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Research Interests

Democratic backsliding, political behavior, (in)tolerance, survey and survey experiments

Academic Employment

- 05/2026–ongoing **Senior Scientist**, [Research Network Democracy and Human Rights](#),
Department of Government, University of Vienna
- 10/2022–05/2026 **PhD Researcher**, EU Horizon 2020 [AUTHLIB](#), University of Vienna
- 12/2021–10/2022 **Researcher**, European Social Survey HQ, University of London

Education

- 10/2022–05/2026 **PhD in Political Science** (with honors)
Department of Government, University of Vienna
Supervisors: Sylvia Kritzinger and Markus Wagner
Committee: Theresa Gessler, Christopher Claassen & Thomas Meyer
- 09/2019–06/2021 **M.A. in Nationalism Studies and Ethnic and Minority Policy**
(with distinction)
Central European University, Vienna, Austria
- 08/2015–05/2019 **B.A. in Economics, Politics and Social Thought**
Bard College Berlin, Germany
Major: Politics

Publications

Vukovic, Marta, Susanna Bastaroli, and Sylvia Kritzinger. 2025. “Reckoning with the Past: Victims, Heroes, or Perpetrators? Italians’ Perceptions of WWII History.” In *Authoritarian Trends and Parliamentary Democracy in Europe*, edited by Oliver Rathkolb and Sybille Steinbacher. Göttingen: Wallstein Verlag. ISBN: [978-3-8353-5866-9](#).

Hanson, Tim, Rory Fitzgerald, Eva Izpuruua, and Marta Vukovic. 2025. “Surely Shorter Is Better? A Questionnaire Length Experiment in a Self-Completion Survey.” *Survey Research Methods* 19(2): 139–152. DOI: [10.18148/srm/2025.v19i2.8348](https://doi.org/10.18148/srm/2025.v19i2.8348).

Working Papers

Vukovic, Marta. “Beyond the Surface: Incoherent Understandings of Democracy Among Europeans”. R&R, *Democratization*.

Vukovic, Marta, Piotr Zagórski, Jan Rovny, and Ben Stanley. “When Do Voters Accept Democratic Backsliding? A Conjoint Analysis of Distinct Types of Backsliding on Diverse Principles of Democracy.” *Under review*.

Vukovic, Marta, and Sylvia Kritzinger. “Democratic Defense or Erosion: The Effects of Elite Frames on Citizen Support for Party Bans”. Working paper.

Vukovic, Marta. “Rationalizing Intolerance: Why Are Citizens Intolerant of Protests They Disagree with?”. Working paper.

Vukovic, Marta, and Sylvia Kritzinger. “Drivers of Revisionist WWII History in Europe: Right-wing Authoritarianism, Social Dominance Orientation and Antisemitism”. Working paper.

Conference Presentations

ECPR Joint Sessions, Innsbruck, Austria. “Democratic Defense or Erosion: The Effects of Elite Frames on Citizen Support for Party Bans” (Apr 2026)

121st APSA Meeting, Vancouver, Canada. “Rationalizing Intolerance: How Perceptions of Protesters’ Demands Shape Protest Support” (Sep 2025)

Polarization and Party Competition Workshop, Stanford University. “Rationalizing Intolerance” (Sep 2025)

EPSA 15th Annual Conference, Madrid. “Democratic Defense or Erosion: The Effects of Elite Frames on Citizen Support for Party Bans” (Jun 2025)

ECPR Joint Sessions, Prague, Czech Republic. “Drivers of Revisionist WWII History in Europe: Right-wing Authoritarianism, Social Dominance Orientation and Antisemitism” (May 2025)

10th Annual Conference of the Austrian Political Science Association, Vienna. “(Un)conditional Support? The Effect of Disagreement on Perceived Relevance of Free Speech for Democracy” (Nov 2024)

30th International Conference of Europeanists, Lyon, France. “Drivers of Revisionist WWII History in Europe: Right-wing Authoritarianism, Social Dominance Orientation and Antisemitism” (Jul 2024)

ECPR General Conference, Prague. “Multidimensional Views of Democracy: Mapping Citizen Understandings Across Europe” (Sep 2023)

Conflict. Stability. Democracy Conference, Belgrade. “Italy and the U.S.: The Populist Case” (Sep 2019)

Liberal Education Student Conference, Utrecht University. “The Burning Building: Cosmopolitanism and Climate Change” (Apr 2018)

6th Smolny Student Conference, Saint Petersburg. “Global Citizenship: Prospects and Challenges” (Apr 2017)

Civic Engagement Student Conference, Central European University. “On-campus integration of asylum-seekers” (Mar 2016)

Skills and Languages

Quantitative: Multivariate Regression Models, Latent Profile Analysis, Conjoint Analysis, Multilevel Models

Qualitative: Case studies, QCA, interviews

Languages: Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian (Native), English (C2), German (B2)

Software: R, LaTeX, SPSS

Scholarships and Awards

2021: ECPR Winter School Grant (500 EUR)

2019–2021: M.A. Scholarship, Central European University (Full tuition waiver)

2018: Conference Grant, Utrecht University (300 EUR)

2015–2016: Civic Engagement Student Fellowship, Bard College Berlin (1000 EUR)

2015–2019: B.A. Politics Scholarship, Bard College Berlin (Full tuition waiver)

Civic Engagement

01/2020–07/2021: CIVICA Student Ambassador, European University of Social Sciences

09/2015–09/2016: “Open Campus Against Closed Borders” Co-founder and Coordinator, Bard College Berlin