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Welcome

Welcome to this seven-day and a half 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 in Warsaw (UKSW) and the Research Centre for the Study of Parties and Democracy: REPRESENT (University of Nottingham) brings together an international team of 12 academics and 10 practitioners to train and instruct a group of 15 MA/PhD researchers and 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

Wednesday (30th June)

- 14.30-14.45 Online connection with participants
- 14.45-15.00 Welcome by Head of Democratization Department (OSCE/ODIHR)
- 15.00-15.30 Welcome by the Summer School co-directors
- 15.30-16.00 Virtual tour de table
- 16.00-16.45 Virtual warming up of participants
- 16:45-17:00 Break
- 17.00 -18.30 Opening lecture on democracy (title “The Good Citizen: Elections, Political Parties and Youth Representation”)
Prof. Russell J. Dalton (UC Irvine)
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Thursday (1st July) - Tuesday (6th July)

Students watch video-lectures using the readings
and prepare questions to the speakers

Wednesday (7th July)

Topic: “Democracy Promotion: Pros and Cons”
Speakers: Dr Susan Dodsworth (Queensland University)
and Thijs Berman (NIMD)
Guest Expert: Dr Alexander Wolters (OSCE Academy)

- 9:00-10:30 Debate and discussion with the guest speakers
- 10.30-10.45 Break
- 10:45-11:45 “Democratic Backsliding in Georgia: What is the EU’s factor?”
(Soso Dzamukashvili)
- 11:45-11:50 Break
- 11:50-12:50 “Opposition Boycotts in the Western Balkans” (Venelin Bochev)
- 12:50-13:00 Wrap up and next session preparation

Thursday (8th July)

Topic: “Political Party Finance and Corruption”

Speakers: Dr Marcin Walecki (Europeum, St Antony’s College, Oxford University) and Prof. Elizabeth David-Barrett (University of Sussex)

Guest Expert: Prof. Ingrid van Biezen (Leiden University)

9:00-10:30 Debate and discussion with the guest speakers

10.30-10.45 Break

10:45-11:45 “Party Identity and Democratic Progress in Post-Soviet Eastern European Countries since 1990” (Mucahid Aykut)

11:45-11:50 Break

11:50-12:50 “The Future of Domestic Politics in Belarus” (Elnar Bainazarov)

12:50-13:00 Wrap up and next session preparation

Friday (9th July)

Topic: “Political Parties, Social Movements and New Technologies”

Speakers: Dr Katarzyna Grzybowska-Walecka (European University Institute in Florence) and Krzysztof Izdebski (E-Panstwo)

Guest Expert: Dr Emil Juraev (Soros Foundation)

9:00-10:30 Debate and discussion with the guest speakers

10.30-10.45 Break

10:45-11:45 “The Study of Implementation of Blockchain based e-voting in Mongolia” (Altanchimeg Purevsuren)

11:45-11:50 Break

11:50-12:50 “Europarties’ Engagement with Parties of Western Balkans and Eastern Partnership” (Teona Lavrelashvili)

12:50-13:00 Wrap up and next session preparation

13.00-14.00 Virtual social activity

Saturday (10th July)

Free day

Sunday (11th July)

Free day

Monday (12th July)

Topic: “Political Parties and Diversity – Women, Youth,
and Persons with Disabilities”

Speakers: Dr Ekaterina Rashkova (Utrecht University)
and Zuzana Papazoski (NDI-Poland)

Guest Expert: Sasa Gavric (OSCE/ODIHR)

9:00-10:30 Debate and discussion with the guest speakers

10.30-10.45 Break

10:45-11:45 “What Helps Women More: Gender Quota or Block Vote?”
(Michal Gulczynski)

11:45-11:50 Break

11:50-12:50 “Violation of Women’s Rights at Work: The Case of Bosnia
and Herzegovina” (Mersida Crneta)

12:50-14:00 Lunch break

14:00-15:00 “Involve Young People in Democratic Decision-making Processes”
(Emarilda Leti)

15:00-16:00 Special Session: “How to Get Published?”
with Dr Ekaterina Rashkova (editor of European Political Science)
and Dr Katarzyna Grzybowska-Walecka (editor of Politologia).
Moderator: Dr Fernando Casal Bértoa (co-editor of the Routledge
Book Series on “Political Parties, Party Systems and Elections”)

Tuesday (13th July)

Topic: “Party System Institutionalization: Causes and Consequences”

Speakers: Dr Fernando Casal Bértoa (University of Nottingham)
and Radivoje Grujic (OSCE/ODIHR, Warsaw)

Guest Expert: Dr Wojciech Gagatek (University of Warsaw)

9:00-10:30 Debate and discussion with the guest speakers

10.30-10.45 Break

10:45-11:45 “The State, Civil Society and Unaddressed Legacies in Russia”
(Selbi Ourdiyeva)

11:45-11:50 Break

11:50-12:50 “Towards Personalist Party: Mongolia’s Constitutional Changes”
(Uuganbayar Tumurkhuu)

12:50-13:00 Wrap up and next session preparation

13:00-14:00 Lunch break

14.00-15.30 One-to-one (voluntary) virtual meetings with Dr Katarzyna
Grzybowska-Walecka (European University Institute, Florence)
or Dr Fernando Casal Bértoa (University of Nottingham)

Wednesday (14th July)

Topic: “Political Parties and Election Campaigning”

Speakers: Vladimir Misev (OSCE/ODIHR)
and Dr Tim Haughton (University of Birmingham, United Kingdom)

Guest Expert: Dr Michał Kotnarowski (SWPS University)

9:00-10:30 Debate and discussion with the guest speakers

10.30-10.45 Break

10:45-11:45 “Vote Buying and Vote Selling in Albania” (Adela Methasani)

11:45-11:50 Break

- 11:50-12:50 “Kazakhstan’s Ethnic Minorities’ Participation in Politics”
(Alimana Zahanmukanova)
- 12:50-14:00 Lunch break
- 14:00-15:00 “The Role and Evolution of Election Observation in the Electoral
Process” (Victor Pruteanu)
- 15:00-15:15 Wrap up and next session preparation
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Thursday (15th July)

- Topic:* “Party Politics in the Age of Populism”
Speakers: Dr Lenka Bustikova (Arizona State University, USA)
and Marta Pardavi (Hungarian Helsinki Committee)
Guest Expert: Dr Petra Guasti (Goethe University)
- 9:00-10:30 Debate and discussion with the guest speakers
- 10.30-10.45 Break
- 10:45-11:45 “The Impact of Supply-side Factors on the Success
of the Far-right” (Marta Vukovic)
- 11:45-11:50 Break
- 11:50-12:50 “The Position of the Bosniak Party
After 2020 Elections in Montenegro” (Fjola Dacic)
- 12:50-13:30 Closing remarks and way forward



Logistical information

Dress-code

Dress-code for the School is smart-casual.

Technical details:

The Summer School on Political Parties and Democracy will be conducted in Zoom. The log-in information will be sent to all participants prior to the School. Please make sure to have sufficient internet connection and use private compute/laptop during the school. Participants are requested to log-in with personal names/surnames.

Video lectures will be uploaded to the closed YouTube Channel and it is mandatory to watch lectures prior to the sessions.



Reading list

Session 1

- Dodsworth, Susan, and Nic Cheeseman. “Ten Challenges in Democracy Support – and How to Overcome Them.” *Global Policy* 9, no. 3 (2018): 301–12 (<https://doi.org/10.1111/1758-5899.12567>)
 - Burnell, Peter, and André Gerrits. “Promoting Party Politics in Emerging Democracies.” *Democratization* 17, no. 6 (2010): 1065–84 (<https://doi.org/10.1080/13510347.2010.520548>)
 - Autocracy turns viral, V-Dem Democracy Report 2021 (<https://www.v-dem.net/files/25/DR%202021.pdf>)
 - Applebaum, Anne (2020): *Twilight of Democracy. The Seductive Lure of Authoritarianism*. New York: Doubleday (see review here: <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2020/jul/12/anne-applebaum-how-my-old-friends-paved-the-way-for-trump-and-brexite>)
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Session 2

- 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>)
 - OSCE Anti-corruption Handbook - Chapter 9 Political Party Funding (<https://www.osce.org/secretariat/232761>)
 - ODIHR/VC - Guidelines on Political Party Regulation - all the sections dealing with party/campaign finance ([https://www.venice.coe.int/webforms/documents/?pdf=CDL-AD\(2020\)032-e](https://www.venice.coe.int/webforms/documents/?pdf=CDL-AD(2020)032-e))
 - Dávid-Barrett, E. and M. Fazekas. 2019. Grand Corruption and Government Change: An Analysis of Partisan Favoritism in public procurement. *European Journal on Criminal Policy and Research*, 1-20 (<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10610-019-09416-4>)
 - Lee-Jones, K. 2019. The role of political party finance reform in the transition from dominant to competitive party systems. U4 Helpdesk Answer 2019:4 (<https://www.u4.no/publications/the-role-of-political-party-finance-reform-in-the-transition-from-dominant-to-competitive-party-systems>)
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Session 3

- Matuszewski, P. and Walecka, K. (2019): “Media Diet on Facebook During a Political Crisis: The Case of Judicial System Reform in Poland in 2017”, *Policy and Internet* (<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/poi3.221>)

- Tufekci, Z. and Wilson, C. (2012) Social Media and the Decision to Participate in Political Protest: Observations from Tahrir Square, *Journal of Communication*, 62, p. 363–379
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Session 4

- Wangnerud, L. (2009): “Women in Parliaments: Descriptive and Substantive Representation”, *Annual Reviews of Political Science*, v. 12, pp. 51-69 (<https://www.annualreviews.org/doi/pdf/10.1146/annurev.polisci.11.053106.123839>)
 - Rashkova, E.R. (2020): “Gender Politics and Radical Right Parties: An Examination of Women’s Substantive Representation in Slovakia”, *East European Politics and Societies*, v. 35, n. 1, pp. 69-88 (<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/0888325419897993>)
 - NDI (2018): Youth, Politics, Democracy: Public Opinion Research in Hungary, Poland and Slovakia (<https://www.ndi.org/publications/youth-politics-democracy-public-opinion-research-hungary-poland-and-slovakia>)
 - Tool Box (n.d.): *So You Want to Make a Change?* (<http://changemycommunity.ctb.ku.edu/getting-started/>)
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Session 5

- Casal Bértoa, F. (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 (<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/1478929916677136?journalCode=pswa>)
 - Enyedi, Z. and Casal Bértoa, F. (2018): “Institutionalization and De-institutionalization in Post-communist Party Systems”, *East European Politics and Societies*, v. 32, n. 3, pp. 422-450 (<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0888325417736808?journalCode=eepa>)
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Session 6

- OSCE Handbook for the Observation of Campaign Finance (<https://www.osce.org/files/f/documents/f/8/135516.pdf>)

- Jacobson, G.C. (2015): “How do Campaigns Matter?”, *Annual Reviews of Political Science*, v.18, pp. 31-47 (<https://www.annualreviews.org/doi/pdf/10.1146/annurev-polisci-072012-113556>)
 - Cutts, D. and Haughton, T. (2020): “Winning Votes and Influencing People: Campaigning in Central and Eastern Europe”, *East European Politics*, v. 37, n. 2, pp. 239-266 (<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/21599165.2020.1767076?journalCode=fjcs21>)
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Session 7

- Bustikova, L. (2019): *The Established and the Ascendant. Radical Right Mobilization in Eastern Europe*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, chapter 2 (p. 18-68)
- FRA, Civic Space – Experience of organisations in 2019 (https://fra.europa.eu/sites/default/files/fra_uploads/fra-2020-civic-space-organisation-experiences_en.pdf)



Biographies

Directors



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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. 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. Currently, Katarzyna is a Jean Monett Fellow at the Robert Schuman Center for Advanced Studies at the European University Institute in Florence.

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Speakers



Thijs Berman has been Director of the Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy since February 2019. After graduating in psychology, he became a journalist in 1987 and worked as a correspondent for the Dutch media in Paris and Moscow. He was also a radio and TV presenter for Dutch public broadcaster Interkerkelijke Omroep Nederland (IKON). Between 2004 and 2014 he was a Member of the European Parliament for the Dutch Labour Party (PvdA) and party leader in the European elections in 2009. He then worked in the Central African Republic (2015-16) organizing elections. Between 2016 and 2019 he worked at the OSCE in Vienna as an Advisor to the Representative for Media Freedom.



Lenka Bušíková 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”.



Russell J. Dalton is Research Professor at the Center for the Study of Democracy at the University of California Irvine. He studies the role of citizens in the democratic process, involving the topics of political culture, electoral politics, and political representation. Dalton’s most recent books include: *The Good Citizen*, *Political Realignment – Economics, Culture and Electoral Change*, *The Participation Gap*, and *The Civic Culture Transformed*. He has received a Fulbright Professorship at the University of Mannheim, a Barbra Streisand Center fellowship, a German Marshall Research Fellowship and a POSCO Fellowship at the East/West Center.



Liz David-Barrett is Professor of Governance and Integrity at the University of Sussex and Director of the Centre for the Study of Corruption. Her research focuses on corruption risks at the interface of business and government, in particular in international business and public procurement. Her research on private-sector collective action to combat corruption identifies key conditions for success in changing international norms, while current work focuses on anti-corruption leadership in systemically corrupt contexts. As the Director of the Centre for the Study of Corruption, Liz leads the Centre’s activities in research, teaching and policy impact.

She engages widely with anti-corruption practitioners globally, especially in sub-Saharan Africa, the Caribbean and Europe, and advises the UK Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office and the G20 on their international anti-corruption work. She is also a member of the RUSI Taskforce on a Transatlantic Response to Illicit Finance (TARIF). Before becoming an academic, Liz worked as a journalist in the Balkans for The Economist and Financial Times. She has a DPhil, MSc and MA from Oxford and an MA from the University of London.



Susan Dodsworth is currently a Lecturer at the University of Queensland's School of Political Science and International Relations. Prior to this, she worked as a Research Fellow at the University of Birmingham's International Development Department. The focal point of Susan's research is the relationship between democratization and development. She is particularly interested in the role of political institutions (especially parliaments) in both of these processes, and the extent to which external or international actors affect democratization and development – both intentionally and unintentionally. Her current research focusses on two topics related to these themes: the impact of women in African parliaments, and the practice of election observation in Africa and beyond. In 2019, Susan was part of a research team that won both the UK ESRC's Celebrating Impact Prize for Outstanding International Impact and the Market Research Society President's Medal.



Konstantine Vardzelashvili. Since 2018, is the Chief of the Legislative Support Unit (LSU) of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), which assists participating States in evaluating compliance of draft or existing legislation with the OSCE Human Dimension commitments and international standards. In providing such support, LSU produces legal opinions, reviews law-making system of pS and draws on legislative guidelines in specific areas, such as freedom of assembly and political party legislation. Previously, he was a substitute member of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe (2007 - 2015) and a Vice Chair and member of the United Nations Human Rights Committee (2012-2016). Furthermore, he served as the Vice-President of the Constitutional Court of Georgia (2006-2016) and as Deputy Minister of Justice of Georgia (2004-2006).



Radivoje Grujić is a Democratic Governance Officer with OSCE/ODIHR, previously serving as Election Adviser for seven years with the same Office, being desk officer for dozen countries in OSCE region. Radivoje is citizen of Serbia. Since late 1990's he has been engaged in various types of civic activism at home and on international level, through election observation, democracy and civil society development – working in election and democratic governance assistance programs with different agencies such as the Council of Europe, IFES, NDI, Transparency International and as an independent consultant, in Moldova, Georgia, Jordan,

Ukraine, Serbia and other countries. His work includes advocacy on many public policy issues and think-tank development. In election observation, Radivoje was part of citizen observer groups in Serbia, and also participated in many international election observation missions throughout the OSCE region. Prior to joining OSCE/ODIHR, Radivoje served as Country Representative of IFES in Serbia, supporting political finance oversight with state institutions and civil society. Radivoje holds a university degree in Law from Belgrade University.



Tim Haughton is Reader (Senior Associate Professor) in European Politics at the University of Birmingham, where he served as Head of the Department of Political Science and International Studies (2016-18) and the Director of the Centre for Russian, European and Eurasian Studies (2012-14). Dr Haughton was a Visiting Fellow at Harvard University's Center for European Studies and an Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation Fellow at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies. Dr Haughton has good links with the policymaking community, having briefed *inter alia* five British Ambassadors to Slovakia before they took up their posts. Tim's research interests encompass electoral and party politics, electoral campaigning, the role of the past in the politics of the present, the domestic politics of Slovakia, Slovenia and the Czech Republic and Brexit. He is the co-author with Kevin Deegan-Krause of *The New Party Challenge: Changing Cycles of Party Birth and Death in Central Europe and Beyond* (Oxford University Press, 2020), the editor of *Party Politics in Central and Eastern Europe: Does EU Membership Matter?* (Routledge, 2011) and served as the co-editor with Nathaniel Copsey of the *Journal of Common Market Studies' Annual Review of the European Union* for nine years (2008-16).



Krzysztof Izdebski, board member and policy director of ePanstwo Foundation (EPF) and board member of Consul Democracy Foundation. Marshall Memorial Fellow. He is a lawyer specialized in access to public information and re-use of public sector information. He has 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 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). He is also an Apolitical.co contributor. 27th on the Dziennik Gazeta Prawna daily list of 50 most influential Polish lawyers in 2019.



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.



Zuzana Papazoski is the Resident Director for NDI in Poland and legislative consultant for Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) programs. Zuzana manages the implementation of several NDI projects in the CEE region, including overseeing the regional Central Europe Democracy Initiative (CEDI). CEDI's goal is to enable political actors in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia to engage with one another other, along with experts from outside of the region, on efforts to reinvigorate mainstream, democratic politics. A long-time NDI staff member, Ms. Papazoski also oversees NDI's Western Balkans Legislative Strengthening program, a multi-year effort to strengthen the lawmaking and oversight functions of the Western Balkans' parliaments, promoting transparency and accountability in national policymaking. Ms. Papazoski has demonstrated regional expertise through her work as a trainer, election monitor, and legislative consultant in the Western Balkans, Central Europe and Eurasia and was a co-founder, legal advisor and board member of Civic Eye/Obcianske Oko, a Bratislava-based domestic election monitoring and civic advocacy organization. Ms. Papazoski earned her master's in law from Comenius University in Bratislava. She is fluent in English, Slovak and Polish, with a working knowledge of Macedonian and Serbian.



Márta Pardavi is co-chair of the Hungarian Helsinki Committee, a leading human rights NGO in Budapest that works to advance democratic values, the rule of law and a strong civil society, the right to asylum and a fair criminal justice system. A lawyer by training, she has been awarded the 2018 William D. Zabel Human Rights Award from Human Rights First, Civil Rights Defender's Civil Rights Defenders of the Year 2019 award and was chosen to be a member of POLITICO28 Class of 2019. Currently on sabbatical leave from the HHC, Márta is a Policy Leader Fellow at the School of Transnational Governance of the European University Institute.



Ekaterina R. Rashkova is an Assistant Professor of Public Governance and Management at Utrecht University. She earned her PhD in Political Science at the University of Pittsburgh, USA, in 2010 for a dissertation entitled '*Political Learning and the Number of Parties: Why Age Matters*', which won the UniCredit and Universities Foundation Best CEE PhD Thesis Award in May 2011. Prior to taking her post at Utrecht, Ekaterina Rashkova worked as an Assistant Professor of Comparative Politics at the University of Innsbruck, Austria (2013-2016) and held a three-year post-doctoral fellowship at Leiden University, the Netherlands (2010-2013) before that. During the 2015-2016 academic year she conducted research on the effect of electoral regulation on party competition as a EURIAS fellow at the Netherlands Institute of Advanced Study (NIAS). Her work compares new and established democracies and has appeared in *Comparative European Politics*, *East European Politics*, *International Political Science Review*, *Party Politics*, *Political Studies*, *Representation* as well as in several edited book volumes. She is a co-editor of the *European Political Science* journal.



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



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.



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