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### EMPLOYMENT AND RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

<b>Principal Investigator, SAFEGUARD – Families as Guardians of Democracy</b> University of Salzburg, Austria	2024-Present
<b>Postdoctoral Researcher and Project Manager for Horizon Europe Project</b> University of Salzburg, Austria	2023-Present
<b>Maternal and Child Health Program Administrator</b> Florida Department of Health, USA	2022-2023
<b>Training and Research Consultant</b> Florida Department of Health, USA	2020-2022
<b>Dissertation Scholar</b> Women’s Studies Research Center, Brandeis University, USA	2019-2020

### EDUCATION

<b>PhD, Political Science</b> Florida International University, USA <u>Dissertation</u> : Gender Politics and Policies in Post-communist Democracies	2020
<b>MA, Sociology (with Distinction)</b> Moscow School of Social and Economic Sciences/Manchester University, UK	2009
<b>BS, Russian Philology (Summa Cum Laude)</b> Belarusian State University, Belarus	2008

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Eastern Europe
- Gender and politics
- Formation of political and gender attitudes
- Political parties and social movements
- Authoritarian resilience and democratic backsliding
- Mixed methods of social research

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Peer-reviewed articles

1. Beloshitzkaya, V., & Reilly, K. (2023). Do communist gender regimes have a lasting effect on contemporary gender role attitudes in the post-communist region? (2023). *European Journal of Politics and Gender* (published online ahead of print 2023), pp. 1-18.  
<https://doi.org/10.1332/251510821X16742247424552>
2. Beloshitzkaya, V. (2020). Affirmative gender equality policies in Central and Eastern Europe: Moving beyond the E.U. requirements. *Party Politics*, 27(5), 953-964.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/1354068820906785>

3. Beloshitzkaya, V. (2019). Democracy and redistribution: The role of regime revisited. *East European Politics, Societies, and Cultures*, 34(3), 571-590. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0888325419892063>

### Book chapters and encyclopedic entries

1. Beloshitzkaya, V. (forthcoming). Women's mobilization and anti-gender backlash: The Case of Belarus. In Fabian, K. (ed.) *The war on gender and the gender of war in Central and Eastern Europe*. Lexington Books (the scholarly imprint of Bloomsbury).
2. Beloshitzkaya, V., Ceron, M. and Lefkofridi Z. Gender+ in the European Parliament Elections. In Haeding, Hoppe, Müller (eds.) *The 2024 European Elections*. Springer.
3. Beloshitzkaya, V. (forthcoming). Saliency, silence, and issue framing of domestic violence in the manifestos of Central and East European parties before and after the Istanbul Convention. In Gmainer-Pranzl, F. and N. Zwiener-Collins. *Violence against Women*. Peter Lang.
4. Beloshitzkaya, V. and Lefkofridi, Z. (forthcoming). Encyclopedic entry on responsiveness. In Pedrazzani, A. et al. (eds). *Elgar Encyclopedia of Political Representation*
5. Beloshitzkaya, V. (forthcoming) Encyclopedic entry on gender role attitudes and another encyclopedic entry on feminist methodologies. In Lefkofridi, Z. *Elgar Encyclopedia on Politics and Gender*.

### Reports

1. *Integrated report on the contributions of the feminist theory and conceptual framework* (<https://pushbacklash.eu/dissemination/>) – co-authored with Nikita Dhawan, Ana María Miranda Mora, Zoe Lefkofridi, Lara Zwitteringer, Mónika Kovács, Enikő Virágh, Zsuzsanna Vidra, Carlos Serra Castells, Lydia Bueno Sanchez, Laura Llop Medina, Magda Szarota, Barbara Helfferich, and Valentina Maglietta
2. Annual report on pregnancy-related deaths in Florida and several other legislative reports (directed composition and production).

### INSTITUTIONAL AND THIRD-PARTY FUNDING

- Early Career Grant, SAFEGUARD project, University of Salzburg (€125,399), 2024.
- GO Investigatio fellowship for fieldwork in Lithuania (awarded €3,000, accepted €1,500), 2024
- ÖGPW grant Push\*for\*More (shared with the GDE team), (€600), 2023.
- PROM Program: International scholarship exchange for doctoral students and academic staff to visit Poland and present research at the University of Lodz, (\$2000), 2020.
- Dissertation Year Fellowship Florida International University (FIU), (\$18,000), 2019-2020.
- Manifesto Research Conference Participation Grant, Berlin Social Science Center (all expenses paid), 2019.
- Conference travel grant, European Union Studies Association (\$250), 2019.
- Morris and Anita Broad Research Fellowship Award, SIPA, FIU, (\$750), 2018.
- Fellowship to complete a master's degree at Moscow School of Social and Economic Sciences/Manchester University (tuition waiver plus all living expenses paid), 2008-2009 (9 months)
- IDEA scholarship to attend IDEA International Debate and Citizen Journalism Summer Institute (tuition waiver plus all travel and living expenses paid), Duino, Italy, 2007.

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- Fellowship to study at Belarus State University (tuition waiver and a monthly stipend), 2003-2008.

### **SELECT SCIENTIFIC TALKS**

1. *Backlash. Misogyny in the digital age.* A film screening and a panel discussion, Canadian Embassy & University of Salzburg, Literaturhaus, Salzburg, Austria January 17, 2024
2. *Women's mobilization and anti-gender backlash: The Case of Belarus,* Annual Meeting of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Association, December 3, 2023, Philadelphia, PA
3. *The Gender of War: Central and Eastern European Anti-Gender Crusades.* Roundtable talk at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Association, November 11-13, 2022, Chicago, IL
4. *Father Engagement in Pregnancy and Infancy: A Narrative Scoping Review* (with Dr. Ghazi Phillips-Bell). Poster presented at the 2022 Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs Annual Conference. Virtual.
5. *Domestic Violence in Party Manifestos Before and After the Istanbul Convention: The Case of Central and Eastern Europe.* Paper presented at the 2021 Annual Meeting of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies. Virtual.
6. *Does Mode of Parental Conflict Resolution Affect Youth Gender Attitudes? Evidence from the NLSY79-NLSY79-YA.* Paper presented at the 2021 American Political Science Association Annual Conference. Virtual.
7. *The micro-foundations of democratic backsliding: Post-communist Europe's case* (with Kathleen Reilly). Paper presented at the 2020 American Political Science Association Annual Conference, September 12, 2020. Virtual.
8. *Gender Policies and Politics in Post-Communist Democracies,* University of Lodz, Poland February 24, 2020
9. *Do left parties care about women after communism?* The Manifesto Project User Conference, Berlin, Germany, March 2019
10. *Crisis in Ukraine: A Teach In Panel Discussion by FIU Faculty Experts,* Florida International University, Miami, FL, March 25, 2014

### **TEACHING AND MENTORING**

**University of Salzburg, Salzburg, AT**

**2023-Present**

- PhD seminar (Winter and Spring semesters, co-teaching), 6 European credits (6 ECTS)
- Qualitative coding lab (designed and taught a research-led course for bachelor and master-level students), 6 ECTS.
- Methods of qualitative text analysis and their application (designed and co-taught), 6 ECTS.
- Mentored four interns (150 hours each).

**Florida International University, Miami FL**

**2014-2020**

- Part-time Instructor (May-December 2020)
- Dissertation Fellow (full-time, August 2019 - April 2020)
- Teaching Assistant (part-time, August 2014 – July 2019): with the exception of three semesters, I designed and taught my own courses during this period

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**Courses designed and taught at the bachelor level:**

- International Organizations
- Comparative Politics: Theory and Practice
- Russian Politics
- Introduction to Comparative Politics
- Writing and Rhetoric I
- Writing and Rhetoric II

**Courses designed:**

- Gender and Politics in International Relations and Comparative Politics: Theories, Methods, Applications
- Women and Politics: Public Policies in Comparative Perspective
- Central and East European Politics: From Democratization to Backsliding
- Methods of Social Research

**As an instructor:**

- Designed and taught one undergraduate course a semester, with about 40 participants
- Designed educational materials and presentations
- Delivered regular lectures
- Planned student assignments and monitored their timely completion
- Monitored student progress and provided written and oral feedback and evaluation
- Exercised independent judgment in course planning, delivery, and student evaluation

**Broward College, Coconut Creek, FL**

**2011-2014**

Part-time instructor teaching three-four courses a semester  
Model United Nations co-advisor (2013-2014)

**Courses designed and taught:** General Sociology and Social Problems

**SERVICE**

- Habilitation Committee in Sociology and Political Science, University of Salzburg, 2024
- Graduate Advisory Board, University Graduate School, Florida International University, 2018-2020
- Intern development and training in quantitative methods Florida Department of Health
- Reviewer for *Party Politics*, *American Political Science Review*, *Government and Opposition*