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I am a political scientist currently working as an **Assistant Professor (part-time)** at the **European University Institute (EUI)** within the framework of the SOLID project led by Prof. Hanspeter Kriesi, Prof. Maurizio Ferrera, and Prof. Waltraud Schelkle. Before my current position, 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 **political behavior and public opinion formation, social movements and protest, and European solidarity and risk-sharing**. Beyond these substantive interests, I also focus on **research methodology and R software development** with a pluralist outlook comprising of both **quantitative (survey design, survey experiments, text-as-data, machine learning)** and **qualitative methods (qualitative comparative analysis)**.

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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**Assistant Professor (part-time, 0.9 FTE)**

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

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**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

## LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

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### Book monographs (peer-reviewed)

4. **Ioana-Elena Oana**, Alexandru Moise, Zbigniew Truchlewski. Forthcoming (In Press). “EU polity-building in the aftermath of the Russian invasion of Ukraine”. *Cambridge Elements In European Politics*.
3. Zbigniew Truchlewski, **Ioana-Elena Oana**, Alexandru Moise, Hanspeter Kriesi. Forthcoming (In Press). “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.
1. **Ioana-Elena Oana**, Carsten Q. Schneider, and Eva Thomann. 2021. “Qualitative Comparative Analysis using R: A Beginner’s Guide.” Cambridge University Press.

### 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

18. **Ioana-Elena Oana**, Abel Bojar, and Chendi Wang. The COVID-19 lockdown paradox: support for democracy in times of democratic restrictions. Forthcoming in *European Political Science Review*.
17. Alexandru Moise, Zbigniew Truchlewski, and **Ioana-Elena Oana**. European military capacity after the Russian Invasion of Ukraine: Experimental Evidence from seven EU Countries. Forthcoming in *Political Behaviour*.
16. **Ioana-Elena Oana**, Alexandru Moise, and Zbigniew Truchlewski. Demand-side Constraints on European Solidarity for Energy Sanctions: Experimental Evidence from Seven EU Countries. Forthcoming in *European Union Politics*.
15. Alexandru Moise, **Ioana-Elena Oana**, Zbigniew Truchlewski, and Chendi Wang. Two Functionalist Logics of EU Polity Building Under External Threat: Evidence from a Conjoint Experiment. Forthcoming in *European Union Politics*.
14. **Ioana-Elena Oana**, Hanspeter Kriesi, and Argyrios Altiparmakis. “Dynamics of protest mobilization in the European poly-crisis”. Journal of European Public Policy.
13. Hanspeter Kriesi, Alexandru Moise, and **Ioana-Elena Oana**. 2024. “The determinants of transnational solidarity within the EU”. West European Politics.
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* 44(5-6): 1232-1257.
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* 27: 311-324.
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* 28(3): 331-349.
3. **Ioana-Elena Oana**. 2019. "Party and protest participation patterns among students in new and old democracies." *Partecipazione e Conflitto* 12(1): 71-111.
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* 53(6): 2719-2739.
1. **Ioana-Elena Oana** and Carsten Schneider. 2018. "SetMethods: an Add-on Package for Advanced QCA." *The R Journal* 10(1): 507-533.

### 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 Kluwer, 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 60,000 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. R&R 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. **Ioana-Elena Oana**. Dynamics of Protest and the Role of Civil Society in the Refugee Crisis.

#### Papers in progress

5. **Ioana-Elena Oana**. Second-Order European Elections? Voter-party Linkages and the Role of Domestic versus EU Issue Congruence.
4. **Ioana-Elena Oana**. Multilevel cueing: Experimental Evidence on Cueing Effects in Support for Domestic and EU policies.
3. **Ioana-Elena Oana**. The Protest Participation Consequences of Policy Change: Experimental Evidence on an Expanded Thermostatic Model.
2. **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.
1. **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.

Book monographs in progress

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

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE PRIOR TO CURRENT POSITION

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<b>POLPART ADVANCED ERC (PI: Prof. Bert Klandermans)</b> Research Affiliate	<i>08/2014-11/2018</i>
<b>POLCON ADVANCED ERC (PI: Prof. Hanspeter Kriesi)</b> Research Assistant	<i>04/2017-09/2017</i>
<b>“Experimental Political Behavior” (CEU Research Support Scheme)</b> Research Affiliate	<i>01/2013-07/2013</i>
<b>Pilot Study “The Post-Socialist Welfare States” (PI: Prof. Julia Szalai)</b> Research Assistant	<i>03/2012-07/2012</i>

## RESEARCH VISITS

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<b>European University Institute, Florence, Italy</b> Department of Political and Social Sciences (Host: Prof. Hanspeter Kriesi)	<i>01/2017 - 05/2017</i>
<b>VU University, Amsterdam, Netherlands</b> Department of Sociology (Host: Prof. Bert Klandermans)	<i>01/2015 - 07/2015</i>
<b>University of Padua, Padua, Italy</b> Department of Political Science	<i>09/2009 - 02/2010</i>

## GRANTS, AWARDS & FUNDING

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Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship (€212,933, grant awarded, but not accepted by recipient due to current position)	<i>02/2019</i>
ECPR Dirk-Berg Schlosser Award for outstanding pedagogical skills ( €500)	<i>08/2018</i>
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship Seal of Excellence	<i>04/2018</i>
National Science Foundation and Maxwell School Grant for attending IQMR, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, NY, USA (Amount: €300 + accommodation)	<i>06/2017</i>
Full CEU Doctoral Fellowship (Tuition: €30,000; Stipend: €25,500)	<i>09/2013-02/2019</i>
CEU Doctoral Research Support Grant for a research stay at EUI, Florence (Amount: €4,000)	<i>05/2016</i>
CEU Departmental Award for Excellence in Master Studies	<i>02/2012</i>
CEU Full Fellowship for Master Students (Tuition: €24,000; Stipend: €6,000 + accommodation)	<i>09/2011-06/2013</i>
“Olympic Merit” Scholarship from the Romanian Government (Amount: €3,500)	<i>09/2008-06/2011</i>

## 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

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

- Exeter Doctoral Seminar, University of Exeter, UK** 03/2018  
*Guest Lecture: 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

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- Intensive Course, BK21 Program, Yonsei University, South Korea** 2024  
*Using R for Qualitative Comparative Analysis*
- Konstanz Methods Excellence Workshops (KOMEX), University of Konstanz, Germany**  
*Introduction to Qualitative Comparative Analysis using R*
- Konstanz Methods Excellence Workshops (KOMEX), University of Konstanz, Germany**  
*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 Techniques**

*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

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



## PROGRAMMING AND LANGUAGE SKILLS

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**Software:** R & RStudio - advanced; R Markdown - advanced; L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X- advanced; Python - intermediate; STATA - intermediate;

**Languages:** *Romanian* – native; *English* – fluent; *Italian* – fluent;  
*French* – intermediate/elementary; *Spanish* – elementary;