

# Bilyana Petrova

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CURRENT POSITION	<b>Texas Tech University, Department of Political Science</b> <b>Assistant Professor</b>	08/2021–present
	<b>University of Zurich, Department of Political Science</b> <b>Associated Researcher</b>	12/2024–present
PREVIOUS POSITION	<b>University of Zurich, Department of Political Science</b> <b>Postdoctoral Researcher</b>	09/2023–08/2024
	<b>CUNY, Stone Center on Socio-Economic Inequality</b> <b>Postdoctoral Scholar</b>	09/2019–08/2021
	<b>European University Institute, Max Weber Programme</b> <b>Max Weber Fellow</b>	09/2018–08/2019
EDUCATION	<b>University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</b> <b>Ph.D. in Political Science</b> Comparative Politics and Political Methodology Committee: John D. Stephens (chair), Evelyne Huber, Graeme Robertson, Milada Vachudova, Cameron Ballard-Rosa; defended on 22 May 2018.	2014–2018
	<b>University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</b> <b>Master of Arts, Political Science</b>	2012–2014
	<b>University of Richmond</b> <b>Bachelor of Arts, Economics, International Studies and Latin American and Iberian Studies</b>	2008–2012
PUBLICATIONS	Vranceanu, Alina and Bilyana Petrova. 2025. <a href="#">Welfare policy and immigration attitudes in Western Europe</a> . <i>European Journal of Political Research</i>	
	Petrova, Bilyana and Marco Ranaldi. 2024. <a href="#">Determinants of income composition inequality</a> . <i>Comparative Politics</i> 56(4), 449–471.	
	Petrova, Bilyana and Aleksandra Sznajder Lee. 2024. <a href="#">Integrating with the global economy: The evolution of the export profiles of the European Union’s Eastern periphery (2000–2021)</a> . <i>Europe-Asia Studies</i> 76(5), 696–719.	
	Petrova, Bilyana and Aleksandra Sznajder Lee. 2024. <a href="#">The effect of European integration on economic redistribution in Central and Eastern Europe</a> . <i>European Union Politics</i> 25(1), 17–41.	
	Petrova, Bilyana and Aleksandra Sznajder Lee. 2023. <a href="#">Globalization, political institutions, and redistribution in Central and Eastern Europe</a> . <i>Comparative Political Studies</i> 56(3), 395–428.	
	Auerbach, Kiran and Bilyana Petrova. 2022. <a href="#">Authoritarian or simply disillusioned? Explaining democratic skepticism in Central and Eastern Europe</a> . <i>Political Behavior</i> 44, 1959–1983.	

	Oatley, Thomas and Bilyana Petrova. 2022. <a href="#">The global deregulation hypothesis</a> . <i>Socio-Economic Review</i> 20(2), 611–633.
	Petrova, Bilyana. 2021. <a href="#">Redistribution and the quality of government: Evidence from Central and Eastern Europe</a> . <i>British Journal of Political Science</i> 51(1), 374–393
	Huber, Evelyn, Bilyana Petrova and John D. Stephens. 2020. <a href="#">Financialization, labor market institutions and inequality</a> . <i>Review of International Political Economy</i> 29(2), 425–452.
UNDER REVIEW	Global value chains participation and market income inequality in advanced capitalist democracies (with Aydin Yildirim) (Revise and Resubmit)
	Quality of government perceptions and preferences for economic redistribution
	Poverty and Economic Inequality (with Ana Petrova). (Revise and Resubmit) Chapter requested for the Handbook of East European Politics.
CHAPTERS	Petrova, Bilyana. 2025. Inequality and Poverty in Latin America. <i>Elgar Encyclopedia of Latin American Politics</i> .
BOOK MANUSCRIPT	Determinants of Inequality in Latin America and Eastern Europe: Economic Structure and Domestic Policy Choices
ONGOING WORK	The 2016 election and satisfaction with democracy in young democracies (with Noah Pruitt)
	Poverty and Social Inclusion in Central and Eastern Europe (with Ana Petrova)
	Trump, Emigration, and Domestic Preferences over Redistribution and Social Provision (with Manuela Muñoz)
	Preferences for Government Intervention in Socio-Economic Life (with Reto Bürgisser)
BOOK REVIEWS	Petrova, Bilyana. 2016. <a href="#">The Politics of Market Discipline in Latin America</a> . <i>Latin American Politics and Society</i> , 58(2).
GRANTS AND AWARDS	Institute for Humane Studies, Expense Support Scheme (\$5,000) Center for Civic Engagement, Texas Tech University (\$1,500) MSCA Seal of Excellence, European Commission 2021 Career Development Fellowship, St. Hilda's College, Oxford University, 2019 (declined) Ernst Haas Fellowship, European Union Studies Association, 2017 Dissertation Completion Fellowship, UNC Graduate School, 2017 Off-campus Dissertation Research Fellowship, UNC Graduate School, 2017 Uhlman Summer Fellowship, Department of Political Science, UNC Chapel Hill, 2016 Graduate School Fellowship, UNC Chapel Hill, 2012 Middlebury Language School Grant, 2013 Boatwright Fellowship, University of Richmond, 2008-2012
INVITED TALKS	International Studies Seminar Series, Konstanz University (June 2025) Toronto Montreal Political Behavior Workshop, McGill University (September 2024) 20 Years of the Quality of Government Research, University of Gothenburg (May 2024) Southwest Mixed Methods Workshop, University of Notre Dame (October 2022) Inequality Workshop, UNC-Chapel Hill (October 2022) Voters' Preferences and Parties' Performance workshop, EUI (June 2022) Inequality and Political Behavior workshop, University of Oxford (July 2022)

The Quality of Government Institute, University of Gothenburg (October 2020)  
 Neubauer Conference on Industrial Agriculture, University of Chicago (December 2020)  
 Department of Political Science, University of Alabama at Birmingham (2021 and 2023)

#### PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association: 2015, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2024  
 European Political Science Association: 2015, 2016, 2021, 2022  
 Council for European Studies: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024  
 Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics: 2020, 2021  
 IMEBESS 2023  
 European Union Studies Association: 2022  
 Midwest Political Science Association: 2015, 2018, 2022, 2023  
 Latin American Studies Association: 2017  
 Research Committee on Poverty, Social Welfare and Social Policy: 2017  
 EUI Political Behavior Colloquium: 2019, 2021, 2023  
 EUI Political Economy Working Group: 2019, 2020  
 Duke-UNC Latin American Working Group Conference: 2016

#### TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

##### **Supervision**

Noah Pruitt (PhD supervisor)  
 Zaur Kapanadze (PhD committee member)  
 Ivan Zapata (PhD committee member)  
 Waseem Hajam (PhD committee member)  
 Silvio Simonetti (PhD committee member)  
 Abby Miller (PhD committee member)  
 Josefina Carcamo Vergara (MA committee member)  
 Marissa McShane (MA committee member)

##### **Texas Tech University**

2021–present

Comparative Political Economy (graduate), Fall 2022 & Spring 2025.  
 Comparative Politics (undergraduate), Fall 2021 & 2024, Spring 2022, 2023, & 2025.  
 Comparative Welfare States (undergraduate), Fall 2021 & 2024, Spring 2022 & 2023.  
 Independent Study: Latin American Politics (graduate), Summer 2022.

##### **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

2012–2016

Contemporary Latin American Politics, Principal Instructor, Spring 2016  
 Latin American Politics, Teaching Assistant, Fall 2013 and 2014, Spring 2014  
 Politics of East-Central Europe, Teaching Assistant, Spring 2014  
 Introduction to Comparative Politics, Teaching Assistant, Fall 2015  
 Analyzing Public Opinion, Teaching Assistant, Spring 2015  
 Senior Thesis Seminar, Teaching Assistant, Spring 2013

#### SERVICE

Graduate Affairs Committee, Texas Tech University (2024–present)  
 Undergraduate Affairs Committee, Texas Tech University (2022–2023)  
 Comparative Politics Search Committee, Texas Tech University (2021 - present)  
 Comparative Politics Comprehensive Exam Committee, Texas Tech University (2022 - present)

Journal Reviewer: American Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, British Journal of Political Science, Perspectives on Politics, Journal of European Public Policy, Socio-Economic Review, European Journal of Political Research, European Union Politics, European Political Science Review, Review of International Political Economy, Journal of Social Policy, Journal of European Social Policy.

Co-organizer: Oxford Inequality and Political Behavior workshop (July 2022 and June 2023)

RELEVANT SKILLS	Languages: Bulgarian (native), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), Italian (intermediate), Portuguese (intermediate), French (beginner). Computer Software: R, Stata, LaTeX, SPSS, MPlus, Qualtrics, Microsoft Office. Methods Training: OLS, MLE, structural equations, game theory, time series analysis, hierarchical models, multiple imputation, experiments Fieldwork: Peru (3 months), Chile (2 months), Bulgaria (7 months), Czechia (2 weeks)	
ADDITIONAL TRAINING	Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis (August 2020) ECPR Summer School (Santiago de Chile, July 2017) Luxembourg Income Study Summer Workshop (Luxembourg, July 2016) Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Methods Research (Syracuse, June 2016) Middlebury Language School (Middlebury, July 2014)	
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	<b>National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria</b> Committee on European Affairs Summer Intern	2011–2012
REFERENCES	<b>John D. Stephens</b> Distinguished Professor of Political Science Department of Political Science University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill <a href="mailto:jdsteph@unc.edu">jdsteph@unc.edu</a>  <b>Janet Gornick</b> Director / Professor of Political Science Stone Center on Socio-Economic Inequality City University of New York <a href="mailto:jgornick@gc.cuny.edu">jgornick@gc.cuny.edu</a>  <b>Graeme Robertson</b> Professor of Political Science Department of Political Science University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill <a href="mailto:graeme@email.unc.edu">graeme@email.unc.edu</a>	<b>Evelyn Huber</b> Distinguished Professor of Political Science Department of Political Science University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill <a href="mailto:ehuber@email.unc.edu">ehuber@email.unc.edu</a>  <b>Thomas Oatley</b> Chair in International Relations Department of Political Science Tulane University <a href="mailto:toatley@tulane.edu">toatley@tulane.edu</a>  <b>Leslie McCall</b> Professor of Sociology and Political Science Stone Center on Socio-Economic Inequality City University of New York <a href="mailto:mccall@gc.cuny.edu">mccall@gc.cuny.edu</a>

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