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- ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS** **Harvard University**  
Postdoctoral Visiting Scholar, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies,  
September 2019–Present
- University of Michigan**  
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies,  
January 2019–Present
- 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**

“Governing while Corrupt: A Theory of Corruption Compensation Policies as Deterrents of Electoral Accountability”

“International Organizations and Democratic Backsliding in Transitioning States”

“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”

“Elite Trade Preferences and Democratic Consolidation: Evidence from the Emerging Democracies of Eastern Europe.”

## **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**

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) (*scheduled*)

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)

IPES 2016 (P)

IPSA 2018 (P)

ISA 2017 (P), 2019 (P)

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

### Invited Talks & Additional Conferences

Center for European Studies, Harvard University, May 2019

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

European Student Conference 2015, 2016. Yale University

## 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  
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)

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Department of Political Science  
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