

# ALBANA SHEHAJ

---

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Center for European Studies  
Harvard University  
27 Kirkland St.  
Cambridge, MA 02138

✉ [albanashehaj@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:albanashehaj@fas.harvard.edu)  
🌐 [www.albanashehaj.com](http://www.albanashehaj.com)

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

### Harvard University

Postdoctoral Research Scholar, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, September 2019–Present.

### University of Michigan

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies, January 2019–August 2019.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative Political Economy: democratization, corruption, and distributive politics  
International Political Economy: International Organizations & migration

## EDUCATION

### University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

**Ph.D., Political Science**, January, 2019

Dissertation Committee: Allen Hicken (Co-Chair), Brian Min (Co-chair), Anna Grzymala-Busse, and Scott E. Page (Complex Systems)

Fields of Study: Comparative Politics, Quantitative Methodology

Dissertation: “Essays on the Political Economy of Distributive Politics”

**M.A., Political Science** International Relations & Methodology, 2012

Committee: Anna Grzymala-Busse, Ph.D, (Chair), Allan Stam, Ph.D

Thesis: “Post-Socialist Albania and Slovakia: Diverging Nationalist Paths”

**B.A., with High Distinction**, Political Science

## BOOK PROJECTS

“Corruption, Accountability, and Distributive Politics in an Integrated World”

“Building Invisible Walls: International Organizations in the Age of Migration”

- With Merih Angin (Koç University) & Adrian J. Shin (University of Colorado Boulder)

- Book Conference to be held in September 2020, at Koç University, Istanbul

## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

**Shehaj, Albana**, Adrian J. Shin, and Ronald F. Inglehart. “Immigration and Right Wing Populism: An Origin Story.” Forthcoming. *Party Politics*.

## ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

**Shehaj, Albana**. “Backsliding in a Landslide: How EU’s Fiscal Distributions Empower Corrupt Governments”

**Shehaj, Albana**. “Prejudice and Price: Corruption and Distributive Politics”

Angin, Merih, **Albana Shehaj**, Adrian J. Shin. “IMF: International Migration Fund”

Angin, Merih, **Albana Shehaj**, Adrian J. Shin. “Inside Job: Migration and Distributive Politics in the European Union.”

## **WORKING PAPERS**

“Financing Authoritarianism: 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 and Democratic Consolidation: Evidence from the Emerging Democracies of Eastern Europe.”

“Homecoming: Capital Repatriation and Trade Liberalization in Post-communist States” (with Adrian J. Shin)

“Who Gets What: The Effect of Socialist Loyalties on Distributive Policies in Developing Democracies”

“Into the Woods: Migration and the Bretton Woods Institutions” (with Merih Angin and Adrian J. Shin)

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

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

“Dividing a European Identity on a Platform of Diversity: Influences and Outcomes”

## **TEACHING**

Political Economy of Long-Run Development, GSI, (Mark Dincecco), 2017

American Political Processes, GSG, (Kenneth Kollman), 2016

Modeling Political Processes, GSI, (Scott Page), 2015

Political Economy of Development, GSI, (Brian Min), 2015

Introduction to Comparative Politics, GSI, (Ronald Inglehart), 2014

Introduction to World Politics, GSI, (Allan Stam), 2014

Introduction to World Politics, GSI, (James Morrow), 2013 \*Graduate Student Instructor (GSI), Graduate Student Grader (GSG)

## **TEACHING AWARDS**

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

## **HONORS & AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS**

The Center to Advance Research and Teaching in the Social Sciences Faculty Award, University of Colorado, Boulder, 2019

Rackham One Term Dissertation Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2018  
Best Doctoral Paper Award, Balkans Section. Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), Columbia University, 2018  
Jean Monnet Graduate Fellowship, Center for European Studies, University of Michigan, 2015  
Summer Collaboration Award, Political Science Department, University of Michigan, 2015  
Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, Rackham Graduate School, 2015  
Ph.D. Fellowship, Political Science Department, University of Michigan, 2012- 2017  
Conference Travel Grant, Rackham Graduate School, 2013 - 2018  
James B. Angell Scholar, University of Michigan, 2011  
Pi Sigma Alpha, Alpha Upsilon Chapter, University of Michigan, April, 2011  
Dean's Honor List, University of Michigan, 2009, 2010, 2011  
Phi Beta Kappa, April, 2010  
Outstanding College Students, College of LSA, University of Michigan, 2009

## **RESEARCH**

Visiting Researcher, EUROLAB (European Data Laboratory for Comparative Social Research) at GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Köln, Germany, 2015  
Research Consultant - Democratic Party of Albania, 2013-2014.  
Head of Research & Policy Portfolio - European Horizons, Yale University. In collaboration with the European Parliament Research Service (EPRS), February 2016-2017.

## **ORIGINAL DATA**

Electoral and Fiscal Indicators, Albania 2005-2010  
Electoral, Fiscal, and Corruption Indicators in Transitioning, Post-Socialist Democracies, 2000-2015.

## **ACADEMIC TRAINING**

Graduate Teacher Certificate, Center for Research in Learning and Teaching (CRLT), University of Michigan, 2018  
Preparing Future Faculty, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan, May 2017  
Gayle Morris Sweetland Center for Writing, University of Michigan  
WRITING 993: A workshop for Graduate Student Instructors teaching and grading Upper-Level Writing Requirement courses for undergraduate students, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Winter 2015

## **CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS**

APSA 2015 (P, P), 2016 (P, P), 2017 (P), 2018 (P, P), 2019 (P, P)  
ASN 2016 (P), 2018 (P, C), 2019 (P)  
CES 2017 (P, P), 2018 (P), 2019 (P)  
EPSA 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 (P,P), 2018 (P,P), 2019 (P,P)  
MPSA 2014 (P, P), 2016 (P), 2017 (D,P,P), 2018 (P), 2019 (P)  
PEIO 2019 (P), 2020 (*Scheduled*)  
IPES 2016 (P), 2019  
IPSA 2018 (P), 2020 *Scheduled*  
ISA 2017 (P), 2019 (P), 2020 *Scheduled*  
European Conference 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, Harvard University  
European Student Conference 2015, 2016. Yale University  
\*Paper (P), Discussant (D), Chair (C)

## **INVITED TALKS**

Workshop on "IO Conditionality: One Size Fits All?", Institut Barcelona d' Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), Barcelona, Spain, December 13, 2019.  
Conversations on Eastern Europe, Harvard University, Speaker, November 19, 2019.

New Actors and Strategies for Fighting and Investigating Corruption in the Western Balkans, Columbia University, November 2019.

Exercising Leadership in Europe: Ideas from the Adaptive Leadership Framework, Speaker, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, October 2019.

Immigration: Research Frontiers & Policy Challenges Conference, University of Pennsylvania, October 2019.

New Research on Europe, Center for European Studies, Harvard University, September 2019.

Center for European Studies, Harvard University, May 2019.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

### External

Peer Reviewer: *East European Politics and Societies, EEPS*

Peer Reviewer: *European Political Science Review, EPSR*

Editor-in-Chief: Review of European & Transatlantic Affairs Journal (RETA), Yale University, 2016-2017

Head of Policy Portfolio, European Horizons, Yale University, 2016-2017

### Internal - University of Michigan

Advisory Committee, Member, Center for European Studies (CES), 2018-2019

Graduate Student Associate, Center for European Studies (CES), 2018-2019

Graduate Student Associate, Center for Russian, East European & Eurasian Studies (CREES), 2018-2019

Research Mentor, Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP), 2016-2018

Professional Development Committee, Member - Political Science Department, 20016-2017

European Horizons Chapter at the University of Michigan, Founder and President, 2015-2017

Graduate Admissions Committee, Member, Political Science Department, 2015

Invited Guest Speaker, POLSCI 993, Teaching Political Science, 2014, 2015, 2016

Member, Graduate Affairs Committee, Political Science, 2012-2013

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committee, 2016, 2017, 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)

## SOFTWARE PROFICIENCY

Statistical Packages: R, STATA, BUGS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, C Object Oriented Programming, Visual C++ Programming, Assembly Language.

## LANGUAGES

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

## MISC

Nationality: USA, Albanian (dual citizen)

## REFERENCES

Allen Hicken (Dissertation Co-chair)

Professor of Political Science  
Department of Political Science  
University of Michigan

Phone: 734.615.9105  
E-mail: ahicken@umich.edu

Brian Min (Dissertation Co-chair)

Associate Professor of Political Science  
Department of Political Science  
University of Michigan

Phone: 734.615.4708  
E-mail: brianmin@umich.edu

Anna Grzymala-Busse

Professor of Political Science  
Department of Political Science  
Stanford University

Phone: 650.723.4270  
E-mail: amgbusse@stanford.edu

Ronald F. Inglehart

Professor of Political Science  
Department of Political Science  
University of Michigan

Phone: 734.936.1767  
E-mail: rfi@umich.edu

Last Updated: December 14, 2019