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## Employment

University of Houston  
2018 – Associate Professor of Political Science  
University of Mannheim  
2016-18 Professor of Political Science  
2013-15 Assistant Professor, Political Science  
Yale University  
2005-13 Assistant Professor, Political Science

## Publications

- Bubeck, Johannes and Nikolay Marinov. 2017. “Process or Candidate? The International Community and the Demand for Electoral Integrity” *American Political Science Review* 111:535-554
- Carnegie, Allison and Nikolay Marinov. 2017. “Foreign Aid, Human Rights and Democracy Promotion: Evidence from a Natural Experiment” *American Journal of Political Science* 61:671-683
- Nikolova, Elena and Nikolay Marinov. 2017. “Do Public Fund Windfalls Increase Corruption? Evidence from a Natural Disaster” *Comparative Political Studies* 50:1455-1488
- Marinov, Nikolay and Shmuel Nili. 2015. “Sanctions and Democracy” *International Interactions* 41:765-778
- Marinov, Nikolay and William Nomikos and Josh Robbins. 2015. “Does Electoral Proximity Affect Security Policy?” *Journal of Politics* 77:762-773
- Goemans, Hein and Nikolay Marinov. 2014. “Coups and Democracy” *British Journal of Political Science* 44:799-825
- Hyde, Susan and Nikolay Marinov. 2014. “Information and Self-Enforcing Democracy: The Role of International Election Observation” *International Organization* 68:329-359
- Marinov, Nikolay. 2013. “Voter Attitudes When Democracy Promotion Turns Partisan: Evidence from a Survey-Experiment in Lebanon” *Democratization* 20:1297-1321
- Kinne, Brandon and Nikolay Marinov. 2013. “Electoral Authoritarianism and Credible Signalling in International Crises” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 57:359-386
- Corstange, Daniel and Nikolay Marinov. 2012. “Taking Sides in Other People’s Elections: The Polarizing Effect of Foreign Intervention” *American Journal of Political Science* 53:655-670.
- Hyde, Susan and Nikolay Marinov. 2012. “Which Elections Can Be Lost?” *Political Analysis* 20:191-210
- Marinov, Nikolay. 2005. “Do Economic Sanctions Destablize Country Leaders?” *American Journal of Political Science* 49:564-576

*Working papers:*

“Does Social Media Promote Civic Activism? A Field Experiment with a Civic Campaign” (with Florian Foos, Lyubomir Kostadinov and Frank Schimmelfennig) - *under review*

“International Actors As Critics of Domestic Freedoms”

“Making the World Safe for Democracy: Evaluating ‘America’s Mission’ Thesis” (with J. Bubeck, A. Elshehawy, K. Jäger, F. Nanni)

“Candidate-Conditioned Cooperation in International Relations” (with Johannes Bubeck)

“Heretics or Infidel to Be? American Economic Sanctions and International Human Rights Standards”

“The Game Theory of Conspiracies with Application to Russian Propaganda” (with Thomas Bräuninger)

“The Propaganda Value of Refugees” (with Federico Nanni and Harald Schoen)

“Legislating Economic Coercion: How Congress Conducts Foreign Policy” (with Jordan Tama)

BOOK (with Johannes Bubeck)

RULES AND ALLIES: FOREIGN ELECTION INTERVENTIONS - *under contract with CUP*

*Data:*

U.S. SASCAT (Co-PI with A. Elshehawy, F. Nanni and J. Tama) “U.S. Congressional and Presidential Statements and Actions on Sanctions,” document collection and dataset. Expected first release in 2018.

NELDA (Co-PI with Susan Hyde) “National Elections Across Democracy and Autocracy” dataset, currently has all 3104 national-level direct elections for 1945-2012. Impact (March 2017): 1500+ downloads in 54 countries. The Process Party data to be added to NELDA in 2018. Currently, extending to 2018, and working on Grant Proposal “Forecasting Elections: NELDA X.”

## Education

Stanford University: PhD in Political Science 2003, MA Economics 1998

American University in Bulgaria: BA 1996 *Summa Cum Laude*

## Awards and Distinctions

Best Paper

for “Partisan Polarization When Foreigners Intervene in Elections: Survey Experiment in Lebanon” in the field of International Relations, 2010 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting

Visiting Fellowships

Center for the Study of Democratic Politics (CSDP), Princeton, Fellowship, 2017-18 (declined)

Notre Dame, Kellogg Institute for International Studies Visiting Fellow, Fall 2016 (postponed)

University of Sydney, Electoral Integrity Project, Senior Fellow, Spring 2016

UCLA Institute for International Studies Global Fellow 2004-05

### Visibility

Work referenced in The National Interest, Foreign Policy, Monkey Cage, Obama Admin, Center for Global Development, Freakonomics, Economist, FT.com, German Development Institute, Bonn

### Advocacy

Advocacy work for VarnaDisha NGO, using social media to help coordinate protests to save Bulgarian Black Sea park. Won 2012 Prize “Vreme”, awarded by Varna City and Varna Economics University

## Grants

### Funded

Principal Investigator: 2016-19 German Science Foundation, “Processes or Candidates? The International Community and the Demand for Electoral Integrity,” Grant # MA 7209/1-1. 289,620 €

### Internal and Seed Grants

2006-2012 Macmillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale, for data collection “NELDA: National Elections Across Democracy and Autocracy” (with Susan Hyde). Grant: 30,000 USD

2014-16 Mannheim Center for European Research (MZES): seed funding to develop grant proposals on international involvement in democratization. Grant: 25,000 €

2014 Lehrprogramm Baden-Württemberg. Grant: 10,000 €

2014 Cooper Fund, ETH Zürich for field experiment civic activism and social media in democratizing countries (with Frank Schimmelfennig). Grant: 15,000 €

2013-14 Autonomie Funds, University of Mannheim. Sanctions and democracy data. Grant: 2,500 €

2012 Georg Leitner Program in Political Economy at Yale: organize Democracy with Edges Conference, June 21-22, 2012. Grant: 25,000 USD

2011 Center for Middle East Studies (CMES), Yale. Survey work in Turkey. Grant: 2,000 USD

2009 Institution for Social and Policy Studies (ISPS), Yale and University of Maryland. Survey work in Lebanon (with Daniel Corstange). Grant: 37,000 USD

### Unfunded

2017 Pre-Proposal to Volkswagen Foundation “The Hybrid War of Information: A Challenge for Europe,” with co-PI’s T. Braeuninger, Z. Fassekas, A. Gohdes, D. Vatsov. 972,400 €

2016 Proposal to the British Academy, “What works in reducing corruption? Lessons from Bulgaria and Italy,” with Elena Nikolova (EBRD), Paolo Pinotti (Bocconi) and Piero Stanig (Bocconi). 400,000 GBP

2006 Proposal to the National Science Foundation, “A Global Database of Election Dates and Attributes, 1960-2004,” with Susan Hyde, Nikolay Marinov, Alberto Simpser. 500,000 USD

## Conference Organizer

*Great Powers and Democracy: Congruities and Tensions Between Power Politics and Liberalism*

One-day APSA Mini-Conference, Sept. 3d, 2016, Philadelphia, PA.

*Democracy with Edges*

Yale University, New Haven, CT, Jun 21-22 2012. Co-sponsored by the Leitner Program in Political Economy and Center for Middle East Studies at Yale University.

## Professional Conferences

*Presenter with Paper Titles, last five years*

APSA Boston, Sep 1, 2018: “Computational Analysis of Text and Big Data: Advances in Comparative Politics and Beyond”

APSA San Francisco, Sep 1, 2017: “Electoral Interveners and Limited Control”

IC2S2 Cologne, Jul 12, 2017: “Quantifying Attention to Elections with Text”

APSA Philadelphia, Sep 1, 2016: “Election Wars”, “Infidels and Heretics”

EPSA Vienna, Jun 25, 2016: “Why Foreign Powers Lose Elections?”

APSA San Francisco, Sep 3, 2015: “Social Media: Civic Optimism?”, “Foreign Powers and Elections?”

Public Choice Society, Groningen, Apr 7, 2015: “Floods and Corruption”

*Chair or Discussant with Panel Titles, last five years*

APSA Boston, Sep 1, 2018: “Contentious politics, regime change, and democratization”

APSA San Francisco, Sep 1, 2017: “Foreign Economic Policy” (D); “Propaganda” (organizer)

ISA Baltimore, Feb 24, 2017: “Elections and Contentious Politics” (D)

APSA San Francisco, Sep 3, 2016: “Lead. Survival, Coups and Mass Protests” (D)

MPSA Chicago, Apr 8, 2016: Flores/Nooruddin Book (D), “Int’l Factors/Democratization” (D)

APSA San Francisco, Sep 3, 2015: “Coups” (D and C), “Electoral Integrity” (D)

## Invited Talks (select)

University of Florida, TBA, October 5th, 2018

Rice University, “Building Elections-Related Corpora with NLP: U.S. Sanctions, Leader Mentions, and Russian Propaganda” April 13th, 2018

University of Washington, CSSS, “Building Elections-Related Corpora with NLP: U.S. Sanctions, Leader Mentions, and Russian Propaganda” April 4th, 2018

Tel Aviv University, March 19, 2018 (postponed)

Heidelberg University, Jan 23, 2018

NYU Abu Dhabi, April 6, 2017: “Election Wars”

Washington University, St Louis, Feb 23, 2017: “Election Wars”

University of New Hampshire, Feb 21, 2017: “Text as Data: U.S. Responses to Foreign Elections”

Hertie School, Berlin, Nov 3d, 2017: “Election Wars”

Stanford University, June, 2016: “Election Wars”

Naval Post-Graduate School, Monterey, May 3, 2016: “Election Wars”

Electoral Integrity Project Speaker Series, University of Sydney, April 19, 2016: “Election Wars”

Department of Government Visitor Speaker Series, University of Essex, Jan 19, 2016: “Election Wars”

Koc and Sabanci Universities, Oct 21-22 2015: “Does Social Media Promote Civic Optimism?”

V-Dem Lunch Seminar Series, University of Gothenburg, March 31st, 2015: “Social Media”

GIGA Hamburg, March 30, 2015: “Sanctions and Democracy”

CIS - ETH and University of Zurich, Feb 19, 2015: “Does Social Media Promote Civic Optimism?”

University of St Gallen, Dec 4, 2013: “Uncovering the Persuasive Effects”

CP Workshop, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, April 29, 2013: “Uncovering”

Davis Center, Harvard, March 13, 2013: “The Protests in Bulgaria”

Sabanci University, Feb 8, 2013: “Uncovering the Persuasive Effects”

Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University, Feb 7, 2013: “Electoral Proximity”

CUIPS Seminar, Columbia University, April 14, 2011: “Foreign Aid and the Coup d’Etat”

Luce Speaker Series on Religion, Democracy and Conflict, Princeton, Nov 9, 2010: “Foreign Meddlers”

CP Workshop Series, Cornell, March 12, 2010: “Process or Candidate? Survey in Lebanon”

IR Workshop, Columbia, Feb 7, 2008: “An Informational Theory of Election Observers”

American University in Bulgaria, March 22, 2007: “An Informational Theory of Election Observation”

## Workshop Participations (select)

Uppsala, Human Progress in the 21st Century, Wallenberg Foundation Centenary, Sep 21 2017

University of Konstanz, The Empirical Study of Autocracy Workshop, N. Weidmann, Sep 10 2017

Ludwig-Maximilian University, Munich, Studying Russian Disinformation, Jun 20 2017

Free University of Berlin, Book Conference for Inken von Borzyskowski, May 17-18 2015

German Development Institute, ENCoRe Workshop, Bonn, March 5-6, 2015

University of Sydney, Workshop on Challenges of Electoral Integrity in Asia-Pacific, Sep 28, 2014

PRIO, Workshop on Actors, Strategies and Tactics in Contentious Direct Action, Oslo, May 8, 2014

University of Essex, ENCoRe Workshop, Sep 19-20, 2013

New York University, Folke Bernadotte Academy Workshop, Nov 15-16, 2012

Yale, Global Commission on Elections - Workshop IDEA/Kofi Anan Foundation, March 2, 2012

Columbia University, UN PKO Workshop, Oct 30-31, 2009

Dartmouth, Why Communism Didn't Collapse Conference, May 25-26, 2007

Yale University, Elections and Political Identities in New Democracies, April 28, 2007

## Recent Teaching

2015-16 Hybrid Wars and Cybesecurity seminar, International Regimes seminar, Democracy Promotion seminar, Regime Types lecture, BA Thesis seminar

2014-15 Social Media seminar, International Democratization Master's seminar

2013-14 Economic Sanctions lecture

2012-10 Introduction to International Relations lecture, Research and Writing seminar

## Departmental Service and Supervision

### 2013-

Dissertation Committee: Dominik Ponattu, Adam Scharpf, Mascha Rauschenbach, Susanne Michalik, Anita Gohdes, Eva Bernauer;

Supervisor Current PhD and Postdocs: Marcela Ibanez, Dennis Hammerschmidt, Kai Jaegers;

Advisor: Jakob Willisch, Jason Eichorst, Moritz Marbach, Cristina Gherasimov (DAAD Visiting Scholar Mannheim 2015-16), Mark Mazureanu (Visiting Scholar Mannheim 2016-17).

BA and MA Theses Supervision: 100 +

Studienkommission Fall 2014 and on; Master's Admission Committee Spring 2014;

### 2005-2012

Dissertations of Brandon Kinne (IR), Daniela Donno (IR), Zhiming Chen (IR), William Nomikos (IR), BA/MA Student Theses Supervision; IT Committee, Graduate Admissions Committees (various years)

## Service to the Profession

### Referee:

↑ 5-9, ↑↑ 10+ , reviews for journal (only more that 5 completed reviews shown)

↑↑ *American Journal of Political Science*, ↑↑ *American Political Science Review*, ↑↑ *Journal of Politics*,  
 ↑ *British Journal of Political Science*, ↑ *Comparative Political Studies*, ↑ *International Organization*, ↑  
*International Studies Quarterly*, ↑ *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, ↑ *Journal of Peace Research*

*National Science Foundation*, *National Science Centre - Poland*, *Longman*, *Oxford University Press*,  
*Princeton University Press*, *Routledge*

## Professional Memberships

American and Midwestern Political Science Associations, Deutscher Hochschulverband

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