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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

### Harvard University

- Social Scientist and Program Manager, Center for European Studies (September 2023 – Present)
- Research Scholar, Center for European Studies (September 2019 – June 2021)

### University of Michigan

- World Value Survey, Associate Director & Co-Principal Investigator (United States), (September 2021 – Present)
- Social Scientist, Center for Political Studies (September 2021 – Present)
- Research Fellow, Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies (January 2019–Aug 2019)

## POLICYMAKING - United States Department of State

Policy Expert, National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence (NSCAI) (2020 – 2021)

## EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Michigan

*Dissertation Title: "Essays on the Political Economy of Distributive Politics"*

M.A. Political Science, University of Michigan

*International Relations and Quantitative Methodology*

B.A. Political Science and Computer Science, University of Michigan

*Honors: High Distinction*

## BOOK MANUSCRIPTS

*Purchasing Power: Distributive Politics and Corruption in New Democracies. Chapters Available.*

*Under Pressure: International Organizations in the Age of Migration* (with Merih Angin and Adrian J. Shin). *Revise and Resubmit.* Oxford University Press.

*The Future of Democracy in the 21st Century* (with Ronald Inglehart, Jon D. Miller, and Pablo Davila). *Research in progress.*

## PUBLICATIONS AND ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

Merih Angin, **Albana Shehaj**, and Adrian J. Shin. 2023. "IMF: International Migration Fund." *International Interactions*, 49(1):86–113.

**Shehaj, Albana.** "Revolutionalized Learning: Education Policy and Digital Reform in the Eurozone." *European Policy Analysis*, 2022, 8,312–326. <https://doi.org/10.1002/epa2.1158>

**Shehaj, Albana.** "Prejudice and Price: Corruption and Distributive Politics." *CES Open Forum Series, Harvard University*, 2021.

**Shehaj, Albana.** "The Perils of Succor: The European Union's Financial Role in the Western Balkans during COVID-19." *European Policy Analysis*, 2020. 6(2):264-276.

Merih Angin, **Albana Shehaj**, and Adrian J. Shin. "Inside Job: Migration and Distributive Politics in the European Union." *Economics and Politics*, 2021. 33(2):315-342.

**Albana Shehaj**, Adrian J. Shin, and Ronald Inglehart. "Immigration and Right-Wing Populism: An Origin Story." *Party Politics*, 2021. 27(2):282-293.

"Backsliding in a Landslide: How EU's Fiscal Distributions Empower Corrupt Governments." *Under Review*.

"Banking on Development: Migration Management through the World Bank." (with Merih Angin and Adrian J. Shin). *Under Review*.

"Political Systems: A re-examination of Easton's Analysis." (with Ronald Inglehart, Jon Miller, and Pablo Cisneros). *Under Review*.

## WORKING PAPERS

"Prioritizing the Nation in a Globalized World: The (Inter)nationalization of Public Policy in the European Union."

"The Politics of Inequality in the Digital Era: Artificial Intelligence, Growth, and Democratization."

"Funding Authority: The Impact of EU's Fiscal Allocations on Democratic Developments."

"Governing while Corrupt: A Theory of Corruption Compensation Policies as Deterrents of Electoral Accountability."

"International Organizations and Democratic Backsliding in Transitioning States."

"Elite Trade Preferences, Economic Growth, and Democratic Consolidation: Evidence from the Emerging Democracies of Eastern Europe."

"Capital Repatriation and Trade Liberalization in Post-Communist States" (with Adrian J. Shin)

"Easton's Analysis of Political Systems: A re-examination after 50 years." (with Ronald F. Inglehart, Jon Miller, and Pablo Andres Cisneros Davila)

"Fight or Flight? Distributive Politics and Voter Behavior in the European Union." (with Monika Bauhr)

## PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

"Democracy in Trouble: Post-Communist States and the Global Economy" (with Adrian J. Shin)

"The Clash of Capital: Diaspora Investment, Russian Aid, and Democratic Backsliding in Post-Communist States" (with Adrian J. Shin)

"International Organizations and Migrant Health in Transit Countries" (with Merih Angin and Adrian J. Shin)

## POLICY AND OPINION

**Shehaj, Albana**, and Valbona Zeneli. 2024. "A Crisis of Opportunity: Addressing the Root Causes of Emigration in the Western Balkans." *Modern Diplomacy*. February 7.

**Shehaj, Albana.** 2020. "Investing in FDI: How and Why do the Western Balkans Differ?" *Tirana Observatory. Foreign Policy and International Relations*. November 5.

**Shehaj, Albana.** 2020. "After the Pandemic: Perils and Promise for Western Balkans." *BalkanInsight*. April 20.

**Shehaj, Albana.** 2019. "Strengthening electoral accountability is crucial in tackling corruption in the Western Balkans." *Centre for the Study of Corruption, University of Sussex*. November.

**Shehaj, Albana.** 2015. "How is a European identity significant to the future of the European Union?" *openDemocracy*. May 31.

## TEACHING

Political Economy of Long-Run Development, University of Michigan  
American Political Processes, University of Michigan  
Modeling Political Processes, University of Michigan  
Political Economy of Development, University of Michigan  
Introduction to Comparative Politics, University of Michigan  
Introduction to World Politics, University of Michigan  
\*Teaching conducted in the capacity of Teaching Fellow

## AWARDS

### RESEARCH

*Best Paper Award - Honorable Mention* - American Political Science Association - European Politics and Society Section, 2020

*Best Doctoral Paper Award* — Association for the Study of Nationalities, 2018

### TEACHING

*Horace H. Rackham Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award*  
University of Michigan, 2015

*John Kingdon Award for Excellence as a Graduate Student Instructor*  
Department of Political Science, University of Michigan, 2015

## GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

### RESEARCH

Rockefeller Brothers Fund - Western Balkans, 2020

Institute for Humane Studies Hayek Fund for Scholars, 2020 with Adrian J. Shin

CARTSS Faculty Award, University of Colorado, Boulder, 2019 with Adrian J. Shin

Rackham One Term Dissertation Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2018

Jean Monnet Graduate Fellowship, Center for European Studies, University of Michigan, 2015

Summer Collaboration Award, University of Michigan, 2015 with Ronald Inglehart

Ph.D. Fellowship, Political Science Department, University of Michigan, 2012-2018

James B. Angell Scholar, University of Michigan, 2011

### TEACHING

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan, 2015

John Kingdon Award for Excellence as a Graduate Student Instructor, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan, 2015

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Rockefeller Brothers Fund - Western Balkans, 2020

Institute for Humane Studies Hayek Fund for Scholars, 2020

Rackham Graduate School Grants, University of Michigan, 2013; 2014; 2015; 2016; 2017; 2018

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

### BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

Advisory Committee, Member, Center for European Studies, *University of Michigan*, 2018-2019  
Graduate Student Associate, Center for European Studies, *University of Michigan*, 2018-2019  
Graduate Student Associate, Center for Russian, East European & Eurasian Studies (CREES), *University of Michigan*, 2018-2019  
Professional Development Committee, Political Science Department, *University of Michigan*, 20016, 2017  
Graduate Admissions Committee, Political Science Department, *University of Michigan*, 2015  
Graduate Affairs Committee, Political Science, *University of Michigan*, 2012, 2013  
Teaching Political Science (POLSCI 993), Speaker. *University of Michigan*, 2014, 2015, 2016

### RESEARCH MENTOR

Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP), *University of Michigan*, 2016-2018  
The Review of European & Transatlantic Affairs Journal (RETA), Editor-in-Chief, *Yale University*, 2016-2017  
European Horizons, Research Director, Policy Portfolio, *Yale University*, 2016-2017  
Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committee, *University of Michigan*, 2016, 2017, 2018  
European Horizons Chapter at the University of Michigan, Founder and President, *University of Michigan*, 2015-2017

### POLICY SERVICE

National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence, Policy Analyst, *United States Government*, 2020-2021  
European Horizons in collaboration with the European Parliament Research Service (EPRS), Head of Policy Portfolio, *Yale University*, 2016-2017

### REVIEWER

*American Journal of Political Science (AJPS); Party Politics (PP); European Political Science Review (EPSR); Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties (JEPOP); East European Politics and Societies (EEPS); Electoral Studies; International Migration Review, Studies in Comparative International Development*  
Peer Reviewer and Country Expert. *Nations in Transit, Freedom House*, 2020, 2021, 2022

## ACADEMIC TRAINING

Post-Graduate Certificate in Higher Education, Center for Research in Learning and Teaching (CRLT), *University of Michigan*, 2018  
Preparing Future Faculty. Rackham Graduate School, *University of Michigan*, May 2017

## INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

2023 Foreign Policy Institute, *United States Department of State*  
2022 Agora Institute, *Cergy Paris University*  
2021 European Union Regions, University Sessions, *European Commission*  
2021 Quality of Government Institute, *University of Gothenburg*  
2020 Department of Political Science and International Relations, *Korea University*  
2020 COVID-19 in Europe: Public Policy Responses and Consequences, *Speaker, Center for European Studies, Harvard University*  
2020 Growth Lab Seminar, *Center for International Development, Harvard University*  
2020 The Future of EU Enlargement and the EU-Western Balkans Summit, *Center for European Studies, Harvard University*

- 2020 Political Economy Research Workshop, *Department of Government, Harvard University*
- 2020 Workshop on Citizen Perspectives on Accountability in Developing Democracies, *ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, Sciences Po, France*
- 2019 Workshop on “IO Conditionality: One Size Fits All?”, *Institut Barcelona d’ Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), Barcelona, Spain*
- 2019 Conversations on Eastern Europe, *Speaker, Harvard University*
- 2019 New Actors and Strategies for Fighting and Investigating Corruption in the Western Balkans, *Columbia University*
- 2019 Exercising Leadership in Europe: Ideas from the Adaptive Leadership Framework, *Speaker, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University*
- 2019 Immigration: Research Frontiers & Policy Challenges Conference, *University of Pennsylvania*
- 2019 New Research on Europe Seminar, *Center for European Studies, Harvard University*
- 2019 New Research on Europe Seminar *Center for European Studies, Harvard University*

## CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association (APSA) 2015 (P, P), 2016 (P, P), 2017 (P), 2018 (P, P), 2019 (P, P), 2020 (C,D,P), 2021(C)

Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) 2016 (P), 2018 (P,C), 2019 (P), 2020 (P,C)

Council for European Studies (CES) 2017 (P, P), 2018 (P), 2019 (P)

European Political Science Association (EPSA) 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 (P,P), 2018 (P,P), 2019 (P,P), 2020 (P,P)

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) 2014 (P), 2016 (P), 2017 (D,P), 2018 (P), 2019 (P)

Political Economy of International Organizations (PEIO) 2019 (P), 2020 (P)

International Political Economy Society (IPES) 2016 (P), 2019 (P)

International Political Science Association (IPSA) 2018 (P), 2020 (P)

International Studies Association (ISA) 2017 (P), 2019 (P), 2020 (P)

European Conference 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020, *Harvard University*

European Student Conference 2015, 2016. *Yale University*

\*Paper (P), Discussant (D), Chair (C)

## ORIGINAL DATA

Electoral and Fiscal Indicators, Albania 2005-2010

Electoral, Fiscal, and Corruption Indicators in Transitioning, Post-Socialist Democracies, 2000-2018

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association (APSA), European Political Science Association, (EPSA), International Political Economy Society (IPES), Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN)

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### SOFTWARE PROFICIENCY

Statistical Packages: R, STATA, BUGS,  $\LaTeX$ , C Object Oriented Programming, Visual C++ Programming, Assembly Language, LISREL, SPSS

### LANGUAGES

Albanian, English, Greek, French (reading knowledge), Italian (reading knowledge)

### MISCELLANEOUS

Nationality: USA, Albanian (dual citizen)

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