

Curriculum Vitae

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Research Interests

Democratic backsliding, political behavior, (in)tolerance, survey and survey experiments.

Education

10/2022–05/2026 PhD in Political Science

Department of Government, University of Vienna
Supervisors: Sylvia Kritzinger and Markus Wagner
Broader project: Neo-Authoritarianisms in Europe and the Liberal Democratic Response

09/2019–06/2021 M.A. in Nationalism Studies and Ethnic and Minority Policy

(with distinction)
Central European University, Vienna, Austria
M.A. Thesis: “*Supply-Side Enablers of the Radical Right Success: Populism, Party Co-operation, and Immigration Salience in Europe*”
Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Mariyana Angelova and Prof. Dr. Luca Varadi

08/2015–05/2019 B.A. in Economics, Politics and Social Thought

Bard College Berlin, Germany
Major in Politics
B.A. Thesis: “*Why is right-wing populism thriving in different contexts? The cases of Brazil, Germany, and the United States*”
Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Boris Vormann and Dr. Timo Lochocki

Academic Employment

10/2022–05/2026 PhD Researcher within the EU Horizon project Authlib

Department of Government, University of Vienna

12/2021–10/2022 Researcher

European Social Survey HQ, City St George's, University of London

Conference Presentations

- **121st APSA Meeting “Reimagining Politics, Power, and Peoplehood in Crisis Times”,** Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. “Rationalizing Intolerance: How Perceptions of Protesters’ Demands Shape Protest Support” (September 11–14, 2025)
- **“Polarization and Party Competition” Workshop at Stanford University (The Europe Center),** Stanford, California, United States. “Rationalizing Intolerance: How Perceptions of Protesters’ Demands Shape Protest Support” (September 9, 2025)
- **15th Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA),** Madrid, Spain. “Reasoning Away Electoral Fairness: The Effects of Political Justifications on Acceptability of Democratic Erosion” (June 26-28, 2025)
- **10th Annual Conference of the Austrian Political Science Association,** Vienna. “(Un)conditional Support? The Effect of Disagreement on Perceived Relevance of Free Speech for Democracy” (November 2024)
- **30th International Conference of Europeanists (Council for European Studies General Conference),** Lyon, France. “Drivers of Revisionist WWII History in Europe: Right-wing Authoritarianism, Social Dominance Orientation and Antisemitism” (July 2024)
- **ECPR General Conference,** Prague. “Multidimensional Views of Democracy: Mapping Citizen Understandings Across Europe” (September 2023)
- **“Conflict. Stability. Democracy” Conference,** Serbian Political Science Association, Belgrade. “Italy and the U.S.: The Populist Case” (September 2019)
- **Liberal Education Student Conference,** Utrecht University. Presentation: “The Burning Building: Cosmopolitanism and Climate Change” (April 2018)
- **The 6th Smolny Student Conference,** Smolny College, Saint Petersburg. Presentation: “Global Citizenship: Prospects and Challenges” (April 2017)
- **Civic Engagement Student Conference,** Central European University. Presentation: “On-campus integration of asylum-seekers” (March 2016)

Publications

- Vukovic, Marta, Susanna Bastaroli, and Sylvia Kritzinger. 2025. “Reckoning with the Past: Victims, Heroes, or Perpetrators? Italians’ Perceptions of WWII History.” In *Authoritarian Trends and Parliamentary Democracy in Europe*, edited by Oliver Rathkolb and Sybille Steinbacher. Göttingen: Wallstein Verlag. ISBN: [978-3-8353-5866-9](#).
- Hanson, Tim, Rory Fitzgerald, Eva Izpurua, and Marta Vukovic. 2025. “Surely Shorter Is Better? A Questionnaire Length Experiment in a Self-Completion Survey.” *Survey Research Methods* 19(2): 139–152. DOI: [10.18148/srm/2025.v19i2.8348](#).
- Vukovic, Marta. 2022. “Serbian elections: Win for the autocracy on the back of post-truth politics, vote rigging, and media monopolization”. *Who Governs EU*.

Working Papers

- Vukovic, Marta. “Beyond the Surface: Incoherent Understandings of Democracy Among Europeans”. Under review.
- Vukovic, Marta, Piotr Zagórski, Jan Rovny, and Ben Stanley. “When Do Voters Accept Democratic Backsliding? A Conjoint Analysis of Distinct Types of Backsliding on Diverse Principles of Democracy.” Under review.
- Vukovic, Marta, and Sylvia Kritzinger. “Democratic Defense or Erosion: The Effects of Elite Frames on Citizen Support for Party Bans”. Working paper.
- Vukovic, Marta. “Rationalizing Intolerance: How Perceptions of Protesters’ Demands Drive Protest Support in the U.S. and Germany”. Working paper.
- Vukovic, Marta, and Sylvia Kritzinger. “Drivers of Revisionist WWII History in Europe: Right-wing Authoritarianism, Social Dominance Orientation and Antisemitism”. Working paper.

Scholarships and Awards

- **2021** European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) Grant for 2021 Winter School in Qualitative Comparative Analysis (500 EUR)
- **2019–2021** M.A. Scholarship (full tuition waiver), Central European University
- **2018** Conference Grant for the “Liberal Education Student Conference” at Utrecht University (300 EUR)
- **2015–2016** Civic Engagement Student Fellowship for the project “BCB Open Campus Against Closed Borders” (1000 EUR), Bard College Berlin
- **2015–2019** B.A. Politics Scholarship (full tuition waiver), Bard College Berlin

Methodological Skills

- **Quantitative:** Survey data management, cleaning, weighting, and visualization (R/RStudio); multivariate statistics and regression modeling (OLS, logistic, multinomial, multilevel); Latent Profile Analysis; experimental design and analysis (conjoint, vignette); basic SPSS and Stata.
- **Qualitative:** Comparative case study research; Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA); Open-ended interviews;

Civic Engagement

- **01/2020–07/2021 CIVICA Student Ambassador**
The European University of Social Sciences unites eight leading European higher education institutions in the social sciences, humanities, business management, and public policy, with a total of 50,000 students and 10,000 faculty members.
- **09/2015–09/2016 “Open Campus Against Closed Borders”**
Co-founder and coordinator of the student project
Aimed to help newly arrived asylum-seekers in Berlin acquire language skills, form social

connections, and make use of campus facilities through bi-monthly events and activities with students. Funded by DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service).