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Current Position

Associate Professor, Lamar University, Political Science Department, August 2011 - present

Degrees

Ph.D., Political Science, Binghamton University, SUNY, Binghamton, NY, August 2005
Specialization: Comparative Politics and International Relations
Dissertation Title: *"Social Capital and Political Action"*

M.A., Political Science, Binghamton University, SUNY, Binghamton, NY, May 2002

B.A., *cum laude*, Political Science, Arcadia University, Glenside, PA, May 1999

Other Experience

Visiting Scholar, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Fall 2014

Visiting Scholar, Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Spain, Summer 2010

Visiting Scholar, Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Spain, Spring 2009

Visiting Scholar, Juan March Institute, Madrid, Spain, Fall 2008

Visiting Scholar, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway, Summer 2008

Certificate, Essex University Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection, Essex University, Colchester, UK, Summer 2001

Certificate in Peace Studies, European Peace University, Stadtschlaining, Austria, June 1998

Certificate in Peace and Development, *Centro Bancaixa para la paz y el desarollo, Universitat Jaume I*, Castellon de la Plana, Spain, April 1998

Publications

Just, Aida, Maria Elena Sandovici and Ola Listhaug. 2014. "Religion and Immigrant Political Participation in Western Europe." *Social Science Research* 43: 127-144.

Finseraas, Henning, Maria Elena Sandovici, and Ola Listhaug. 2013. "Religion and Demand for Social Protection: Revisiting the Substitution Hypothesis." In Dahlberg, Stefan, Henrik Oscarsson, and Lena Wangerund, eds. *Stepping Stones: Research on Political Representation, Voting Behavior, and Quality of Government.* University of Gothenburg.

Sandovici, Maria Elena and Ola Listhaug 2012. "Optimism about the future in Bosnia-Herzegovina", chapter in progress, planned for Kristen Ringdal and Albert Simkus (eds.): *Aftermath of War: Experiences and Attitudes in the Western Balkans*, Ashgate.

Maria Elena Sandovici, Tor Georg Jakobsen and Zan Strabac. 2012. "Political Nationalism and Attitudes toward Immigration: The Interaction of Knowledge and Policy," *International Journal on Minority and Group Rights* 19(2):115-127.

Vanderleeuw, James M., Maria Elena Sandovici, and Christopher A. Jarmon. 2011. "Women City Leaders and Post-Materialist Values." *Journal of Women, Politics and Policy*, forthcoming.

Sandovici, Maria Elena and Terri B. Davis. 2010. "Activism Gone Shopping: An Empirical Exploration of Individual-Level Determinants of Political Consumerism." *Comparative Sociology* 9: 328-356.

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Sandovici, Maria Elena and Ola Listhaug. 2010. "Democratic Values, Ethnic Competition and Electoral Participation in Bosnia." *Südosteuropa* 58(1): 98-108.

Sandovici, Maria Elena and Ola Listhaug. 2010. "Ethnic and Linguistic Minorities and Political Participation." *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, 51(1-2).

Anderson, Christopher J., Aida Paskeviciute, Maria E. Sandovici, and Yulia V. Tverdova. 2005. "In the Eye of the Beholder? The Foundations of Subjective Human Rights Conditions in East -Central Europe" *Comparative Political Studies*, 38(10): 771-779.

Conference Presentations

Ellingsen, Tanja and Maria Elena Sandovici. "Political Trust, Ethnic Divisions and Regime Success." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Diego, CA April 2012.

Just, Aida, Maria Elena Sandovici and Ola Listhaug. "Religion and Immigrant Political Participation in Western Europe." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, September 2011.

Sandovici, Maria Elena and Ola Listhaug: "Optimism about the future in Bosnia-Herzegovina." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2010.

Jakobsen, Tor Georg and Maria Elena Sandovici. "Political Nationalism and Attitudes toward Immigration: The Interaction of Knowledge and Policy." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2010.

Sandovici, Maria Elena and Terri B. Davis. "Activism Gone Shopping: An Empirical Exploration of Individual-Level Determinants of Political Consumerism." Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 2008.

Dettrey, Bryan, and Maria Elena Sandovici. "Correct Voting: The Role of Citizen Duty." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, Ontario, September 2009.

Davis, Terri, and Maria Elena Sandovici. "Prada for Peace: Activism Gone Shopping." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2007.

Sandovici, Maria Elena and Ola Listhaug. "Ethnic Minorities and Political Participation", Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, August 31-September 3, 2006.

Sandovici, Maria Elena, and Odul Celep. "Why do People Vote for the Extreme Right-wing Parties?" Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2006.

Sandovici, Maria Elena. "Social Networks and Political Participation." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2006.

Sandovici, Maria Elena. "Social Capital and Political Participation." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association, San Antonio, TX, April 2006.

Sandovici, Maria Elena "Efficacy, Grievances, Risk Orientation and Individuals' Involvement in Protest Activities." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2002

Sandovici, Maria Elena, Odul Celep and Zulema T. Blair "Choosing to Protest: Eastern Europe as Compared to the West ." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2002

Abouharb M. Rodwan and Maria Elena Sandovici **"**Ethnicity, State Building And Collective Dissent" Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA, March 2002

Sandovici, Maria Elena "Distribution, Repression and Diversion: Different Responses to Domestic Discontent." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society, Atlanta, GA, October 2001

Abouharb M. Rodwan, Aida Paskeviciute, and Maria Elena Sandovici **"**Ethnicity, State Building and the Occurrence of Intra- and Interstate Conflict in New States." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association Conference, San Francisco, CA, September 2001

McArthur, Denese A., and Maria Elena Sandovici "Cultural Forces and Conflict Severity." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association Conference, San Francisco, CA, September 2001

Anderson, Christopher J., Aida Paskeviciute, Maria Elena Sandovici, and Yuliya V. Tverdova. "How People Form Attitudes about Human Rights: Evidence from Central and Eastern Europe." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, IL, April 2001

Sandovici, Maria Elena, "Trends in Immigrant Voter Turnout." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2001

McArthur, Denese A., and Maria Elena Sandovici "Ethnic Ties as Catalysts of Interstate Conflict" Paper prepared for the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association Conference, Dallas, TX, March 2001

Teaching Experience

Research Methods (graduate)

Immigration Policy (graduate)

Leadership and Social Networks (graduate)

Introduction to Comparative Politics

Politics of Western Democracies

Politics of the Developing World

American Government

Principles of Politics

American Pluralism

Social Movements and Protest

Fashion and Politics

Politics and Society of Eastern Europe

Introduction to International Relations (graduate and undergraduate)

International Organizations

The United Nations (graduate and undergraduate)

Other Work Experience

Assistant Professor, Lamar University, Political Science Department, August 2005-August 2011

Adjunct Professor, East Stroudsburg University, East Stroudsburg, PA, January 2004-May 2005

Research Associate, Center on Democratic Performance, Binghamton University, Fall 2000-Fall 2002

Intern, Office of the President, Bucharest, Romania, Summer 1999 and 2000

Grants and Awards

Honors Professor of the Year, Lamar University, 2008

Runner-up, Honors Professor of the Year, Lamar University, 2007

Research Grant to attend the Essex University Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection, Summer 2001

Runner-up, Hofferbert Graduate Student Paper Award, Binghamton University, 2001

Language Skills

Romanian and German (native)
English, French, and Spanish (highly competent)
Italian (good)
Catalan (basic – B-1 certificate)

References

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