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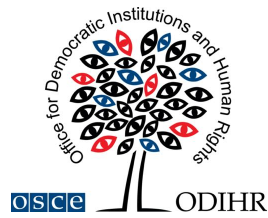
Winter School

on Political Parties &

Democracy

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Warsaw, Poland



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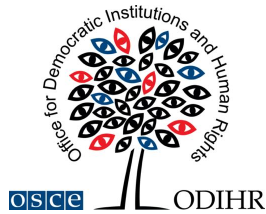
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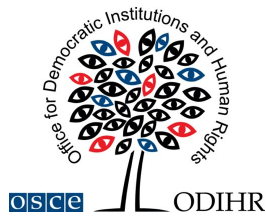


Welcome

Welcome to this seven-day intensive Winter 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 Winter 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 9 academics and 7 practitioners to train and instruct a group of 23 MA/PhD researchers and practitioners and civil society leaders in the field of political parties and democracy.

The main aims of the Winter 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.



Winter School Program

Sunday (19 January)

Afternoon Arrival of participants

Monday (20 January)

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 XXI century”, Prof. Richard Katz (Johns Hopkins University)

10.00-11.15 “Political Party Regulation and Organization”, Prof. Ingrid van Biezen (University of Leiden, The Netherlands)

11.15-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-12.45 Discussion

12.45-13.30 Lunch break

13.30-14.15 “Political Party Regulation in Armenia: A New Hope” (Harout Manougian)

14.15-15.00 “Digital Transformation of Political Parties” (Selma Zulic Siljak)

15.00-15.15 Coffee break

15.15-16.00 “Democracy and Political News in Media” (Migena Bushati)

Guest Expert: Julia Gebhard (OSCE/ODIHR, TBC)

18.00 Dinner in town (“Focaccia Ristorante”, ul. Senatorska 13/15)



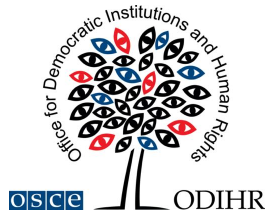
Tuesday (21 January)

- 10.00-11.15 “Party System Institutionalization: Causes and Consequences”, Dr Fernando Casal Bértoa (University of Nottingham)
- 11.15-11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30-12.45 Discussion
- 12.45-13.30 Lunch break
- 13.30-14.15 “Banning Political Parties in Ukraine” (Bohdan Bernatskyi)
- 14.15-15.00 “Party System Development and Authoritarian Consolidation in Kazakhstan” (Dimash Alzhanov)
- 15.00-15.15 Coffee break
- 15.15-16.00 “Political Parties, Elections and development in Kyrgyzstan” (Meerim Egemberdieva)
- 16.00-16.45 “Electoral System Reform in Moldova” (Lilia Manastirli)

Guest Expert: Dr Michał Kotnarowski (SWPS University)

Wednesday (22 January)

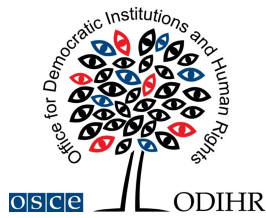
- 10.00-11.15 “Political Parties and Diversity – Women, and Persons with Disabilities”, Ajla van Heel (OSCE/ODIHR, Warsaw, Poland)
- 11.15-11.30 Coffee break



11.30-12.45	Discussion
12.45-13.30	Lunch break
13.30-14.15	“Women’s participation and Barriers in Tajikistan” (Mohirakhoni Husnidinzoda)
14.15-15.00	“Voter Education for Women in a Multi-ethnic (Kenian) Society” (Maria Piotrowska)
15.00-15.15	Coffee break
15.15-16.00	“Gender Models of Voting Behavior” (Tamar Bagratia)
	<i>Guest Expert: Alexander Wolters (OSCE Academy)</i>

Thursday (23 January)

10.00-11.15	“Democratic Backsliding: the Evolution of Democracy since 1900”, Dr Anna Lührmann (V-Dem Institute, University of Gothenburg)
11.15-11.30	Coffee break
11.30-12.45	Discussion
12.45-13.30	Lunch break
13.30-14.15	“Building parliamentarism under a Weak (Kyrgyz) Parliament” (Daniar Oskonbaev)
14.15-15.00	“Do Parties and Voters Reward Parliamentary Behavior? Evidence from Estonia (2011-2019)” (Tatiana Lupacheva)
15.00-15.15	Coffee break
15.15-16.00	“Going Beyond Ideology and Tribalism” (Andres Reiljan)
	<i>Guest Expert: Dr Mikołaj Cześnik (SWPS University)</i>



Friday (24 January)

- 10.00-11.15 “Political Parties and Election Campaigning”, Vladimir Misev (OSCE/ODIHR, Warsaw, Poland)
- 11.15-11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30-12.45 Discussion
- 12.45-13.30 Lunch break
- 13.30-14.15 “Definition and Conceptualization of Electoral Fraud” (Aleš Jakubec)
- 14.15-15.00 “One Small Step for E-voting, One Giant Leap for Democracy”
Marina Gorbatiuc
- 15.00-15.15 Coffee break
- 15.15-16.00 “How to Rebuild Afghan People’s Trust in Elections?” (Mohammad
Tamim Karimi)
- 16.00-16.45 “Monitoring Presidential Discourses and Peace in Macedonia” (Lijlana
Pecova –Ilieska)

Guest Expert: Meaghan Fitzgerald (OSCE/ODIHR)

Saturday (25 January)

- 10.00-11.15 “Party Politics in the Age of Populism”, Dr Lenka Bustikova (Arizona
State University, USA)
- 11.15-11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30-12.45 Discussion
- 12.45-13.30 Lunch break



- 13.30-14.15 “Party–Media Networks and Electoral Support in Hungary” (Máté Mátyás)
- 14.15-15.00 “Constitutional Reform in Belarus” (Dzianis Bukonkin)
- 15.00-15.15 Coffee break
- 15.15-16.00 “Foreign Intervention and Its Effects for Democracy in Weakened States” (Alexandru C. Apetroe)

Guest Expert: Dr Petra Guasti (Goethe University)

- 16.15-16.45 Special Session: “How to Get Published?” with Dr Katarzyna Grzybowska-Walecka (editor of *Politologia*), Dr Lenka Bustikova (deputy director of *East European Politics*) and Dr Petra Guasti (director of ECPR Standing Group of East Central European Politics)

- 18.00 Dinner in town (Restaurant „Der Elefant“, Plac Bankowy 1)

Sunday (26 January)

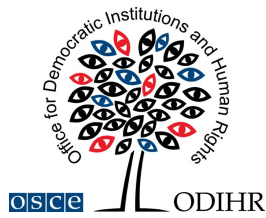
- 10.00-11.15 “Party Funding, Transparency and Corruption”, Dr Marcin Walecki (OSCE/ODIHR)
- 11.15-11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30-12.45 Discussion
- 12.45-13.30 Lunch break
- 13.30-14.15 “Role of Youth Projects in Fighting Corruption” (Aziz Odilov)



14.15-15.00	“The Use of State Subventions in Kharkiv Oblast” (Kateryna Minkina)
15.00-15.15	Coffee break
15.15-16.00	“Political Parties and Think Tanks” (Irena Djordjevic)
	<i>Guest Expert: Jacopo Leone (OSCE/ODIHR)</i>
16.00-16.30	Closing Remarks and Way Forward

Monday (27 January)

Morning Departure of participants



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 Winter 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.

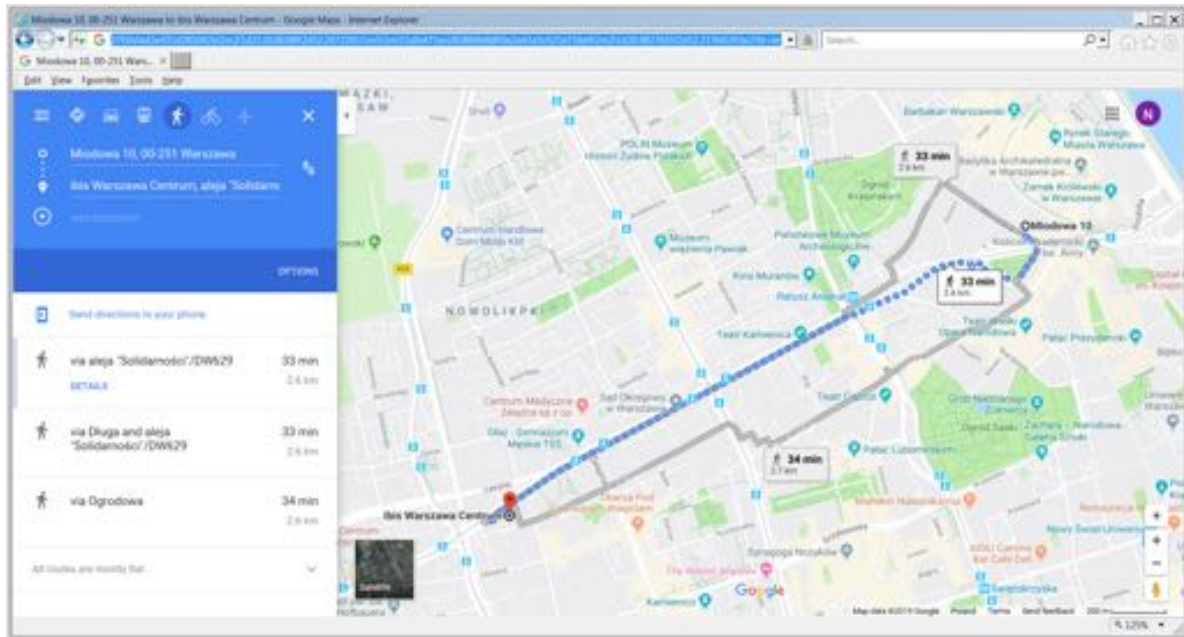
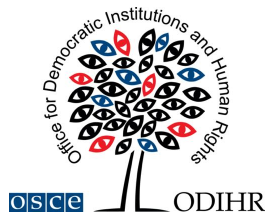
Ibis Warszawa Centrum hotel is located in the vicinity of the OSCE ODIHR office (30 minutes by foot, 10 minutes by taxi and 18 minutes by tram).

Venue

The Winter 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 Winter School. Participants will be offered lunch in or near ODIHR Premises each day, as well as invited to a dinner on 20 January (Restaurant “Focaccia Ristorante”, ul. Senatorska 13/15) and on 25 January (Restaurant “Der Elefant”, plac Bankowy 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 Cichočka, Tel: +48 607 123 225, or your Embassy.



Weather

The average temperature in January in Poland is -3°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

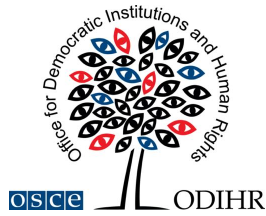
The voltage in Poland is 230 V (50 Hz).

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

- Biezen, Ingrid van (2004). 'Political Parties as Public Utilities', *Party Politics* 10/6: 701-722
- Biezen, Ingrid van and Gabriela Borz (2012). 'Models of Party Democracy: Patterns of Party Regulation in Post-War European Constitutions', *European Political Science Review* 4(3): 327-359
- Biezen, Ingrid van & Petr Kopecký (2014). 'The Cartel Party and the State: Party-State Linkage in European Democracies', *Party Politics* 20/2 (2014), pp. 170-182

Session 2

- Casal Bértoa, Fernando (2018): "The Three Waves of Party System Institutionalization Studies: A Multi- or Uni-dimensional Concept?", *Political Studies Review*, v. 16, n. 1, pp. 60-72
- Enyedi, Zsolt and Fernando Casal Bértoa (2018): "Institutionalization and De-institutionalization in Post-communist Party Systems", *East European Politics and Societies*, v. 32, n. 3, pp. 422-450
- Casal Bértoa, Fernando and Zsolt Enyedi (2016) "Party System Closure and Openness: Conceptualization, Operationalization and Validation", *Party Politics*, v. 22, n. 3, pp. 265-277

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

- 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 5

- TCC - Section 6, Election Obligations and Standards (<https://www.cartercenter.org/resources/pdfs/peace/democracy/cc-oes-handbook-10172014.pdf>)
- ODIHR Election Observation Handbook, 6th Edition (<https://www.osce.org/odihr/elections/68439>)
- 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 6

- Bustikova, L. (2019): *The Established and the Ascendant. Radical Right Mobilization in Eastern Europe*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, chapter 2 (p. 18-68)

Session 7

- 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: can <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/21599165.2014.938738>)

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

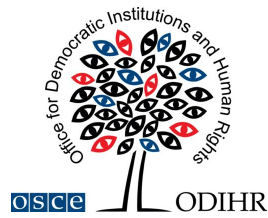
Wright Memorial Prize, the 2017 AECPA Prize for the Best Article and the 2018 Vice-Chancellor Medal of the University of Nottingham for “exceptional achievements”.



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



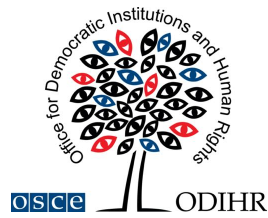
Richard S. Katz is Professor of Political Science at The Johns Hopkins University and chairs of OSCE-ODIHR Core Group of Experts on political party regulation. He has served as co-editor of the *European Journal of Political Research* (2006-2012) and as vice-chair and treasurer on the Executive Committee of the European Consortium for Political Research. His most recent book is *Democracy and the Cartelization of Political Parties*, co-authored with Peter Mair (Oxford 2018).



Ingrid van Biezen is Professor in Comparative Politics. She studied at Leiden University, from which she also received her PhD. She has subsequently worked at the University of Birmingham and has been a visiting professor at the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore and a research fellow at Yale University and the University of California, Irvine. Her current research concentrates primarily on the various empirical and normative dimensions of party regulation and its implications for modern party democracy. In this context, she recently directed a large-scale research project *Re- conceptualizing party democracy*, funded by the European Research Council.



Ajla van Heel is Acting Chief of Democratic Governance and Gender Unit of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR). The work of Ajla van Heel Merdanović focuses on advancing democratic governance and 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.



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.

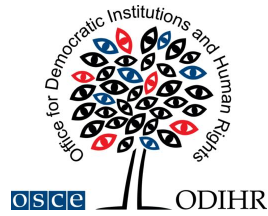


Vladimir Misev is currently ODIHR Senior Adviser on New Voting Technologies and since 2015 has been serving as an Election Adviser and desk office for number of OSCE participating States, including the Russian Federation, Turkey, Belarus, Germany and UK. Previously, Vladimir worked on number of human rights and democratization projects in Europe and the Balkan region. He has been civil society activist, leading number of non-governmental organizations and has over 18 years of management experience. His background is in political science, EU affairs, multiculturalism and

elections.



Lenka Buřtiková 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”.



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.

Guest experts



Alexander Wolters is Director of the OSCE Academy in Bishkek. He has published on security and political developments in Central Asia as well as on the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). He has taught undergraduate and graduate courses on Central Asian affairs in several universities in the region. As Director of the OSCE Academy, he has set the priority for the institute to develop research capacity and portfolio, among other issues on Chinese policy regarding Central Asia and on the BRI specifically. He holds an MA in Cultural Sciences and a PhD from European University Viadrina / Frankfurt

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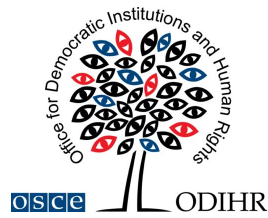
Michał Kotnarowski is Assistant Professor at the Institute of Political Studies and the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences. He specializes in voting behavior, comparative politics and political methodology. He has contributed a number of articles to such journals as *Party Politics*, *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, *Acta Politica*, and *International Journal of Sociology*.



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.



Meaghan Fitzgerald, Deputy Head of the Democratization Department at the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights. Meaghan is a lawyer with a background in international affairs, Russian studies, human rights, and elections. In her career she has worked for the US State Department, OSCE offices in Belarus and Tajikistan, the United Nations, and managed a number election observation missions around the world for ODIHR and the Carter Center. As deputy head of the democratization department she oversees ODIHR's work in the fields of migration

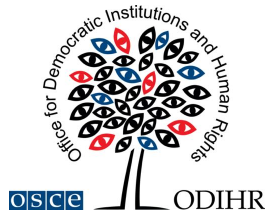


and freedom of movement, rule of law, democratic governance and gender as well as the support they give to participating States on drafting legislation that complies with international standards.



Petra Guasti is a researcher at the Research Unit Democratic Innovations, at the Goethe University Frankfurt. She received her doctoral degree in political science from the University of Bremen. She also previously earned a doctoral degree in political sociology from the Charles University in Prague. In March 2019, she completed an eight-month Visiting Democracy Fellowship at Harvard University's Ash Centre for Democratic Governance and Innovation at the John F. Kennedy School of Government. At the Ash Center, she concentrated on

transformations in democratic representation, with a particular focus on the political representation of non-citizens in Europe. Her research focuses on the reconfiguration of the political landscape and evolves around three themes – populism, democratization, and representation. To date, Petra Guasti published 9 articles in impacted journals, 18 book chapters, one monograph, five edited volumes. Her research on comparative politics and representation has appeared in *Democratization*, *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, *European Political Science*, *East European Politics and Societies and Cultures*, *Politics and Governance*, and elsewhere. Most recently, her scholarship was featured in the *Washington Post* ([The Monkey Cage, July 16, 2019](#)).



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.



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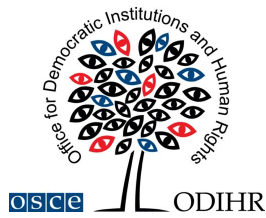


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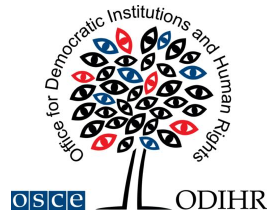
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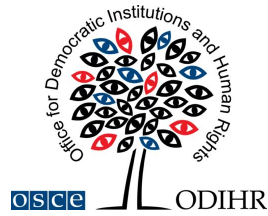


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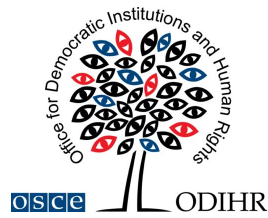
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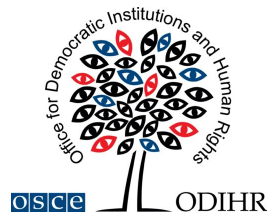


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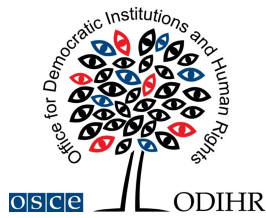
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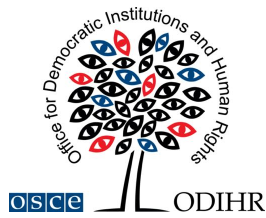
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