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Welcome

Welcome to this seven-day intensive Summer School organised by the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) and the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), under the auspices of the ECPR Standing Group on Central East European Politics and the support of the ECPR Standing Group on Political Parties. This Summer School, organized with the collaboration of the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University (Warsaw) and the Research Centre for the Study of Parties and Democracy: REPRESENT (University of Nottingham) brings together an international team of 7 academics and 9 practitioners to train and instruct a group of 10 MA/PhD researchers and 9 practitioners and civil society leaders in the field of political parties and democracy.

The main aims of the Summer School include:

- to provide instruction and discussion on a wider range of analytical perspectives in the study of political parties, party systems, elections and democracy;
- to develop a multinational forum for both junior scholars and practitioners to critically discuss their research projects and the development of the subfield;
- to assist PhD researchers to develop their dissertation projects at the cutting edge of the field, contributing to innovation in conceptualisation, measurement, analysis and theory;
- to prepare PhD researchers for the requirements and criteria of international academic publishing, and to encourage them to submit their work to academic journals;
- to help practitioners to understand the main academic findings regarding party politics and democracy promotion;
- to build on the most recent developments of political party development and democracy promotion presented at most recent interdisciplinary International Conference in Birmingham (26-27 April 2018) and Brussels (18-20 June 2018);
- to stimulate international collaboration in the field of parties, party systems, elections and democracy and to encourage PhD researchers and practitioners to take part in such collaboration.



Summer School Program

Sunday (18 August)

Afternoon Arrival of participants

Monday (19 August)

9.00-9.15	Welcome by Dr Marcin Walecki, Head of Democratization Department, OSCE/ODIHR
9.15-9.30	Welcome by the Summer School co-directors
9.30-10.00	Keynote speech: “Political Parties and Democracy in the 21 st century”, Dr Fernando Casal Bértoa (University of Nottingham)
10.00-11.15	“Political Parties and Election Campaigning”, Dr Richard Lappin, Deputy Head of Election Department (OSCE/ODIHR, Warsaw, Poland)
11.15-11.30	Coffee break
11.30-12.45	Discussion
12.45-14.00	Lunch break
14.00-15.00	“Constitutional Amendments as a Regime Consolidation Tool in Turkmenistan” (Rustam Muhamedov)
15.00-15.15	Coffee break
15.15-16.15	“Transition to Parliamentarism in Kyrgyzstan since 2010: Problems and Prospects” (Janargul Borkoeva)
17:15-17:30	Wrap Up – key take away points

Guest Expert: Agnieszka Kwiatkowska (SWPS University)

18.00 Dinner in town (Restaurant “Stolica”, ul. Szeroki Dunaj 1/3)



Tuesday (20 August)

- 10.00-11.00 “Democratic Backsliding: the Evolution of Democracy since 1900”,
Dr Anna Lührmann (V-Dem Institute, University of Gothenburg)
- 11.00-11.15 Coffee break
- 11.15-12.45 Discussion
- 12.45-14.00 Lunch break
- 14.00-15.00 “Who is Going to Be on the Top? Candidate Traits’ Effects on
Candidate Sequencing: the Case of Latvia’s Parliamentary Elections
2018” (Ieva Briede)
- 15.00-16.00 “Democracies in the Era of Election Meddling and
Disinformation” (Tomasz Liharewski)
- 16.00-16.15 Coffee break
- 16.15-16.45 Special Session: “How to Get Published?” with Dr Katarzyna
Grzybowska-Walecka (editor of *Politologia*) and Dr Fernando Casal
Bértoa (editor of *Routledge Book Series on Political Parties*)
- 16.45-17.15 Wrap Up – key take away points

Guest Expert: Dr Mikolaj Cześnik (SWPS University)

Wednesday (21 August)

- 9.30-11.00 “Political Parties and Diversity – Women, and Persons with
Disabilities”, Tiina Kukkamaa-Bah, Chief of Democratic Governance
and Gender Unit (OSCE/ODIHR, Warsaw, Poland)
- 11.00-11.15 Coffee break
- 11.15-12.45 Discussion
- 12.45-14.00 Lunch break
- 14.00-15.00 “Women in Politics: Political Party Structures and Internal
Policies” (Salome Mukhuradze)
- 15.00-15.15 Coffee break



- 15.15-16.15 “Nor for the Citizens: Fostering Independent Judgment on Voter Education Project in Uzbekistan” (Asal Ulmasova)
- 16.15-17.15 “An Agenda for Democracy: Transformative Justice” (Ines Stasa)
- 17.15-17.30 Wrap Up – key take away points

Guest Expert: Ajla van Heel (OSCE/ODIHR)

Thursday (22 August)

- 10.00-11.00 “Youth participation and democracy promotion”, Zuzana Papazoski (NDI, Poland)
- 11.00-11.15 Coffee break
- 11.15-12.45 Discussion
- 12.45-14.00 Lunch break
- 14.00-15.00 “Open Government and Citizen Engagement in Central Asia” (Bakhytzhan Kurmanov)
- 15.00-15.15 Coffee break
- 15.15-16.15 “Vote This In, Vote Yourselves Out” (Gražvyda Petrikaitė)
- 16.15-17.15 “Equipose vs. reunion: political transformations of Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan 1918-2018” (Witold Olejnik)
- 17.15-17.45 Wrap Up – key take away points

Guest Expert: Augusta Featherston (OSCE/ODIHR)

- 18.30 Dinner in town (Restaurant “BrowArmia”, ul. Królewska 1)

Friday (23 August)

- 10.00-11.30 “Party Funding, Transparency and Corruption”, Dr Marcin Walecki (OSCE/ODIHR)
- 11.30-11.45 Coffee break
- 11.45-13.15 Discussion



13.15-14.30	Lunch break
14.30-15.30	“Support to (Re-)institutionalization of Party System in Armenia through Revision of Political Party Regulations” (Hamazasp Danielyan)
15.30-15.45	Coffee break
15.45-16.45	“Party System Cartelization: The Case of Croatia” (Vuk Vuković)
16.45-17.45	“Intra-party Democracy of Mongolian Political Parties” (Bat-Orgil Altankhuyag)
17:45-18:00	Wrap Up – key take away points

Guest Expert: Jacopo Leone (OSCE/ODIHR)

Saturday (24 August)

10.00-11.30	“Party Politics in the Age of Populism”, Dr Lenka Bustikova (Arizona State University, USA)
11.30-11.45	Coffee break
11.45-13.15	Discussion
13.15-14.30	Lunch break
14.30-15.30	“Rise of Right-Wing Parties in the Era of Migration Crises. The Role of Media” (Natia Mechitishvili)
15.30-15.45	Coffee break
15.45-16.45	“Quality of Democracy in Central Europe: Populism as Missing Ingredient in Democratic Measurement” (Petr Klapal)
16.45-17.45	“Should I Stay or Should I Go? Explaining Party Switching on the Municipal Level” (Michael Škvrňák)
17:45-18:00	Wrap Up – key take away points

Guest Expert: Dr Ben Stanley (SWPS University)





Sunday (25 August)

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| 10.00-11.30 | “Political Parties, Social Movements and New Media”, Dr Katarzyna Grzybowska-Walecka (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University, Poland) and Jason Worlledge (International Republican Institute) |
| 11.30-11.45 | Coffee break |
| 11.45-13.00 | Discussion |
| 13.00-14.00 | Lunch break |
| 14.00-15.00 | “Experimental e-voting for 2019 regional legislative elections in Russia: progress or threat for the electoral democracy?” (Maxim Sorokin) |

Guest Expert: Krzysztof Izdebski (E-Panstwo)

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| 15.00-15.15 | Closing Remarks and Way Forward |
| 15.15 | Cultural programme (optional) |

Monday (26 August)

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| Morning | Departure of participants |
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Logistical information

Arrival at the airport

Warsaw Chopin Airport (<http://www.lotnisko-chopina.pl/en/passenger/>) is the main airport of Poland, located about 8 kilometers from the city centre.

Participants staying at the Hotel Ibis Warszawa Centrum can reach the city centre quickly by bus or train to the Central Station “Dworzec Centralny” (further information can be found on the airport website (<http://www.lotnisko-chopina.pl/en/passenger/>) or taxi (recommended).

Official taxi stand is located right at the exit from the arrivals hall of the airport. Please make sure you take the official taxi such as Super Taxi, SAWA Taxi, ELE Taxi, Merc Taxi. Transportation from/to the city centre should cost around 45-60 PLN (up to 15 Euro).

Accommodation

The participants funded by the OSCE ODIHR will be accommodated at the Hotel Ibis Warszawa Centrum, Al. Solidarnosci 165 (tel.: +48 (22) 520 30 03):

<https://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-2894-ibis-warszawa-centrum-hostel-warszawa-centrum/index.shtml>

The hotel accommodation for the participants of the Summer School has been booked and paid by OSCE/ODIHR. Breakfast will be included for all the hotel guests. Please note that additional hotel services such as minibar, laundry services, telephone costs or WiFi access in the hotel rooms should be paid by each participant individually and directly.

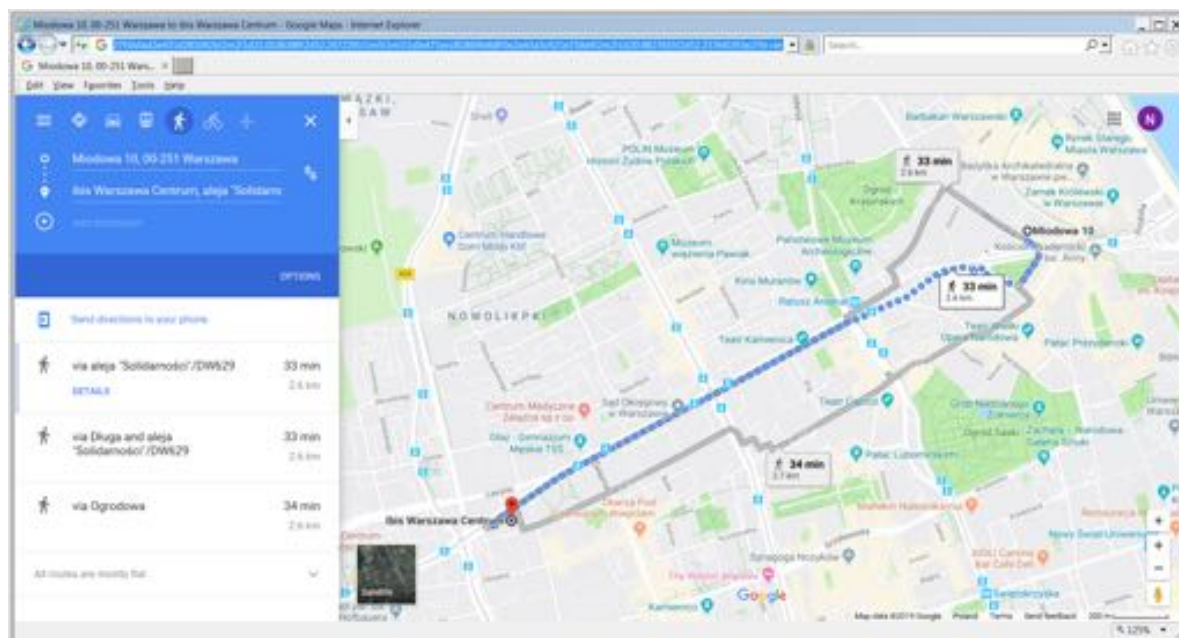
Ibis Warszawa Centrum hotel is located in the vicinity of the OSCE ODIHR office (30 minutes by foot, 10 minutes by taxi and 18 minutes by tram).

Venue

The Summer School will be taking place in the OSCE/ODIHR premises (ul. Miodowa, 10) in the Helsinki meeting room, on the first floor.

Please bring an identification document to present to access the OSCE/ODIHR premises.

Please see map below on how to get from the Ibis Warszawa Centrum hotel to the OSCE ODIHR office on foot (appr. 30 min) or by tram from “Okopowa 03” stop (trams no. 13, 20, 23, 26) to “Stare Miasto 01” stop.



Refreshments will be served throughout the Summer School. Participants will be offered lunch in or near ODIHR Premises each day, as well as invited to a dinner on 19 August (Restaurant “Stolica” in Old Town) and on 22 August (Restaurant “BrowArmia”, ul.Królewska 1).

Dress-code

Dress-code for the School is smart-casual.

Insurance

Personal and medical insurance is the responsibility of the individual participant. The OSCE/ODIHR will not be responsible for any loss of luggage, currency, or personal effects or any medical costs incurred during the travel to or stay in Poland.

Medical issues

Illness requiring medical treatment or hospitalization is the responsibility of the individual. Participants taking medicine should bring enough to cover their needs, take a copy of the prescriptions with them, and ensure that they have adequate health insurance. Participants should not forget to bring their health insurance card or documents. For urgent matters, please call Jolanta Cichocka, Tel: +48 607 123 225, or your Embassy.

Weather

The average temperature in August in Poland is +18-20°C, however, recently in July was above 27°C.



Currency and banking services

The official currency of Poland is the Zloty. The current exchange rate is 1 PLN= 0.23 Euro.

Cash can be obtained from cash machines. Money can also be exchanged at the hotel and at exchange offices. Credit cards are widely accepted in major hotels, restaurants, cafes, and shopping malls.

Electricity

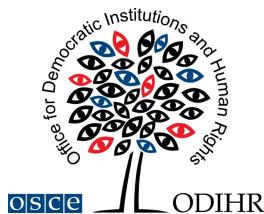
The voltage in Poland is 230 V (50 Hz).

European plug with two circular metal pins is used throughout the country.

Telecommunications

The international code for Poland is +48.

Wireless Internet should be available in the common areas in the hotel and in ODIHR premises.



Reading list

Session 1

- TCC - Section 6, Election Obligations and Standards (<https://www.cartercenter.org/resources/pdfs/peace/democracy/cc-oes-handbook-10172014.pdf>)
- Lappin - Elections, Violence and the Democratic Process in Jamaica (<https://academic.oup.com/pa/article-abstract/65/2/489/1429778>)
- ODIHR/VC - Joint Guidelines for Preventing and Responding to the Misuse of Administrative Resources during Electoral Processes (<https://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/227506?download=true>)

Session 2

- Anna Lührmann, A. and Lindberg, S.I. (2019): A Third Wave of Autocratization is Here: What Is New About It?, *Democratization*, First View Online
- Waldner, D. and Lust, E. (2018): Unwelcome Change: Coming to Terms with Democratic Backsliding, *American Review of Political Science*, v. 21, pp. 91-133
- V-DEM Report (2019): Democracy Facing Global Challenges (<https://www.v-dem.net/en/>)

Session 3

- Anna Lawson (2007): The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: New Era or False Dawn, *34 Syracuse J. Int'l L. & Com.*, p. 563
- Thomas Carothers (2016): Democracy Support Strategies: Leading Women's Political Empowerment, *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace* (https://carnegieendowment.org/files/Carothers_Empowerment_Final.pdf)
- Mona Lena Krook and Pippa Norris (2014): Beyond Quotas: Strategies to Promote Gender Equality in Elected Office, *Political Studies*, v. 62, pp. 2–20 (http://mlkrook.org/pdf/ps_krook_norris_2014.pdf)
- Mark Priestley, Martha Stickings, Ema Loja, Stefanos Grammenos, Anna Lawson, Lisa Waddington, Bjarney Fridriksdottir (2016): The political participation of disabled people in Europe: Rights, accessibility and activism, *Electoral Studies*, v. 42, pp.1-9

Session 4

- Foa, R.S. and Mounk, Y. (2016): The Democratic Disconnect, *Journal of Democracy*, v. 27, n. 3
- <https://www.demworks.org/protect-their-democracy-slovak-youth-gather-largest-protests-fall-communism>
- <https://www.demos.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Nothing-to-Fear-but-Fear-Itself-final.pdf> pp. 305-351 (on Poland)



Session 5

- IDEA Handbook on Political Finance: Chapter 6. Eastern, Central and South-Eastern Europe and Central Asia (<https://www.idea.int/publications/catalogue/funding-political-parties-and-elections-campaigns-handbook-political-finance?lang=en>)
- ODIHR/VC - Guidelines on Political Party Regulation - all the sections dealing with party/campaign finance (<https://www.osce.org/odihr/77812>)
- OSCE Anti-corruption Handbook - Chapter 9 Political Party Funding (<https://www.osce.org/secretariat/232761>)
- Fernando Casal Bértoa and Ingrid van Biezen (2018): Introduction in *The Regulation of Post-communist Party Politics*. Abingdon/New York: Routledge (an electronic version can be found here: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/21599165.2014.938738>)

Session 6

- Bustikova, L. and Guasti, P. (2019): The State as a Firm: Understanding the Autocratic Roots of Technocratic Populism, *East European Politics and Societies: and Cultures*, v. 33, n. 2, pp. 302-330
- Bustikova, L. (forthcoming): *The Established and the Ascendant. Radical Right Mobilization in Eastern Europe*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, chapter 2
- Ziblatt, D. and Levitsky, S. (2018) *How Democracies Die*. New York: Crown Publishing, chapters 1 and 4

Session 7

- George, J. J., & Leidner, D. E. (2019): From clicktivism to hacktivism: Understanding digital activism. Information and Organization (forthcoming) (available at: https://www.researchgate.net/publication/332738189_From_Clicktivism_to_Hacktivism_Understanding_Digital_Activism)
- Walecka, K. and Matuszewski, P. (2019): Media Diet on Facebook During a Political Crisis: The Case of Judicial System Reform in Poland in 2017. Policy and Internet (forthcoming) (see attachment)



Biographies

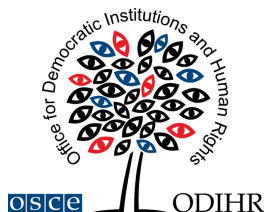
Directors



Fernando Casal Bértoa is an Associate Professor in the School of Politics and International Relations at the University of Nottingham (United Kingdom). He is member of the OSCE/ODIHR “Core Group of Political Party Experts”. He is also co-director of REPRESENT: Research Centre for the Study of Parties and Democracy. His work has been published in *Journal of Politics*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *Sociological Methods and Research*, *Electoral Studies*, *West European Politics*, *Party Politics*, *Democratization*, among others. He was awarded the 2017 Gordon Smith and Vincent Wright Memorial Prize, the 2017 AECPA Prize for the Best Article and the 2018 Vice-Chancellor Medal of the University of Nottingham for “exceptional achievements”.



Katarzyna Grzybowska-Walecka is an Assistant Professor and the Head of MA studies on Politics in Cyberspace at the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University (UKSW) in Warsaw. She holds a PhD in Social and Political Science from the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence. She was also a Chevening Scholar at St. Antony’s College, University of Oxford. Co-founder and co-leader of the business academic project/partnership *Political Radar*, which monitored and analyzed activity of political parties and political movements in Poland before and after the 2015 elections. She is also co-editor of Polish academic journal “Politologia”. Prior to turning to academia, she was elected as one of the youngest city councillor in Warsaw (three times in row), worked for the Office for Promotion of Parliamentary Democracy at the European Parliament and for the United Nations’ Department of Peacekeeping Operations in New York.



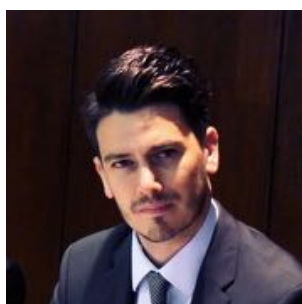
Speakers



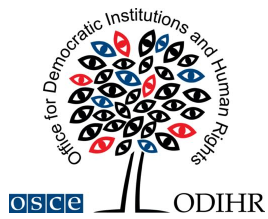
Lenka Bušítková is an Associate Professor in the School of Politics and Global Studies at Arizona State University. Her research focuses on party politics, voting behavior, clientelism, and state capacity, with special reference to Eastern Europe. She is the recipient of the 2015 APSA Best Article Prize for her article “Revenge of the Radical Right”, published in the *Comparative Political Studies*; as well as the 2017 APSA Best Paper Prize for her paper, co-authored with Cristina Corduneanu-Huci “Patronage, Trust and State Capacity: the Historical Trajectories of Clientelism”.



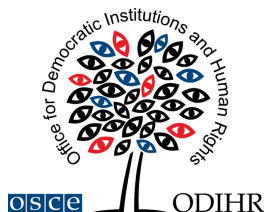
Tiina Kukkamäe-Bah is the Chief of Democratic Governance and Gender Unit of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) based in Warsaw, Poland. Before joining ODIHR in March 2016, she worked as the Executive Director of Political Parties of Finland for Democracy, Demo Finland, a collaborative organization of Finnish political parties in the field of democracy support. She has worked with governments, political parties, and civil society for the past 15 years, focusing on supporting democratic and inclusive governance, political participation of women and youth as well as civil society development across Asia and Africa alongside the OSCE region. She has also held various board positions, for example with the European Partnership for Democracy (EPD) and The Finnish NGDO Platform to the European Union, Kehys. Ms Kukkamäe-Bah has a Master's degree in Sociology from the University of Helsinki.



Richard Lappin is the Deputy Head of the Election Department at the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR). Richard is responsible for the overall administration and operational planning to assist the 57 OSCE participating States in implementing election and democracy-related standards through field-based election observation missions and technical assistance activities. He has worked extensively on the development of methodology and research, including the publication of the ODIHR Handbook on the Follow-up of Electoral Recommendations, the ODIHR Handbook for the Observation of Campaign Finance, the ODIHR Review of Electoral Legislation and Practice in the OSCE, and the ODIHR and Venice Commission Joint Guidelines on the Misuse of Administrative Resources during Electoral Processes. He has worked as a gender focal point for six years. Prior to joining ODIHR, Richard worked on elections and democracy assistance projects with the UN, EU and Carter Center and has



administered elections in the United Kingdom. Richard holds a PhD on post-conflict democracy assistance from the University of Leuven and a LLM in international human rights law from the University of Oxford.



Anna Lührmann is an Assistant Professor (biträdande lektor) at the Department of Political Sciences at the University of Gothenburg and the Deputy Director of the Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Institute. Prior to turning to academia, she was a Member of Parliament in the German National Parliament (Bundestag; 2002- 2009) and later worked in Sudan for two years. She received her PhD in 2015 from Humboldt University (Berlin) with a thesis on United Nations electoral assistance. She holds a M.A. degree in “Research Training in Social Sciences” from Humboldt University (Berlin), a M.Sc. degree in Gender and Peace Studies from Ahfad University (Sudan) and a B.A. in Political Sciences from FernUniversität Hagen (Germany). Her work has been published among others in the *Journal of Democracy*, *Electoral Studies*, *Democratization* and *International Political Science Review*.



Zuzana Papazoski is the Resident Director for NDI in Poland and legislative consultant for Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) programs. She manages the implementation of several NDI projects in Poland and the CEE region, including overseeing the regional Central Europe Democracy Initiative (CEDI). A long-time NDI staff member, she also oversees NDI's Western Balkans Legislative Strengthening program, a multi-year effort to strengthen the law-making and oversight functions of the Western Balkans' parliaments, promoting transparency and accountability in national policymaking. She earned her master's in law from Comenius University in Bratislava.



Marcin Walecki possesses over 15 years of democracy assistance and governance experience working in more than 30 countries around the world. He also presents regularly at international conferences, seminars, and has written for numerous publications on democratization, political corruption, political financing, elections, political parties, gender equality and good governance. A Polish citizen, Walecki holds a doctorate of philosophy in politics from St. Antony's College at Oxford University and a master's in Law from the Department of Law and Administration at the University of Warsaw. He is a former Max Weber Fellow at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy and a board member of the International Political Science Association Research Committee on Political Finance and Political Corruption.



Jason Worlledge is the Resident Program Director for IRI Poland. Prior to joining the International Republican Institute, Jason served as the Strategic Planning Officer at the Community of Democracies drafting the five-year organizational strategy, and led the European Academy of Diplomacy for 4 years as Executive Director. Jason has degrees in Advertising, Organizational Psychology and a MBA from London Business School. He began his career in the United States Marine Corps (1999-2003) as an intelligence analyst and collection team-leader specializing in counter-narcotics. Jason has over 1000 hours of training experience, covering organizational development, strategic planning and leadership. When not preaching the values of democracy, he foolishly runs ultramarathons.

Guest experts



Mikołaj Cześnik is Associate Professor at the SWPS University of Social Sciences and Humanities in Warsaw, where he directs the Institute of Social Sciences. He is a member of the Polish National Election Study. He chairs the International Political Science Association Research Committee 16 (Socio-Political Pluralism). He is also member of the Board of the Stefan Batory Foundation. He has participated in several international comparative projects, including CIVICACTIVE, COST, CSES, INTUNE, MARPOR, PIREDEU. His research interests include democracy and democratisation, elections, political and voting behaviour (especially voter turnout), political parties, socio-political cleavages.



Augusta Featherston serves as the Youth Focal Point in the OSCE Office of Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR). In this role she develops and oversees ODIHR's youth political participation portfolio, implementing activities designed to assist OSCE participating States meet their commitments in supporting the active participation of young people in promoting democracy, human rights, and fundamental freedoms. Prior to ODIHR, Augusta served as the technical lead on youth engagement at the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) advising on youth-specific program design, and other global youth initiatives.



Krzysztof Izdebski is a Board Member and Policy Director of ePanstwo Foundation (EPF), Board Member of Consul Democracy Foundation and co-leader of the TransparenCEE Network. He is a lawyer specialized in access to public information and re-use of public sector information. He has a wide expertise in relations between public administration and citizens. He is the author of publications on freedom of information, technology, public administration, corruption and public participation including “Transparency and Open Data Principles: Why They Are Important and How They Increase Public Participation and Tackle Corruption” and recently published “alGOVrithms. The State of Play. Report on Algorithms Usage in Government-Citizens Relations in Czechia, Georgia, Hungary, Poland, Serbia and Slovakia.” He is recently working on the research on how to secure the transparency of electoral campaign finances in the digital era. He is also specialized in legal aspects of the prevention of corruption. In 2012-2018 he was a Local Research Correspondent for Poland in the European Commission Anti-Corruption project (Anti-Corruption report) that aims to improve anti-corruption policies in the member states. He is a coordinator of EU funded RECORD project that aims to tackle corruption in public procurement with the usage of data. He is also an Apolitical.co contributor.



Ajla van Heel is Adviser on Gender Issues of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR). The work of Ajla van Heel Merdanović focuses on advancing women’s political participation. While at ODIHR, she contributed to the development of the following publications: Gender Equality in Elected Office: A Six-Step Action Plan, Handbook for National Human Rights Institutions on Women’s Rights and Gender Equality, Comparative Study of Structures for Women MPs in the OSCE Region, Handbook on Promoting Women’s Participation in Political Parties, and Compendium of Good Practices for Advancing Women’s Political Participation in the OSCE Region. Prior to joining the OSCE, she worked with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), mainly on combating trafficking in women and girls in the Western Balkans. Ms. van Heel holds a bachelor degree in international affairs from Princeton University and a master’s degree in human rights from University of Bologna. Her efforts to promote peace and advance women’s rights were recognized through awards received from the British Royal Family, Rotary International, and Zonta International.

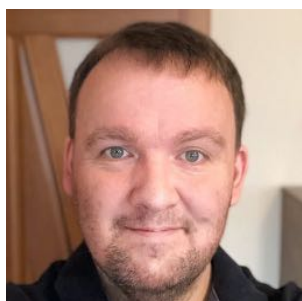




Agnieszka Kwiatkowska works as Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Social Sciences and Humanities since September 2014 and a member of the Polish National Election Study team in 2015. Her research focuses on how issues raised by the social movements become politicized, introduced into parliamentary competition and become determinants of political behaviors. On the methodological side, she is researching mixed methods aggregating preferences on the social level and parliamentary arena, including parliamentary speeches and legislative voting.



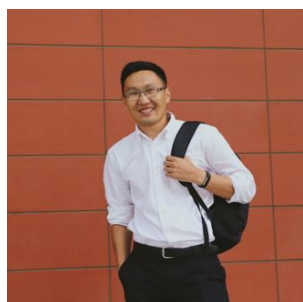
Jacopo Leone has been working as a political analyst for over eight years in the field of democracy assistance and governance, with a strong focus on parliamentary strengthening, political party assistance, anti-corruption, public integrity, and civil society development. Currently working as a Democratic Governance Officer at the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), he provides analyses of political developments and delivers assistance to OSCE participating States on democratic governance issues, with particular attention on strengthening integrity in parliaments and political party systems, promoting inclusive political institutions and youth and women's political participation. Before joining ODIHR, he worked among others for the OSCE Mission in Kosovo, NATO, the European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS) and the European Parliament. Jacopo holds an MSc in International and European Politics from the University of Edinburgh.



Ben Stanley is Associate Professor in the Centre for the Study of Democracy at the SWPS University of Social Sciences and Humanities. He received a PhD in Government from the University of Essex and has worked at the Institute for Public Affairs in Bratislava, the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, and the University of Sussex in Brighton, United Kingdom (as Marie Curie Intra-European Fellow). His primary area of research interest is the politics of populism in Central and Eastern Europe, incorporating analysis of party ideological appeals and voter behaviour. His current research activities include an experimental analysis of the links between conspiracy theory mentality and populism in Poland, measurement of populist attitudes in Central and Eastern Europe, and a monograph on Polish populism.



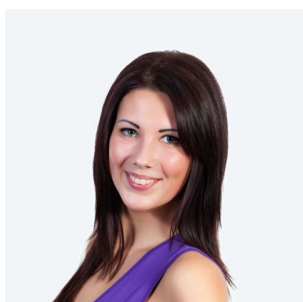
Participants



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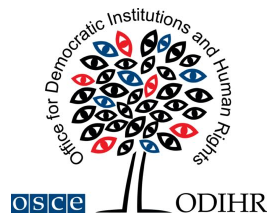
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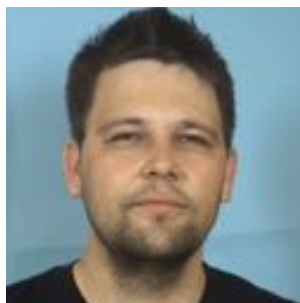


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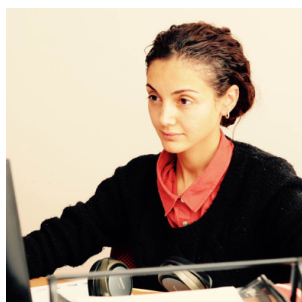
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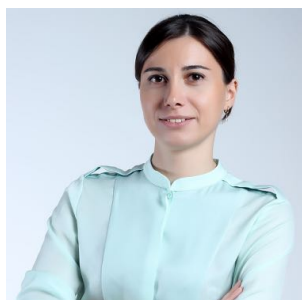
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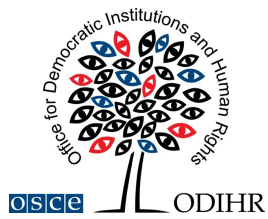
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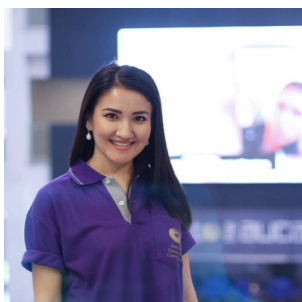
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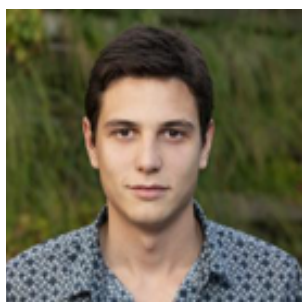


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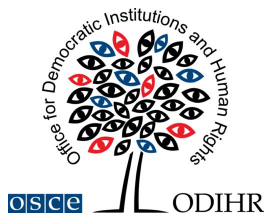


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