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Academic Positions

- since Jan. 2018 **Research Associate**, *University of Freiburg, Germany*, Department of Political Science, Chair for Multi-Level Governance (Diana Panke).
- Oct. 2017 **Guest Lecturer**, *University of Freiburg, Germany*, Department of Political Science, Chair for Multi-Level Governance (Diana Panke).
- Jan. 2018

Research and Teaching Interests

Democratization, authoritarianism, legitimation in authoritarian regimes, international aspects of authoritarian rule, Internet and authoritarianism, Central Asia and Russia, language and politics, set methods, quantitative text analysis, computational methods in social science.

Education

- Sept. 2014 **PhD in Political Science** (**'summa cum laude'**), *Comparative Politics Track, Doctoral School, CEU Budapest, Hungary*, dissertation: 'The Many Faces of Authoritarian Persistence', supervised by Carsten Q. Schneider.
- Dec. 2017
- 2011-2014 **MA in Central Asian Studies**, *Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany*, final grade: 1,2 (excellent), master's thesis on ideology in Uzbekistan, ethnographic field research in Central Asia.
- 2008-2011 **MA in European Studies, Political Science**, *European University Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder, Germany*, final grade: 1,5 (very good), trilingual in German, English, French, master's thesis on French European politics by using qualitative text analysis.
- 2004-2007 **BA in International Communication, Translation**, *University of Hildesheim, Germany*, visiting student at Université 7, Paris, France.

Non-Degree:

- March 2017 **Training in Quantitative Text Analysis, Web Scraping with R**, *ECPR Winter School, University of Bamberg, Germany*.
- June 2016 **Certificate 'Excellence in Teaching in Higher Education'**, *Center for Teaching and Learning, CEU Budapest, Hungary*.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Seraphine F. Maerz. Ma'naviyat in Uzbekistan: An Ideological Extrication from its Soviet Past? *Journal of Political Ideologies*, Online first: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/13569317.2018.1419448>.

Carsten Q. Schneider and Seraphine F. Maerz. Legitimation, cooptation, and repression and the survival of electoral autocracies. *Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft*, 11(2):213–235, 2017.

Seraphine F. Maerz. The electronic face of authoritarianism: E-government as a tool for gaining legitimacy in competitive and non-competitive regimes. *Government Information Quarterly*, 33(4):727–735, 2016.

Manuscripts

Seraphine F. Maerz. Simulating Pluralism: The Language of Democracy in Hegemonic Authoritarianism (under review).

Seraphine F. Maerz. The Many Faces of Authoritarian Persistence. A Set-Theoretic Perspective on the Survival Strategies of Authoritarian Regimes (revise and resubmit).

Teaching Experience

Winter 2017/2018 **BA/MA course**, Department of Political Science, University of Freiburg, Germany, 'Democratization, Authoritarianism, and the Role of Regional Organizations', Instructor.

Nov. 2017 **PhD workshop**, guest lecture in Prof. Erin K. Jenne's Research and Methods class, CEU Budapest, Hungary, 'Introduction to Set Methods and QCA', Instructor.

Oct.-Dec. 2016 **Tutor**, CEU Budapest, Hungary, weekly classes on research methods and techniques for visiting fellows from Myanmar, Instructor.

Winter 2015/2016 **MA course**, CEU Budapest, Hungary, 'Studies in Comparative Politics', Teaching Assistant of Prof. Zsolt Enyedi.

Fall 2015 **MA course**, CEU Budapest, Hungary, 'Central Asia: Local Politics, Regional Dynamics, and the Geopolitics of Energy', Teaching Assistant of Prof. Matteo Fumagalli.

Fellowships and Awards

Aug./Sept. 2017 **Visiting Researcher at UC Berkeley, California**, Department of Political Science, Professor M. Steven Fish, full stipend for research trip awarded by CEU Budapest Foundation.

2014-2017 **Doctoral Fellowship**, CEU Budapest, Hungary, full stipend awarded for pursuing PhD studies.

2014/15 **Academic Achievement Award**, for First-Year Doctoral Students, CEU Budapest, for outstanding course work and performance during the comprehensive exam.

Grants

- Sept.-Dec. 2017 **Write-up grant, monthly stipend to complete dissertation**, *CEU Budapest Foundation, Hungary.*
- March 2017 **Grant for ECPR Winter School in Bamberg**, *CEU Budapest Foundation, Hungary.*
- March 2017 **Travel grant for DVPW Comparative Politics Conference in Tübingen**, *CEU Budapest Foundation, Hungary.*
- September 2016 **Travel grant for ECPR General Conference in Prague**, *CEU Budapest Foundation, Hungary.*
- April 2016 **Travel grant for ECPR Joint Sessions in Pisa**, *CEU Budapest Foundation, Hungary.*
- March 2016 **Scholarship for Nawruz Postgraduate Workshop on Central Asia**, *University of Exeter, Great Britain.*
- Aug. 2014 **Scholarship for CEFR Workshop 'Extrications from Authoritarian Socialism'**, *RGASPI, Moscow, Russia.*
- Aug. 2013 **DAAD scholarship, Russian language course**, *Volgograd, Russia.*
- Aug. 2012 **DAAD scholarship, Kazakh language course**, *Taraz, Kazakhstan.*
- June 2012 **DAAD scholarship, summer university on Central Asian studies**, *Bishkek, Cholpon Ata, Kyrgyzstan.*
- Jan.-March 2010 **DAAD scholarship for internship at German Embassy**, *Kathmandu, Nepal.*
- Fall 2006/07 **ERASMUS grant**, *Paris, France*, student exchange program.

Academic Service and Professional Experience

- since Jan. 2018 **Coordinator, ERASMUS exchange programs**, *Department of Political Science, University of Freiburg, Germany.*
- Jan.-April 2016 **Member of the organizing committee for the 8th Graduate Network Conference**, *CEU Budapest, Hungary.*
- April 2016 **Chair of the 'Comparative Politics' section at the Annual Doctoral Conference**, *CEU Budapest, Hungary.*
- April-May 2015 **Research Assistant**, *CEU Budapest, Hungary*, project 'Osh 2010: Uzbek Perspectives', Prof. Matteo Fumagalli.
- April 2013 **Student representative in a doctoral examination procedure**, *Institute for Asian and African Studies, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany.*
- April-Dec. 2012 **Student Assistant**, *International Office of Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany*, organization of the enrollment for international students.

Conference Presentations

- August 2017 **APSA Annual Meeting 2017**, *San Francisco, California*, paper on 'Simulating Pluralism: The Language of Democracy in Hegemonic Authoritarianism'.

- April 2017 **Annual Doctoral Conference**, *CEU Budapest, Hungary*, paper on 'Pathways of Authoritarian Persistence'.
- March 2017 **DVPW Comparative Politics Conference**, *Tübingen, Germany*, Paper on 'The Conditions of Authoritarian Persistence: Classifying Autocratic Regimes by Applying Fuzzy-Set Qualitative Comparative Analysis'.
- September 2016 **ECPR General Conference**, *Prague, Czech Republic*, Paper on 'Legitimation, Cooptation, and Repression and the Survival of Electoral Autocracies', Co-authored with Carsten Q. Schneider.
- April 2016 **ECPR Joint Sessions**, *Pisa, Italy*, workshop on 'Legitimation in Non-Democracies', paper on e-government in autocracies.
- March 2016 **Nawruz Postgraduate Workshop on Central Asia**, *University of Exeter, Great Britain*, paper on ideology in Uzbekistan.
- April 2015 **Annual Doctoral Conference**, *CEU Budapest, Hungary*, paper on 'The Many Worlds of Autocracies'.
- Aug. 2014 **CEFR workshop 'Extrication from Authoritarian Socialism**, *RGASPI, Moscow, Russia*, paper on Ma'naviyat in Uzbekistan.
- July 2014 **ECPR Graduate Student Conference**, *University of Innsbruck, Austria*, paper on autocratic persistence in Uzbekistan.

Non-Academic Work Experience

- Feb.-Oct. 2011 **Project Management**, *Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin, Germany*, coordination of projects related to Afghanistan, Pakistan and India, organization and moderation of conferences and expert talks.
- June/July 2010 **Internship at German Federal Parliament**, *Berlin, Germany*, office of Bärbel Höhn, Bündnis 90/Die Grünen.
- Jan.-March 2010 **Internship at German Embassy**, *Kathmandu, Nepal*, reporting on topics related to international politics, research on human rights issues.

Skills

- Languages German (mother tongue), English (fluent), French (fluent)
 Uzbek (advanced reading skills)
 Kazakh, Russian, Italian (working knowledge)
- Software MAXQDA, Mendeley, JabRef, Citavi
- Programming L^AT_EX, R (advanced), Python (beginner)
- Methods Qualitative Methods, Set Methods (QCA), Quantitative Text Analysis, Web Scraping

Academic Referees

Carsten Q. Schneider, *Professor at the Department of Political Science, CEU Budapest*, schneiderc@ceu.edu.

Matteo Fumagalli, *Senior Lecturer at the School of International Relations, University of St. Andrews, UK*, Matteo.Fumagalli@st-andrews.ac.uk.

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