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I am a political scientist currently working as a **Research Fellow 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 Comparative Politics with an additional specialization in Research Methodology at Central European University (CEU) in April, 2019. My research agenda focuses on **political behaviour, social movements and protest, public opinion formation, and EU politics during crises**. My work concentrates on the interaction between the supply and demand side of politics within the multiple crises that have hit European countries since 2008, with much of my ongoing publication projects inquiring into political dynamics spurred by the Covid crisis, the refugee crisis, and the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Beyond these substantive interests, I also focus on research methodology and R software development with a pluralist outlook. I work and strive to contribute to methodological innovation in a wide-range of both **quantitative (text-as-data, machine learning, and survey experiments) and qualitative methods (qualitative comparative analysis - QCA, focus groups, speech analysis)**.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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

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, GPA: 4.00)

09/2008 - 06/2011

Department of Political Science, SNSPA, Bucharest

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE PRIOR TO CURRENT POSITION

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;

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

- collecting and analyzing interview data with public servants in Romania;

RESEARCH VISITS

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

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship (€212,933, grant awarded, but deferred/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

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

Reviewer for: American Political Science Review, European Journal of Political Science, West European Politics, Sociological Methods & Research, 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

Software & Other Tools: R & RStudio, R Markdown, L^AT_EX, Python, SPSS, STATA;

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

French – elementary; *Spanish* – elementary;

REFERENCES

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LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Books and Special Issues (peer-reviewed)

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. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1057/s41295-023-00327-7>

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. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13501763.2023.2205442>

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

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

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. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13501763.2023.2218419>

Ioana-Elena Oana and Abel Bojar. 2023. "Populism, Anti-technocratic Attitudes, and COVID-19 related Conspiracy Beliefs across Europe". Comparative European Politics. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1057/s41295-023-00331-x>

Chendi Wang, Abel Bojar, **Ioana-Elena Oana**, and Zbigniew Truchlewski. 2023. "Emergency politics, mass sentiment and the EU during COVID." Comparative European Politics. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1057/s41295-023-00330-y>

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. https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4456925#

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. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13501763.2022.2140819>

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. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01402382.2021.1933310>

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. <https://doi.org/10.1111/spsr.12446>

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. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13501763.2021.1882540>

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. https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3987055

Ioana-Elena Oana. 2019. "Party and protest participation patterns among students in new and old democracies." *Partecipazione e Conflitto* 12(1): 71-111. <http://siba-ese.unisalento.it/index.php/paco/article/view/20663>

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. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11135-019-00887-5>

Ioana-Elena Oana and Carsten Schneider. 2018. "SetMethods: an Add-on Package for Advanced QCA." *The R Journal* 10(1): 507-533. <https://doi.org/10.32614/RJ-2018-031>

Chapters in Edited Volumes & Other Publications

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

Hanspeter Kriesi and **Ioana-Elena Oana**. 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 (about 50,000 CRAN downloads).

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

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."

Work under Review and in Progress

Book manuscripts

Zbigniew Truchlewski, **Ioana-Elena Oana**, Alexandru Moise, Hanspeter Kriesi. "Bonding, Binding, and Bounding: EU Polity Building in the Covid Crisis ." Manuscript under review at Oxford University Press.

Ioana-Elena Oana, Zbigniew Truchlewski, Alexandru Moise. "EU polity-building in the aftermath of the Russian invasion of Ukraine". Manuscript in progress.

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

Papers in peer review

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

Ioana-Elena Oana, Alexandru Moise, and Zbigniew Truchlewski. Two-Level Games and European Solidarity for Energy Sanctions: Experimental Evidence from Seven EU Countries. Under Review at Political Science Research & Methods.

Alexandru Moise, **Ioana-Elena Oana**, and Zbigniew Truchlewski. European military capacity after the Russian Invasion of Ukraine: Experimental Evidence from seven EU Countries. Under Review at British Journal of Political Science

Ioana-Elena Oana, Zbigniew Truchlewski, and Alexandru Moise. A Passage to Europe? Decision-making Preferences in the European Polity in Times of Crisis. Paper prepared for a Special Issue in European Union Politics.

Alexandru Moise, **Ioana-Elena Oana**, and Zbigniew Truchlewski. Demand for EU Polity-Building After the Russian Invasion of Ukraine: The Social Security and External Threat Logics. Paper prepared for a Special Issue in European Union Politics.

Ioana-Elena Oana, Hanspeter Kriesi, and Argyrios Altiparmakis. Collective mobilization within crises: comparing the Eurozone, Refugee, and Covid crises. Paper prepared for a Special Issue in Journal of European Public Policy.

Papers in progress

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

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

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.

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

Alexandru Moise and **Ioana-Elena Oana**, and Zbigniew Truchlewski. Sweet aftertastes? Comparing drivers of satisfaction with the EU across crises

Zbigniew Truchlewski, **Ioana-Elena Oana**, and Marcello Natili. Binding Constellations and EU Center Building: Demand-side preferences for binding in six crisis policy domains.

Chapters in progress

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

SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS & GUEST LECTURES

ISPI - Italian Institute for International Political Studies	02/2023
<i>Guest Talk: The War One Year on - the Unwanted Game Changer</i>	
European University Institute - Solidarity in Europe (SiE) Conference	01/2023
<i>Bounded solidarity? Experimental evidence on cross-national bonding in the EU during the COVID crisis</i>	
UOC (Universitat Oberta de Catalunya)	11/2022
<i>Guest Lecture: Qualitative Comparative Analysis: what is it and when to use it?</i>	
SASE - Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics	07/2022
<i>Circles of Bonding: Experimental Evidence on Cross-national Solidarity in the EU during the Covid Crisis.</i>	
CES - Twenty-Eighth International Conference of Europeanists	07/2022
<i>Populism, Dissatisfaction, and COVID-19 related Conspiracy Beliefs across Europe.</i>	
EUI Migration Policy Center Conference	06/2022
<i>Dynamics of Protest and the Role of Civil Society in the Refugee Crisis.</i>	
City University London - Political Change Lecture Series	05/2022
<i>Populism, Dissatisfaction, and COVID-19 related Conspiracy Beliefs across Europe.</i>	
ECPR Conference of the Standing Group on European Union	06/2021
<i>Populism, Dissatisfaction, and COVID-19 related Conspiracy Beliefs across Europe</i>	
KU Leuven, Master program in European policies and politics	02/2021
<i>Guest Lecture in Comparative Analysis for Public Policy</i>	
Expert Workshop on QCA, Antwerp Management School, Belgium	05/2019
<i>Case Orientation and Parameters of Fit Orientation. A Proposal for Systematized Robustness Tests in QCA using R</i>	
West University of Timisoara, Romania	11/2018
<i>Guest Lecture on Party and Protest Participation Patterns among Students in New and Old Democracies</i>	
International QCA Expert Workshop, ETH Zurich, Switzerland	11/2018
<i>Fit-oriented and Case-oriented Robustness in QCA</i>	

- 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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Institute for Qualitative & Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University, USA** 2023
Qualitative Comparative Analysis with R
- Summer School for Women in Political Science, Bern, Switzerland**
Object-oriented programming in 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