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**Parental leave:** 6 months (throughout November 3rd, 2021 - September 16th, 2022)

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## Research interests

European Union, bureaucratic politics and policymaking, regulatory and participatory governance, stakeholder consultations, interest groups, lobbying regulation, methodology of interest groups research.

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## Employment

- 04/2022-present Professor, Department of Comparative politics, University of Bergen, Norway.
- 02/2019-04/2022 Associate professor, Department of Comparative politics, University of Bergen, Norway.
- 09/2016-01/2019 Lecturer in Politics, Department of Politics and IR, University of Southampton, UK.
- 09/2014-08/2016 Marie Curie Research Fellow, University College London, Department of Political Science, UK.
- 09/2013-08/2014 Max Weber Fellow, European University Institute, Florence, Italy.
- 10/2012-06/2013 Fulbright Schuman Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Center for European Studies, USA.
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## Education

- 2008 - 2012 PhD in Political Science (Accepted without revisions)  
Trinity College Dublin, Department of Political Science, Ireland.
- 2009 - 2010 Postgraduate Diploma in Statistics  
Trinity College Dublin, School of Computer Science and Statistics
- 2006 - 2007 Master of Arts in Political Science (Distinction)  
Central European University, Budapest, Hungary
- 2002 - 2006 Bachelor of Arts in Political Science  
Degree course taught in English  
University of Bucharest, Faculty of Political Science, Romania
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## Research grants

- 2018 European Research Council (ERC) Starting Grant 2018. CONSULTATIONEFFECTS  
Grant no. 804288 (2019 - 2024) (€1,424856) .
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## Research articles

- 2024 19. Adriana Bunea, Reto Wueest, Sergiu Lipcean “Mapping the policy space of public consultations: evidence from the European Union.” *Journal of European Public Policy* Online first: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13501763.2024.2320836>.

- 2024 18. Adriana Bunea & Sergiu Lipcean “Understanding patterns of stakeholder participation in public commenting on bureaucratic policymaking: Evidence from the European Union.” *Regulation & Governance*. 18: 874-895. <https://doi.org/10.1111/rego.12551>.
- 2023 17. Adriana Bunea & Idunn Nørbech. “Preserving the old or building the new? Reputation-building through strategic talk and engagement with stakeholder inputs by the European Commission.” *Journal of European Public Policy* 30(9): 1762-1792.
- 2023 16. Adriana Bunea & Joe M. Chrisp “Reconciling participatory and evidence-based policymaking in the EU Better Regulation policy: mission (im)possible?” *Journal of European Integration* 45(5): 729-750.
- 2022 15. Adriana Bunea, Raimondas Ibenskas & Florian Weiler. “Interest group networks in the European Union.” *European Journal of Political Research* 61(3): 718-739.
- 2021 14. Raimondas Ibenskas & Adriana Bunea. “Legislators, organizations and ties: understanding interest group recognition in the European Parliament.” *European Journal of Political Research* 60(3): 560-583.
- 2020 13. Adriana Bunea. “Understanding the European Commission’s use of politicisation in the negotiation of interinstitutional agreements.” *Journal of European Public Policy*. 27(3): 439-459. Part of the special issue on EU Actors under Pressure: Politicisation and Depoliticisation as Strategic Responses edited by Christine Reh, Christel Koop, Edoardo Bressanelli.
- 2019 12. Adriana Bunea & Vlad Gross. “Regulating Lobbying Through Voluntary Transparency Clubs: the Connoisseurs’ Assessment. Evidence from the European Union.” *Public Administration* 97(4): 797-813.
- 2019 11. Adriana Bunea. “Regulating European Union lobbying: in whose interest?”. *Journal of European Public Policy* 26(11): 1579-1599.
- 2018 10. Adriana Bunea. “Legitimacy through targeted transparency? Regulatory effectiveness and legitimacy of lobbying regulation in the European Union.” *European Journal of Political Research* 57(2): 378-403.
- 2017 9. Adriana Bunea. “Designing stakeholder consultations: reinforcing or alleviating bias in the European Union system of governance?” *European Journal of Political Research* 56(1): 46-69.
- 2017 8. Adriana Bunea & Raimondas Ibenskas. “Unveiling patterns of contestation over Better Regulation reforms in the European Union.” *Public Administration* 95(3): 589-604.
- 2017 7. Adriana Bunea & Raimondas Ibenskas. “Estimating interest groups’ policy positions through content analysis: A discussion of quantitative and qualitative text analysis applied to EU lobbying studies.” *European Political Science* 16(3): 337-353. Special issue on ‘Methods in interest groups research’ edited by Rainer Eising and Helene Helboe Pedersen.
- 2015 6. Adriana Bunea & Raimondas Ibenskas. “Quantitative text analysis and the studying of EU lobbying and interest groups.” *European Union Politics* 16(3): 429-455.
- 2015 5. Adriana Bunea. “Sharing ties and preferences: Stakeholders’ position alignments in the European Commission’s open consultations.” *European Union Politics* 16(2): 281-299.
- 2015 4. Adriana Bunea & Robert Thomson “Consultations with interest groups and the empowerment of executives: Evidence from the European Union.” *Governance* 28(4): 517-531.
- 2014 3. Adriana Bunea & Frank R. Baumgartner. “The State of the Discipline: Authorship, Research Designs, and Citation Patterns in Studies of EU Interest Groups and Lobbying.” *Journal of European Public Policy* 21(10): 1412-1434.

- 2014 2. Adriana Bunea. “Explaining Interest Groups’ articulation of Policy Preferences in the European Commission’s Open Consultations. An Analysis of the Environmental Policy Area.” *Journal of Common Market Studies* 52(6): 1224-1241.
- 2013 1. Adriana Bunea. “Issues, preferences and ties: determinants of EU interest groups’ preference attainment in the environmental policy area.” *Journal of European Public Policy* 20(4): 552-570.

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## Book chapters

- Forthcoming 2025 4. Adriana Bunea & Idunn Nørbech. Public policymaking and stakeholder consultations in Norway. In Allern, Elin H., Malfrid Braut-Hegghammer, Kristoffer Kolltveit and Bjørn Erik Rasch (eds.) *The Oxford Handbook of Norwegian Politics*. Oxford University Press.
- 2020 3. Adriana Bunea. “Stakeholder consultations.” In Phil Harris, Alberto Bitonti, Craig S. Fleischer and Anne Skorkjaer Binderkrantz (eds.) *The Palgrave Encyclopaedia of Interest Groups, Lobbying and public Affairs*. Palgrave.
- 2018 2. Adriana Bunea. “Reconciling the ‘logic of influence’ and the ‘logic of membership’ in the EU: The case of lobbying networks in environmental consultations.” In Dialer, Doris and Richter, Margarethe (eds.) *Lobbying in the European Union: Successful Strategies and Techniques*. Springer.
- 2015 1. Adriana Bunea. “Evaluating Pluralism: Interest Group Policy Demands and Lobbying Success in the European Commission’s Open Consultations: A Case Study in Environmental Policy.”. In P. Shotton and P.G. Nixon (eds.) *Interest Groups in the European Union: Changing Times, Changing Minds*. Ashgate.

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## Fellowships and awards

- 2022 Fernand Braudel Fellowship at the European University Institute, SPS Department.
- 2020 The Meltzer Young Researcher Award, University of Bergen. (150,000 NOK.)
- 2014 - 2016 Marie Curie Intra-European Research Fellowship for Career Development at University College London. (Individual grant. Funding institution: European Commission)
- 2013 - 2014 Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellowship. European University Institute, Florence, Italy.
- 2012 - 2013 Fulbright Schuman Award. Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- March 2013 Travel award: Occasional Lecturer Fund. Awarded by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES), Fulbright Scholar Program, USA.
- 2009 - 2012 Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences Postgraduate Scholarship. Independent research grant awarded in a national level competition
- 2008 - 2009 Trinity College Award: PhD in Political Science, Trinity College Dublin

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## Invited talks and presentations

### Policy

- November 2023 Presentation at the Committee of Regions’ RegHub workshop on Fit for Future. November 27th, 2023. Presentation title ‘The EU stakeholder feedback mechanism’.
- October 2019 Presentation at the Third Workshop of the Regional Hub platform of the Committee of Regions. Brussels, Belgium. October 23rd, 2019. Presentation title ‘Promises and Pitfalls of Stakeholder Consultations in the EU’.
- September 2019 Presentation at the Third Annual conference on Regulatory Scrutiny in the EU organised by the European Commission’s Regulatory Scrutiny Board. Brussels, Belgium. September 19th, 2019. Presentation title ‘Promises and Pitfalls of Stakeholder Consultations in the EU’.

## Academic

October 2024	Presentation at the Digital Democracy Workshop. University of Zurich, Digital Society Initiative.
January 2024	Presentation at the seminar on ‘New Challenges to Democracy: How can R&I contribute to a future robust society’ organised in Brussels by the University of Bergen and NORCE.
November 2023	Presentation in the Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg, Public Administration and Public Policy seminar group.
October 2023	Presentation at the 2023 Stein Rokkan Symposium organised by the Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen.
September 2022	Presentation at the Tuesday Seminar of the ARENA Center, University of Oslo, Norway.
May 2021	Presentation in the departmental seminar of the Department of Political Science and Management, University of Adger, Norway.
November 2020	Presentation in the ECPR Standing Group on Interest Group webinar on ‘The Eu Transparency Register’.
June 2020	Presentation in the ECPR Standing Group on Interest Group webinar on ‘Consulting civil society in times of crisis’.
November 2019	Presentation at the workshop on ‘Bureaucrats and Politics’ organised at the Norwegian Business School BI. November 28-29th.
November 2019	Presentation at the Department of Political Science, University of Oslo, Research group seminar. November 22nd.
May 2019	Presentation at the PAIRDEM mini-conference ‘Party-Interest Group Relationships in Contemporary Democracies’, organised at the University of Oslo, Norway, by Prof. Elin Haugsgjerd Allern. May 22-24th 2019.
January 2018	Presentation in the workshop on ‘The Commission: the Core of the Union’ organised at Aarhus University, Denmark, by Prof. Jens Blom-Hansen. January 18-19th 2018.
December 2017	Presentation in the workshop on ‘Politicising and de-politicising the EU’ organised at King’s College, London, UK. December 15-16th, 2017.
March 2017	Presentation in the workshop on ‘Democracy Beyond Elections: Empowering Citizens, Strengthening Participation.’ University of Bristol, Law School. Workshop funded by the British Academy Rising Stars Awards scheme. March 17-18th, 2017.
December 2016	Presentation in the Conference on ‘Inequality and Fairness of Political Reforms’ organised by the Collaborative Research Centre SFB 884: Political Economy of Reforms’. University of Mannheim. December 8-9th, 2016.
October 2016	Presentation at the departmental research seminar, Department of Political Economy, King’s College London. October 26th, 2016.
December 2015	Presentation in the workshop on ‘The Better Regulation Agenda: Achievements and Challenges ahead?’, organised by Maastricht University in Brussels, Belgium. December 3-4th, 2015.

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## Conference presentations

- American Political Science Association (APSA) annual conference: 2015, 2016, 2019, 2020
- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) annual conference: 2011, 2012, 2015
- European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR) general conference: 2011, 2013, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2023
- ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops: 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2023

- European Political Science Association (EPSA) annual conference: 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021
- European Union Studies Association (EUSA) bi-annual conference: 2013
- EUI Max Weber Conference: 2016
- Council for European Studies (CES): 2015
- Bi-annual Pan-European Conference on the European Union (EU SG): 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2021
- UACES annual conference: 2018, 2021

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## Teaching

- Spring 2018      **PAIR2004 Research skills in Politics and IR.** Undergraduate course. Course lecturer. Co-taught with Dr. John Boswell & Dr. Raimondas Ibenskas  
University of Southampton. Department of Politics and International Relations.
- Spring 2018      **PAIR2010 Democracy and the Modern State.** Undergraduate course. Course lecturer. Co-taught with Dr. Jack Corbett  
University of Southampton. Department of Politics and International Relations.
- Fall 2017 & 2018      **PAIR2037/3046 Comparative Lobbying and Interest Group Politics. Undergraduate course.** Course convenor and lecturer.  
University of Southampton. Department of Politics and International Relations.
- 2017 - 18      **PAIR3003 Dissertation in Politics and International Relations.** Undergraduate, final year course. Course convenor, coordinator and lecturer.  
University of Southampton. Department of Politics and International Relations.
- Spring 2017      **PAIR2004 Research skills in Politics and IR.** Undergraduate course. Course lecturer. Co-taught with Dr. Matt Ryan & Dr. Raimondas Ibenskas  
University of Southampton. Department of Politics and International Relations.
- Spring 2017      **PAIR2010 Democracy and the Modern State.** Undergraduate course. Course lecturer. Co-taught with Dr. Jack Corbett  
University of Southampton. Department of Politics and International Relations.
- 2016 - 17      **PAIR3003 Dissertation in Politics and International Relations.** Undergraduate, final year course. Course convenor and coordinator.  
University of Southampton. Department of Politics and International Relations.
- Fall 2016      **PAIR2021/3030 The Politics and Governance of the EU.** Undergraduate course. Course convenor and lecturer.  
University of Southampton. Department of Politics and International Relations.
- Spring 2015      **PUBLG016 Policy-making and Regulation in Europe.** Graduate course. Course convenor and lecturer.  
University College London, School of Public Policy, Department of Political Science.

### Short (intensive) courses

- November 2015      **Lobbying and interest groups in the European Union.** Graduate course. Course convenor and lecturer.  
Universidad CEU San Pablo, Institute of European Studies, Faculty of Law, Madrid, Spain.

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## Supervision and examination of PhD students

- March 2020 - August 2024      Idunn Johanne Bjørve Nørbech. Main supervisor. University of Bergen, Department of Comparative Politics. PhD defended in August 2024.
- 2016-19      Magdalena Kitanova. Co-supervisor. Main supervisor: Prof. Will Jennings. University of Southampton, UK. (2016-2019). PhD defended in June 2019.

2016-19	Nick Or. Co-supervisor. Other supervisors: Prof. Will Jennings and Dr. Justin Murphy. University of Southampton, UK. PhD defended in June 2019. Currently Assistant Professor, Department of Public Policy, City University Hong Kong, China.
April 2024	PhD defence committee, (first) external opponent for Solveig Grønnestad. University of Stavanger, Faculty of Social Sciences.
September 2023	PhD defence committee, (second) external opponent for Torbjørg Jevnaker, University of Oslo, Department of Political Science.
December 2016	PhD examination: External member of PhD Examination Committee for Bart van Ballaert. Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium.

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### **Supervision of graduate and undergraduate dissertations**

2023-24	Supervising 1 MA dissertation. University of Bergen, Department of Comparative Politics.
2021-22	Supervising 1 MA dissertation. University of Bergen, Department of Comparative Politics.
2019-20	Supervising 1 MA dissertation. University of Bergen, Department of Comparative Politics.
2016-18	Supervising 3 MSc dissertations. University of Southampton, UK: Department of Politics and IR.
2016-18	Supervising 26 undergraduate dissertations. University of Southampton, UK: Department of Politics and IR.

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### **Research methods training and summer schools**

2015	Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis. Course attended: Dimension reduction in R. Essex University, UK.
2012 - 2013	Howard D. Odum Institute for Social Sciences (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA). Courses on social network analysis, Nvivo, survey methodology and multi-level analysis.
2010	Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis. Course attended: Social Network Analysis: Theory and Applications. Essex University, UK.
2010	Summer School on Interest Groups Politics. ECPR Standing Group on Interest Groups Politics and University of Antwerp, Belgium.
2008	Summer University of the Schools of Political Studies of the Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France.

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### **Pedagogical training and certificates**

2017	Certified Higher Education Academy (HEA) Fellow. Professional qualification for teaching in the UK Higher Education. (December 2017)
2013 - 2014	Max Weber Programme Teacher Training Certificate. European University Institute.
2012	Effective Teaching: A Workshop. Office for Postdoctoral Affairs, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA. (December 13th, 2012)
October 2010	CAPSL Academic Training Workshop: Teaching and supporting learning, for continuing Teaching Assistants. Trinity College Dublin. Academic practice and e-learning division.
October 2008	CAPSL Academic Training Workshop: Introduction to teaching and supporting learning for new Teaching Assistants. Trinity College Dublin. Academic practice and e-learning division.

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## Professional service

### Reviewer/evaluator for professional organisations and research funding bodies

Evaluator of workshop proposals for the 2024 ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops (2023).

Reviewer of student application for the Fulbright Commission in Ireland. (2020, 2022)

Evaluator of research grant proposal for the National Science Center Poland OPUS call. (2020)

Evaluator of research grant proposals for the Marie Curie Skłodowska Action programme. (2018)

Reviewer of research grant proposal for the Netherlands Organisations for Scientific Research (NWO). (2017)

Reviewer of research grant proposal for the Economic and Social Research Council UK - ORA research projects scheme. (2015)

Reviewer of research grant proposal for the Research Foundation Flanders - Belgium (FWO). (2015)

### Member of the Editorial Board:

\**European Journal of Political Research* (2021 - 2026)

\**Journal of European Public Policy* (October 2023 - present)

\**Journal of Politics* (2021 - 2024)

### Journal reviewer for:

\**American Political Science Review*, \**Comparative Political Studies*, \**British Journal of Political Science*, \**Journal of Politics*, \**Governance*, \**Regulation & Governance*, \**Policy Studies Journal*, \**European Union Politics*, \**Journal of Common Market Studies*, \**European Journal of Political Research*, \**Journal of European Public Policy*, \**Party Politics*, \**Business and Politics*, \**West European Politics*, \**Legislative Studies Quarterly*, \**Politics & Governance*, \**Comparative European Politics*, \**Politics*, \**Journal of Public Policy*, \**Italian Review of Political Science*, \**Interest Groups and Advocacy*, \**Regional and Federal Studies*, \**Mobilization*, \**Journal for Environmental Policy and Planning*, \**Policy & Internet*, \**Research & Politics*, \**Romanian Journal of Political Science*, \**Journal of Environment and Development*, \**International Review of Public Policy*, \**Problems of post-communism*, \**Legislative Studies Quarterly*, \**British Journal of Political and International Relations*, \**Nonprofit Policy Forum*, \**Policy Sciences*, \**Review of Policy Research*, \**Journal of Product Innovation Management*, \**European Politics and Society*, \**Political Research Exchange*.

### Reviewer for book proposal:

\*Bloomsbury Publishing PLc (2021)

\*Palgrave Macmillan (2021)

\*Routledge (2021)

### Organisation of conference sections, panel chairing and discussant roles

(2025) Track chair for the European Politics section of the 2025 annual conference of the European Political Science Association. (2023-2024) Member of the organising committee for the annual Christie Conference, organised by the University of Berge on April 23rd.

(2024) Co-chair of the section on 'Executive Governance and Inter-institutional Relations.' of the 2024 conference of the ECPR Standing Group on the European Union. June 19-21st 2024, Lisbon.

(2023) Chair/co-chair of the workshop on 'Stakeholder participation in bureaucratic politics and policy-making.' organised as part of the ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops.

(2021) Member of EPSA Annual Conference Selection Committee.

(2017) Co-chair of the section on 'Interest Groups in Modern Politics and Policy-making: Influence and Representation Bias' at the ECPR General Conference, Oslo, September 6 - 9th, 2017.

Conference panel chair and/or discussant in: EPSA 2014, 2017, 2018, 2021; MPSA 2015; CES 2015; ECPR General 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019; EUSG 2021; UACES 2021.

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## Professional association membership

Member of EPSA Council June 2019 - 2022

Member of European Political Science Association (EPSA) (2011 - present)

Member of American Political Science Association (APSA) (2015 - 2017, 2019 - present)

Member of European Union Studies Association (EUSA) (2013)

Member of Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) (2011, 2015)

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## Other relevant research and professional experience

03/2008-07/2008 Blue Book Stagiare: European Commission, Secretariat-General, Unit D1 (Strategic Objective Prosperity - Lisbon Agenda), Brussels, Belgium.

09/2007-02/2008 Programme Coordinator: Institute for Public Policies, Bucharest, Romania.

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## Dissemination of research

November 2022 LSE EUROPP Blogpost: 'Public engagement as a reputation-building device: The case of the European Commission.'

<https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/europpblog/2022/11/21/public-engagement-as-a-reputation-build>

June 2022 Paradoksal motstand mot lobbyregister. Op-ed in online versio of VG: Verdens gang. (by Allern, Elin Haugsgjerd; Bunea, Adriana; Hansen, Vibeke Wøien; Røed, Maiken.)

May 2015 Online research note summarising my published articles on the topic of EU public consultations entitled 'Examining the European Commission's open consultations with stakeholders.'. For the Italian Research Center 'Osservatorio'.

Available at: <http://www.osservatorioair.it>

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## Languages

Romanian (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate), Norwegian (intermediate).