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

Research interests

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

Academic positions

- 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, Department of Political Science, University College London, 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 (PhD thesis 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, Ireland.
- 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 PI on European Research Council (ERC) Starting Grant CONSULTATIONEFFECTS
Grant no. 804288 (2019 - 2024) (€1,424856).
- 2025 Co-PI on AkademiaAvtalen funded project NorthCarb: “The North Sea Carbon Basin: Governance for transporting, storing, and builing Carbon capture and Storage (CCS) infrastructure in the Climate Transition.” (aprox. €500,000)
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Research articles

- 2026 24. Adriana Bunea, Sergiu Lipcean, Christian Rauh. “Responsive to What? Explaining the Information Quality of Public Comments on Bureaucratic Policymaking Using

- a Text-as-Data Approach.” *Governance*. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/gove.70122>
- 2026 23. Adriana Bunea & Sergiu Lipcean. “Does public participation in supranational policymaking enhance the European Commission’s legislative agenda-setting success?”. *Journal of European Public Policy*. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13501763.2026.2623923>
- 2025 22. Adriana Bunea, Idunn Nørbech. “Does public participation foster stakeholder support for policy proposals? Evidence from the European Union.” *Policy Studies Journal*. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/psj.70027>
- 2025 21. Adriana Bunea, Idunn Nørbech. “Do government invitations to consultations shape stakeholder participation in public policymaking?” *European Journal of Political Research*. 64(4): 1872-1898.
- 2026 20. Adriana Bunea, Raimondas Ibenskas, Florian Weiler. “Policy, power and national background: understanding interest groups-legislators ties on social media in the European Parliament.” *Journal of European Public Policy* 36(5): 1440-1466.
- 2025 19. Adriana Bunea, Reto Wueest, Sergiu Lipcean “Mapping the policy space of public consultations: evidence from the European Union.” *Journal of European Public Policy* 18(3): 755-784.
- 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(3): 874-895.
- 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 C. Reh, C. Koop, E. 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 R. Eising and H. H. 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.

Book chapters

- forthcoming 2026 5. Adriana Bunea & Steven J. Balla “Lobbying and public consultations in the bureaucratic arena.” in Chari, R., Crepaz, M., Junk, W.M., Korkea-aho, E., (eds) *The Oxford Handbook of Lobbying and Its Regulation*. Oxford University Press.
- 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.

Editorship of journal special issues

- 2026 Special Issue on ‘Making Bureaucracy Public: Democratic Policymaking in Bureaucratic Realms.’ published in the *Governance* journal. Co-edited with Dovile Rimkute and Susan L. Moffitt.

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
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

Invited talks and presentations

Policy

November 2023	Committee of Regions' RegHub workshop on Fit for Future. November 27th, 2023. Presentation title 'The EU stakeholder feedback mechanism'.
October 2019	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	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 2025	Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford.
May 2025	(online) Working Group on Public Governance, Chair of Governance and Regulation, University Paris Dauphine PSL, France.
November 2024	Panelist at the 'Nobel prize Jubilee Conference: Fundamental research as the engine for social transition: Fostering international leading research environments in Norway.' organised by NTNU, Trondheim.
November 2024	Panelist at the 'Excellence in Research ERC and MSCA in Romania' event, organised by the Romanian Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding. Bucharest.
October 2024	The Digital Democracy Workshop. University of Zurich, Digital Society Initiative.
January 2024	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	Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg, Public Administration and Public Policy seminar group.
October 2023	The 2023 Stein Rokkan Symposium, Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen.
September 2022	Tuesday Seminar of the ARENA Center, University of Oslo, Norway.
May 2021	Department of Political Science and Management, University of Adger, Norway.
November 2020	ECPR Standing Group on Interest Group webinar on 'The Eu Transparency Register'.
June 2020	ECPR Standing Group on Interest Group webinar on 'Consulting civil society in times of crisis'.
November 2019	Workshop on 'Bureaucrats and Politics', Norwegian Business School BI.
November 2019	Department of Political Science, University of Oslo, Research group seminar.
May 2019	PAIRDEM mini-conference 'Party-Interest Group Relationships in Contemporary Democracies', University of Oslo, Norway.

January 2018	Workshop on ‘The Commission: the Core of the Union’ organised at Aarhus University, Denmark.
December 2017	Workshop on ‘Politicising and de-politicising the EU’, King’s College, London, UK.
March 2017	Workshop on ‘Democracy Beyond Elections: Empowering Citizens, Strengthening Participation.’ University of Bristol, Law School.
December 2016	Conference on ‘Inequality and Fairness of Political Reforms’ organised by the Collaborative Research Centre SFB 884: Political Economy of Reforms’. University of Mannheim.
October 2016	Department of Political Economy, King’s College London, UK.
December 2015	Workshop on ‘The Better Regulation Agenda: Achievements and Challenges ahead?’, Maastricht University, Brussels, Belgium.

Conference presentations

- American Political Science Association (APSA) annual conference: 2015, 2016, 2019, 2020
- European Political Science Association (EPSA) annual conference: 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2025
- 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
- ECPR Standing Group on the EU biennial pan-European conference: 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2021, 2024
- ECPR Standing Group on Regulatory Governance biennial conference: 2025
- European Union Studies Association (EUSA) biennial conference: 2013
- EUI Max Weber Conference: 2016
- Council for European Studies (CES): 2015
- UACES annual conference: 2018, 2021

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.
Universidad CEU San Pablo, Institute of European Studies, Faculty of Law, Madrid, Spain.

Invited guest lectures

Copenhagen Business School (2026), Hertie School of Governance (2020), ECPR Summer School on Interest Groups (2018), University of Maastricht (2017, 2018), University College London (2014), University of Exeter (2014), University of Illinois at Chicago (2013), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (2013)

Supervision and examination of PhD students

- 2020 - 2024 Idunn Johanne Bjøve Nørbech. Main supervisor. University of Bergen, Department of Comparative Politics. Currently: postdoctoral research fellow, University of Bergen, Department of Comparative Politics.
- 2016-19 Nick Or. Co-supervisor, with Prof. Will Jennings and Dr. Justin Murphy. University of Southampton, UK. Currently: Assistant Professor, Department of Public Policy, City University Hong Kong.
- 2016-19 Magdelina Kitanova. Co-supervisor. Main supervisor: Prof. Will Jennings. University of Southampton, UK. (2016-2019).
- 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.

Supervision of graduate and undergraduate dissertations

- 2019 - present 3 MA dissertations University of Bergen, Department of Comparative Politics.
- 2016 - 2018 3 MSc dissertations. University of Southampton, Department of Politics and IR, UK.
- 2016 - 2018 26 undergraduate dissertations. University of Southampton, Department of Politics and IR, UK.

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.

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.

Professional service

Reviewer/evaluator for research funding bodies and professional organisations

Horizon Europe, Democracy and Economic Inequality cluster. (2025)
 United Kingdom Research and Innovation (UKRI) (2025).
 Marie Curie Sklodowska Action programme (2018).
 Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) (2017, 2026).
 Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) UK - ORA research projects scheme (2015).
 Research Foundation Flanders - Belgium (FWO) (2015).
 National Science Center Poland OPUS call (2020, 2025).
 2024 ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops (2023).
 Fulbright Commission in Ireland. (2020, 2022).

Member of the Editorial Board:

**Journal of European Public Policy* (October 2023 - present)
 **European Journal of Political Research* (2021 - 2026)
 **Journal of Politics* (2021 - 2024)

Member of the Advisory Board:

*Center for Public Policy and Administration, Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland. (2025 - present)

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*, **Nature Climate Change*, **Policy Studies*.

Reviewer for book proposal:

*Bloomsbury Publishing PLc (2021)

*Palgrave Macmillan (2021)

*Routledge (2021)

Member of hiring committees

2025 Trinity College Dublin, Department of Political Science. Assistant Professor in Comparative Politics position.

2022 ARENA Center, University of Oslo, Norway. Senior Researcher position.

Organisation of conference sections, panel chairing and discussant roles

(2025) Member of the APSA European Politics and Society Section's best paper award committee.

(2025) Track chair for the European Politics section of the 2025 annual conference of the EPSA.

(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 'Interest Groups in Modern Politics and Policy-making: Influence and Representation Bias' section, ECPR General Conference, Oslo, September 6 - 9th, 2017.

Conference panel chair and/or discussant in: EPSS 2026, EPSA 2014, 2017, 2018, 2021; 2025, MPSA 2015; CES 2015; ECPR General 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019; 2026, EUSG 2021; UACES 2021.

Professional association membership

Lifetime member of the European Political Science Society (EPSS) 2025 - present

Member of the EPSA Executive Council (2019 - 2022)

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)

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.

Dissemination of research

February 2026 The Regulatory Studies Center at George Washington University, 'No Further Comment: the Erosion of Public Comment in the EU and the US'. (Steven J. Balla and Adriana Bunea)

February 2026 LSE EUROPP Blogpost: 'Will reforms to the Better Regulation policy damage the EU's legitimacy?' (Adriana Bunea and Idunn Nørbech)

November 2022 LSE EUROPP Blogpost: 'Public engagement as a reputation-building device: The case of the European Commission.' (Adriana Bunea and Idunn Nørbech)

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>

Languages

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