated protest event analysis, surveys and survey experiments, and I develop analytic protocols and software for qualitative comparative analysis.

### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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#### Research Fellow

06/2019 - present

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

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#### PhD in Comparative Politics

09/2013 - 04/2019

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, GPA: 4.00)

09/2008 - 06/2011

Department of Political Science, SNSPA, Bucharest

#### BA in Communication and Public Relations (Thesis not submitted)

09/2008 - 06/2011

Department of Communication and Public Relations, SNSPA, Bucharest

### LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

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#### Books (peer-reviewed)

**Ioana-Elena Oana**, Carsten Q. Schneider, and Eva Thomann. 2021. "Qualitative Comparative Analysis using R: A Beginner's Guide." Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

#### Peer-reviewed Articles

**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* 44(5-6): 1232-1257.

**Ioana-Elena Oana** and Carsten Q. Schneider. 2021. "A Robustness Test Protocol for Applied QCA: Theory and R Software Application." *Sociological Methods & Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00491241211036158>.

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* 27: 311-324.

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* 28(3): 331-349.

**Ioana-Elena Oana**. 2019. "Party and protest participation patterns among students in new and old democracies." *Partecipazione e Conflitto* 12(1): 71-111.

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* 53(6): 2719-2739.

**Ioana-Elena Oana** and Carsten Schneider. 2018. "SetMethods: an Add-on Package for Advanced QCA." *The R Journal* 10(1): 507-533.

Marcel Verhoeven and **Ioana-Elena Oana**. 2017. "Necessary and Sufficient Conditions for Audience Success of Media Product Brands: A field report on a two-step fsQCA with 10 conditions and 255 cases." *COMPASS WP Series* 89.

### **Chapters in Edited Volumes & Other Publications**

**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 93.

**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.

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.

**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**

**Ioana-Elena Oana**, Juraj Medzihorsky, Mario Quaranta, Carsten Q. Schneider. 2018. *SetMethods: Functions for Set-Theoretic Multi-Method Research and Advanced QCA*. R package ( 45,000 CRAN downloads).

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

### **Engagement & Outreach Publications**

**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."

## Work in Progress

### Book manuscripts

Hanspeter Kriesi, Argyrios Altiparmakis, Abel Bojar, and **Ioana-Elena Oana**. "Coming to terms with the refugee crisis in the EU." Manuscript finalized for submission at Cambridge University Press.

**Ioana-Elena Oana**. "Collective Mobilization and Dynamic Representation: From Citizens to Policy and Back Again." Manuscript in progress (based on PhD thesis monograph).

### Special Issues

**Ioana-Elena Oana**, Stefano Ronchi, and Zbigniew Truchlewski. "EU polity resilience in times of COVID? Solidarity, legitimacy, and polity maintenance." Special Issue accepted at Journal of European Integration.

### Papers in peer review

**Ioana-Elena Oana**, Abel Bojar, and Chendi Wang. The COVID-19 lockdown paradox: support for democracy in times of democratic restrictions.

**Ioana-Elena Oana** and Abel Bojar. Populism, dissatisfaction, and COVID-19 related conspiracy beliefs across Europe.

Hanspeter Kriesi and **Ioana-Elena Oana**. Protest in unlikely times: dynamics of collective mobilization in the COVID-19 crisis in Europe.

Chendi Wang, Abel Bojar, **Ioana-Elena Oana**, and Zbigniew Truchlewski. Mass Sentiment towards the EU during COVID's First Wave: A Longitudinal Analysis of Social Media Data.

Abel Bojar, Anna Kyriazi, Zbigniew Truchlewski, and **Ioana-Elena Oana**. Policy Process Analysis: an introduction to a novel method.

### Chapters in progress

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

**Ioana-Elena Oana** and Carsten Q. Schneider. Qualitative Comparative Analysis. In Elgar Concise Encyclopedia of Research Methods in the Social Sciences. Edward Elgar Publishing.

### Papers in progress

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

**Ioana-Elena Oana** and Zbigniew Truchlewski. Transnational and domestic solidarity in the COVID-19 crisis: evidence from a survey experiment in eight European countries.

**Ioana-Elena Oana.** The political bases and consequences of COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy.

**Ioana-Elena Oana.** Explaining individual preferences for asylum and migration policy.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE PRIOR TO CURRENT POSITION

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

- gathering and analyzing survey, experimental, and focus group data on party and protest participation in Europe;

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

- coding contentious political events in Romania;

**“Experimental Political Behavior” (CEU Research Support Scheme)** 01/2013-07/2013  
*Scheme Beneficiary*

(awarded to Prof. Levente Littvay, CEU, Budapest)

- designing and conducting a lab experiment on voting behavior;

## RESEARCH VISITS

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

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

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

## GRANTS, AWARDS & FUNDING

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Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship (€212,933, not accepted due to current position) 02/2019

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

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

CEU Summer School Grant for attending the IQMR, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, NY, USA (Amount: €694) 06/2017

CEU Conference and Travel Grant for the ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, Nottingham (Amount: €570) 04/2017

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

CEU Conference Grant for the ECPR General Conference, Prague (Amount: €448) 06/2016

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

Valedictorian Award, Department of Political Science, SNSPA, Bucharest 06/2011

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

Merit Scholarship from the Department of Political Science, SNSPA, Bucharest (Amount: €2,500)  
09/2008-06/2011

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Graduate & PhD Level courses & workshops

**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 and Set-Theoretic Thinking*

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

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

**Antwerp Management School, Belgium**  
*Intermediate 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

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### **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

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**Reviewer for:** American Political Science Review, West European Politics, Sociological Methods & Research, Regulation & Governance, Policy Studies Journal, Quality & Quantity, Social Movement Studies, Compass Working Paper Series, PLOS ONE

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS & GUEST LECTURES

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**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  
*Guest Lecture in 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  
*Guest Lecture on Party and Protest Participation Patterns among Students in New and Old Democracies*

**International QCA Expert Workshop, ETH Zurich, Switzerland** 11/2018  
*Fit-oriented and Case-oriented Robustness in QCA*

**Exeter Doctoral Conference, University of Exeter, UK** 03/2018  
*How Policy Change affects Alternative Participation – A Vignette Experiment*

**Annual Doctoral Conference, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary** 03/2018  
*The Participation Consequences of Policy Change – 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*

**Annual Doctoral Conference, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary** 04/2017  
*The Consequences of Alternative Participation: Civil Society Events and Public Expenditure*

**POLPART ADVANCED ERC Project Midterm Conference, Budapest, Hungary 09/2016**  
*Pseudo-reality and self-defeating rationalizations: Mental frames of Political Participation in Romania and Hungary*

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

**ECPR General Conference, Prague, Czech Republic 09/2016**  
*Civil Society Events, Media, and Environmental Protection Expenditure in Europe*

**Annual Doctoral Conference, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary 04/2016**  
*Income Inequality and Policy Responsiveness Perceptions: A Genetic Matching Approach*

**Annual Doctoral Conference, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary 04/2015**  
*Movements' Impact, Media, and Policy Outputs: A Fuzzy-Set Analysis of Environmental Events' Effects on Environmental Protection Expenditure in Italy*

**International Association for Media and Communication Research Annual Conference, Dublin, Ireland 06/2013**  
*Internet as a catalyzer for civic and political involvement*

**Annual Hungarian Political Science Association Meeting, Cluj-Napoca, Romania 06/2013**  
*When does information matter? Complexity, Cognitive Heuristics and Democratic Competence*

**Contested Claims on Citizenship in the CEE Post-Socialist Welfare States, CEU, Hungary 06/2012**  
*Immaturity and Shortsightedness: Racialization and the Romanian Welfare State*

## **PROGRAMMING AND LANGUAGE SKILLS**

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**Software & Other Tools:** R & RStudio, R Markdown & Sweave, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Python, SPSS, STATA;

**Languages:** *Romanian* – native; *English* – proficient; *Italian* – proficient;

*French* – elementary; *Spanish* – elementary;