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Research interests	Transparency, Information and Media Policy, Media Freedom, Gender Substantive research interests in (1) transparency and accountability reforms with a special focus on access to information and digital government policies, (2) gender representation, gender equality, and gender-based violence, and (3) media freedom, with focus on the safety of journalists.
Academic positions	European University Institute, Florence, Italy Research Fellow at RSCAS (EGPP) 2024 - Research Associate at RSCAS (CMPF) 2020 - 2024
	University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, United Kingdom Research Associate at the School of Social Work & Social Policy 2018 - 2019
Fellowships	re:constitution Fellow 2025 - 2026 Forum Transregionale Studien & Democracy Reporting International
	Luis Moreno Visiting Fellow 05-06/2025 Spanish National Research Council - CSIC
	Human-Centric Cyber-Security Partnership Fellow 01-06/2025 Electoral Integrity Project
	Visiting Research Fellow 02/2023 Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of Geneva, Switzerland
Education	PhD, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow , Political Science 2020 Supervisors: Prof Brandenburg, Prof Greene
	MA, Central European University (CEU), Budapest , Public Policy 2010
	MA, Comenius University, Bratislava , Journalism 2008
Public engagement activities	Policy engagement 1. Peer-review of the Slovak Whistleblower Protection Office's analysis, 2022 2. Written evidence to the UK Parliamentary Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee on The Cabinet Office Freedom of Information Clearing House, 26 October 2021 3. Oral evidence to the UK Parliamentary Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee on The Cabinet Office Freedom of Information Clearing House, 26 October 2021
	Selected blog posts and opinion pieces 1. I governi devono considerare le leggi sull'accesso agli atti come opportunità, non come minacce. La Repubblica, 28 September 2023 2. Access to public-sector information remains challenging in many European countries. CMPF Blog, 28 September 2023 3. Better data and responsible political leaders are urgently needed to tackle violence against women journalists. CMPF Blog, 25 November 2021 4. The experience of journalists with the FOI process is often marked by delays,

unresponsiveness, or refusals on unverifiable grounds. LSE British Politics and Policy Blog, 25 May 2021

Presentations

Invited talks

Instituto de Ciencia Política, Universidad Católica de Chile	2026
European University Institute: European Governance and Politics Programme (EGPP) Seminar Series, EGPP Annual Conference, Applied Data Science for Social Research Working Group Seminar Series, Electoral Integrity Project: Fellows Seminars, Spanish National Research Council: IPP Seminars	2025
European University Institute: CMPF's Book Launch	2024
European University Institute: CMPF's Online School for Journalists and Media Practitioners, Comenius University: PhD seminar series	2021
Scottish Information Commissioner's Office: Freedom of Information Conference 2019	

Professional associations' conferences

European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)	2019, 2020, 2021
European Political Science Association (EPSA)	2018, 2020, 2021, 2025

Practitioner events

mySociety webinar - Putting transparency to the test	2025
UNESCO Artificial Intelligence for Information Accessibility Conference	2024
UNESCO World Press Freedom Day Conference	2024
Annual Media Pluralism Monitor Conference	2021, 2022, 2023
The Impacts of Civic Technology Conference	2016, 2018

Presentations at workshops and summer schools

Summer Institute in Computational Social Sciences in Bologna	2024
Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies Joint Sessions of Workshops	2024
DATA & SOCIETY Workshop (<i>virtual</i>)	2021
Swiss Summer School of Democracy Studies (<i>Zurich</i>)	2019
Government and Public Policy Departmental Colloquium (<i>Glasgow</i>)	2017 - 2019
Oxford Internet Institute Summer Doctoral Programme (<i>Oxford</i>)	2017

Teaching

Undergraduate level

L2305: Research Methods for Political Scientists, University of Strathclyde	2016-17
Focus: quantitative and qualitative methods, research design, ethics	
L2103: Politics 1b, University of Strathclyde	2016
L2102: Politics 1a, University of Strathclyde	2015

PhD level

Illiberal media policies and resistance to them, EUI and SNS Summer School	2025
Writing for Publication, Matej Bel University	2024
Career Outside Academia, Matej Bel University	2024
Quantitative Text Analysis, University of Strathclyde	2020

Awards, scholarships and grants

EUI Widening Europe Programme (€28,130)	2026
re:constitution Fellowship (€15,000)	2025
IPP Visiting Fellowship, Spanish National Research Council (€1,300)	2025
Electoral Integrity Project (€1,500)	2025
CIVICA Faculty Short Visits, CEU (€600)	2024
Summer Institute for Computational Social Science, University of Bologna	2024
ECPR Political Communication Best Paper Award	2021
Travel grant, University of Lucerne	07/2019
Spring school bursary, University of Oxford	2018, 2019

	Fellowship, Zurich Summer School for Women in Political Methodology	07/2018
	Full IPPI/GPP PhD Scholarship, University of Strathclyde (€52,000)	2015 - 2018
	Full CEU Budapest Foundation Doctoral Fellowship (€63,000)	declined
	New Europe 100	2015
	Full Magyar Telekom MA Scholarship, CEU	2009 - 2010
Skills		
	Research skills	
	Quantitative methods (quantitative text analysis, surveys and survey experiments)	
	Qualitative methods (conducted over 60 interviews and several focus groups in sensitive contexts in the UK and Slovakia, e.g. with civil servants and investigative journalists)	
	Experience with ethics applications that required the use of sensitive data	
	Software	
	R, L ^A T _E X, SPSS, Qualtrics, MS Office	
	Languages	
	Slovak (native), English, Czech (fluent), French, Italian (intermediate)	
Professional experience outside academia		
	Affiliated researcher, IRM, Open Government Partnership	2014 - 2020
	Evaluating the Slovak government's commitments in the transparency and accountability area.	
	Regularly liaised with the Slovak government and the public administration on its progress with the government commitments.	
	Researcher and project manager, Slovak Governance Institute	2010 - 2015
	Conducting research on access to information, coordinating civic tech projects (What-DoTheyKnow and FixMyStreet equivalents), organising events	
	Intern, Center for Media, Data and Society at CEU	06 - 09/2010
	Assisting the organisers of the Google CEU conference Internet at Liberty 2010: The promise and peril of online free expression	
Service to the profession		
	Service to the community	
	Member of the Harassment Policy Committee, EUI	2024 -
	Organisation of the Media Pluralism Monitor Final Conference	2022 - 2023
	Member of the Athena Swan Committee, University of Strathclyde	2017 - 2018
	Associate Editor for <i>Political Research Exchange</i>	2025 -
	Reviewer for <i>Journal of Information Technology and Politics; Journalism; Journalism Practice; Problems of Post-Communism; Media, War & Conflict; Politics in Central Europe; Cogent Social Sciences; Feminist Media Studies, Media International Australia, Studies in Communication Sciences</i>	
References		
	Prof Erik Jones , European University Institute, erik.jones@eui.eu	
	Joanna Wielgo , Project Manager, European University Institute, joanna.wielgo@eui.eu	
	Prof Zachary Greene , University of Strathclyde, zachary.greene@strath.ac.uk	
	Prof Gregory Michener , Fundação Getulio Vargas (FGV-EBAPE), gregory.michener@fgv.br	