
CAREER SUMMARY

Researcher • Project Manager • Lecturer

- *An organized, detail-oriented research professional* with 10+ years of experience working in the higher education industry in Ireland and Norway.
- *An experienced computational social science researcher* with a PhD in Politics and International Relations from Dublin City University with strong training in quantitative and qualitative research methods.
- *A focused data analyst* with demonstrated experience in developing statistical models and applying computational/quantitative methods to study social, economic, and political topics.
- *A data-driven and goal-oriented problem solver* with strong project management and stakeholder engagement skills, communication and event management skills, and fluent in four European languages.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Statistical Analysis (Stata/R/SQL/Excel)
- Data Collection & Analysis
- Data Visualisation
- Project Management
- Report Writing
- Oral/Written Presentations (PowerPoint)
- Team Collaboration
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Fluent in English, Italian, French, Romanian

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Housing Agency, Ireland

02/2019 – Present

Researcher / Analyst

University College Dublin, School of Politics & International Relations, Ireland

09/2017 – 10/2018

Lecturer / Assistant Professor

Conducted original research, taught courses on quantitative and qualitative research methods at undergraduate and graduate levels, supervised MA and BA students, and performed administrative duties. Served in the School's External Relations Committee and acted as Deputy Director of the Dublin European Institute (DEI).

- *Published 2 scholarly articles and 3 book chapters* in peer-reviewed, highly-ranked academic outlets.
- *Taught 2 graduate courses and 2 undergraduate courses* in quantitative research methods, statistics, research design, and legislative politics to varying class sizes (10-300 students).

University of Oslo, Department of Political Science, Norway

06/2014 – 09/2017

Postdoctoral Fellow / Assistant Professor

Hired to carry out original research within the frame of an international research programme on Parliamentary Democracy funded by the Norwegian Research Council. Other responsibilities included data collection, processing and analysis, coordination and training of research assistants, and running expert workshops.

- *Published 4 scholarly articles and 2 book chapters* in peer-reviewed, highly-ranked academic outlets.
- *Presented research results* at over 20 international conferences and expert workshops.
- *Secured external funding and ran a two-day expert workshop* with 30 participants and 150 attendees.
- *Taught 2 graduate and 3 undergraduate courses* in research methods, statistics, and European politics.

- *Wrote over 50 blog posts* to comment on current European affairs and disseminate research results in prominent academic blogs, such as the LSE-based *Democratic Audit, European Politics and Policy (EUROPP)*, and *Presidential-power.com*.

University College Cork, Department of Government, Ireland

10/2013 – 03/2014

Adjunct Lecturer

Hired to design, co-ordinate, and deliver an optional course aimed at second-year undergraduate students.

- *Delivered a module on “Comparative European Government”* to 50 students. Responsible for designing the syllabus, delivering 24 lectures, setting assessments, and marking assignments and exams.

Dublin City University, School of Law & Government, Ireland

02/2012 – 05/2014

Adjunct Lecturer

While completing my PhD degree at Dublin City University, I also worked as an adjunct lecturer.

- *Delivered a core module on “Comparative European Politics”* to undergraduate students enrolled in various BA degrees in the Faculty of Humanities (90-120 students each year). Responsible for designing the syllabus, delivering 24 lectures, setting assessments, and marking assignments and exams.

Mattig Management Partners RO, Bucharest, Romania

04/2008 – 10/2008

Romanian branch of the Swiss management consulting company Mattig-Suter und Partner

Project Manager

Hired to co-ordinate business consultancy projects.

- *Offered solutions and support* in Mergers & Acquisitions projects, Market Entry Services, and In- and Outsourcing Projects.
- *Prepared market studies*, economic subsector analyses, and comparative price analyses.

Chamber of Commerce Switzerland-Romania, Bucharest, Romania

04/2007 – 03/2008

Non-profit organisation promoting business relations between Switzerland and Romania

Executive Director

Hired to take charge of both operations and strategic management. Day-to-day responsibilities included the coordination of the economic consultancy offered to Swiss SMEs planning to enter the Romanian market, communication with Swiss/Romanian relevant authorities and organizations, such as the Swiss Embassy in Bucharest, organisation of B2B events, exhibitions, official visits, and fact-finding missions.

- *Developed new communication tools* (e.g. website, newsletter, leaflet).
- *Generated additional revenue through website advertising* (about 10% of annual revenue).
- *Increased membership of the Chamber by 50%* (from 56 to 84 members).
- *Organised common events* with other bilateral Chambers of Commerce.

Romanian Institute of International Studies, Bucharest, Romania

05/2004 – 10/2005

Research Institute affiliated with the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bucharest

Researcher

Hired to produce briefing notes on developments in European and international security strategies and contribute to publications and policy papers published in the “Romanian Journal of International Affairs”

- *Promoted to Assistant Editor* of the “Romanian Journal of International Affairs”.
- *Edited and wrote the Introduction chapter to two volumes* on “Parliamentary diplomacy” (2005) and “Fighting organized crime” (2005).

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Politics and International Relations (2008-2013)

Dublin City University, Ireland

Nomination for the Political Studies Association of Ireland Award for PhD Thesis – Basil Chubb Prize (2014)

Irish Research Council Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship (2009-2012)

Paddy Moriarty Doctoral Fellowship, Dublin City University (2008-2009)

Master of Arts (MA), Interdisciplinary Research on Eastern Europe (2005-2007)

University of Bologna, Italy

Research grant, University of Warsaw (October 2006 - April 2007)

Master of Arts (MA), Political Theory (2003-2005)

University of Bucharest, Romania

MA thesis published as a book (Lumen Publishing House, 2006)

Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie research grant (Université Libre de Bruxelles, November 2005)

Bachelor of Arts (BA), European Cultural Studies (1999-2003)

University of Bucharest, Romania

Research grant, University of Florence (September 2002-March 2003)

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles

- 2019 Cristina Bucur. “Theory-Testing with Single-Case Designs and Small-N Comparative Research: Studying Ministerial Accountability in Semi-Presidential Systems”. *SAGE Research Methods Cases*, 1-15.
- 2018 Cristina Bucur. “Cabinet payoffs in coalition governments: A time-varying measure of portfolio importance”. *Party Politics*, 24(2), 154-167. [Journal ranked 35/169 in 2017 Journal Rankings in Political Science].
- 2017 Cristina Bucur and José Antonio Cheibub. “Presidential Partisanship in Government Formation: Do Presidents Favour Their Parties When They Appoint the Prime Minister?”. *Political Research Quarterly*, 70(4): 803-817. [Journal ranked 65/169 in 2017 Journal Rankings in Political Science].
- Cristina Bucur. “A mould-breaking cabinet? Changes and continuities in the formation of the 2017 French government.” *French Politics*, 15(3), 340-359. [No. 1 journal in Google Scholar Metrics for French Studies].
- Cristina, Bucur. “Cabinet Ministers under Competing Pressures: Presidents, Prime Ministers, and Political Parties in Semi-Presidential Systems.” *Comparative European Politics*, 15(2): 180-203. [Journal ranked 37/169 in 2017 Journal Rankings in Political Science].
- 2014 Robert Elgie, Cristina Bucur, Bernard Dolez, and Annie Laurent. “Proximity, Candidates, and Presidential Power: How Directly Elected Presidents Shape the Legislative Party System”. *Political Research Quarterly* 67(3): 467-477.

- 2012 Cristina Bucur and Robert Elgie. “The development of the French executive: Endogenous Americanization”. *French Politics* 10(4): 389-402. [No. 1 journal in Google Scholar Metrics for French Studies].
- 2004 Cristina Bucur (Avriganu). “Coal Miners’ Raids and the Rewriting of History. Instruments of Legitimation and De-legitimation in the Romanian Press of the 1990s.” *Studia Politica - Romanian Political Science Review* 4(3): 733-757.

Books

- 2006 Cristina Bucur. *The weight of historical patterns, collective memory and historical legacies over the evolution of the Romanian democratization process*. Iasi: Lumen Publishing House. [Fully funded book publishing contract offered by Lumen.]

Book chapters

- 2019 Cristina Bucur and Bjørn Erik Rasch. “Institutions for Amending Constitutions”. In Roger Congleton, Bernard Grofman, and Stefan Voigt (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Public Choice*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2018 Cristina Bucur and Bonnie Field. “Selection of Presidential Candidates in Europe”. In Xavier Coller and Guillermo Cordero (eds.), *Democratizing Candidate Selection in Times of Crisis: New Methods, Old Receipts?* London: Palgrave MacMillan.
- Cristina Bucur, José Antonio Cheibub, Shane Martin, and Bjørn Erik Rasch. “Constitution-Making and Legislative Involvement in Government Formation”. In Jon Elster, Roberto Gargarella and Bjørn Erik Rasch (eds.), *Constituent Assemblies*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- 2015 Cristina Bucur and Iain McMenamin. “Poland: Presidentialization and Post-Modernity in a Young Democracy”. In Gianluca Passarelli (ed.), *Parties and presidentialization of politics: Organization, separation of power, and leaders*, London: Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2007 Cristina Bucur. “Scheda paese Romania”. In Francesco Privitera (ed.), *Guida ai paesi dell’Europa Centrale, Orientale e Balcanica. Annuario politico-economico 2006*, Bologna: Il Mulino.
- 2006 Cristina Bucur. “Scheda paese Romania”. In Luisa Chiodi and Francesco Privitera (eds.), *Guida ai paesi dell’Europa Centrale, Orientale e Balcanica. Annuario politico-economico 2005*. Bologna: Il Mulino.
- 2006 Review of Foundations of International Political Economy by Matthew Wattson. *Journal of International Relations and Development*, 9(2): 216-219.

SELECTED CONFERENCES AND INVITED TALKS

- 2018 Cristina Bucur. “Intra-Party Preferences, Primaries, and Party Unity in Parliamentary Democracies”, Annual Meeting of the *Party Congress Research Group*, University of Vienna, June 25-26 [Workshop convenor: Zachary Greene, University of Strathclyde].

Cristina Bucur. "Assembly dissolution powers and incumbency advantages in government formation", 21 March 2018, Research Seminars in Politics and International Relations, School of Law and Government, Dublin City University.

Cristina Bucur. "Presidents and portfolio allocation in non-presidential democracies". Authors' workshop for a special issue of *European Political Science* journal on "Presidents and Assemblies", University of Göttingen, February 8-9 [Workshop convenors: Anna Fruhstorfer, University of Göttingen & Gianluca Passarelli, Sapienza University Roma].

2017 Cristina Bucur and Petra Schleiter. "Assembly dissolution powers and incumbency advantages in government formation", Annual Meeting of the *American Political Science Association*, San Francisco.

Cristina Bucur. "Intra-Party Preferences, Primaries, and Party Unity in Parliamentary Democracies". Annual Meeting of the *European Political Science Association* in Milan and *ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops*, University of Nottingham.

2016 Cristina Bucur. "Institutional Interest in Constitution-Making", 3 October 2016, University of Oslo. Talk given in honour of Jon Elster's award of the Skytte Prize in Political Science by University of Uppsala.

Cristina Bucur. "The Politics of Leadership Selection and Party Discipline in Parliamentary Democracies". Annual Meeting of the *American Political Science Association*, Philadelphia.

Cristina Bucur and José Antonio Cheibub. "Presidential Partisanship in Government Formation: Do Presidents Favour Their Parties When They Appoint the Prime Minister?" Annual Meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago.

Cristina Bucur and Bjørn Erik Rasch. "Parliamentary Institutions and Portfolio Allocation in Coalition Governments". Annual Conference of the *ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments*, Munich, 2016.

2015 Cristina Bucur. "Cabinet payoffs in coalition governments: A time-varying measure of portfolio importance". *ECPR General Conference*, University of Montreal & Annual Meeting of the *European Political Science Association*, Vienna.

"Historical Parliamentarism: Early Instances, Evolution, and Constitutional Design", University of Oslo. [Convenor].

"Institutional Determinants of Legislative Coalition Management", Tel-Aviv University [Workshop convenors: Yael Shomer, University of Tel-Aviv & Bjørn Høyland, University of Oslo].

"Constitutional Democracy: Executive-Legislative Relations under Parliamentarism", University of Oslo [Workshop convenors: Eivind Smith & Bjørn Erik Rasch, University of Oslo].

"Vague concepts and poor operationalization – solutions to measurement problems in studies of government formation", Stockholm. [Workshop convenor: Torbjörn Bergman, University of Umeå].

“Challenges to Democracy Today”, The Norwegian Institute in Rome. [Workshop convenors: Harald Baldersheim & Anders Ravik Jupskås, University of Oslo].

2014 Cristina Bucur. “Cabinet ministers and parliamentary government: How institutions and internal party politics affect ministerial accountability”. *ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops*, University of Salamanca.

“The Importance of Constitutions II: Parliamentarism, Representation and Voting Rights”, Uppsala University. [Workshop convenor: Jörgen Hermansson, University of Uppsala]

2013 Cristina Bucur. “Ministers as servants to three masters. A principal-agent approach to ministerial deselection”. Annual Meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association* 2013 Conference, Chicago.

“The Importance of Constitutions I: Parliamentarism, Representation and Voting Rights”, Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul. [Workshop convenors: J. Hermansson, University of Uppsala & Bjørn Erik Rasch, University of Oslo].

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate level

2017-2018 Lecturer/Coordinator, *Research Methods in Political Science*
Core module on principles of research design and quantitative methods
BA Political Science, University College Dublin, 300 students

Lecturer/Coordinator, *Parties in Parliament*
Optional module, BA Political Science, University College Dublin, 75 students

2015-2017 Lecturer, *Democratic Institutional Design*
Optional module, BA Political Science, University of Oslo, 40-60 students

Seminar Leader, *Democratic Institutional Design*
Optional module, BA Political Science, University of Oslo, 2 x 10 students

2012-2014 Lecturer/Coordinator, *Comparative European Politics*
Optional module, BA Economics, Politics and Law, International Relations
Dublin City University, 90-120 students

2013-2014 Lecturer/Coordinator, *Comparative European Government*
Optional module, BSc Government, University College Cork, 50 students

Postgraduate level

2017-2018 Lecturer/Coordinator, *Research Design and Case Study Methods*
Core module on advanced research design and qualitative methods
MSc Public Policy, University College Dublin, 15 students

Lecturer/Coordinator, *Comparative European Parliaments*
Optional module, MSc European Politics, University College Dublin, 10 students

2016-2017 Lecturer/Coordinator, *Research Methods*
Core module, MA Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Oslo, 25 students

2014-2015 Lecturer/Coordinator, *European Politics – Political Institutions and Parties*
Optional module, MA Political Science, University of Oslo, 10 students

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Founding member and contributor to [Presidential Power](#) academic blog.

Guest contributor to [Democratic Audit UK](#), [LSE EUROPP](#) and [The Semi-presidential One](#).

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Romanian (native)
 - English (fluent)
 - Italian (fluent)
 - French (advanced)
 - Polish (intermediate)
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