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ACADEMIC CAREER TO DATE

- Head of Subject, European Studies, and Lecturer in Comparative Politics, UCD School of Politics and International Relations (SPIRe), University College Dublin, Ireland (January 2006 to date).
- British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow (2003-2005): Department of Politics, University of Glasgow, UK, conducting research on 'Evaluating the Quality of Democracy in Post-Communist Europe'. Examined the nature of governance, participation, and accountability in post-communist Europe comparatively, with particular emphasis on Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and Eastern Germany.
- ESRC Postdoctoral Research Fellow (2002): Department of Politics, University of Glasgow: 'The Quality of Democracy in Post-Communist Russia: A Local Perspective'.
- Ph.D. in Politics (1998-2001): University of Glasgow, on 'The Development of Party Activism in Russia: A Local Perspective', supervised by Prof. Stephen White. Recommended award in Dec. 2001; graduated July 2002. Spent 1999-2000 as Visiting Researcher, Ulyanovsk and Samara State Universities, Russia.
- Certificate of Social Science Research (1999): As part of Ph.D. research (in lieu of full M.Res. degree), awarded for quantitative and qualitative methods by Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Glasgow.
- B.A. (Hons) Economic and Social History and Politics (1994-98): First Class Honours, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow (Graduated July 1998). J. Percival Agnew Prize for History, 1998. Spent a year at the Ruhr Universität Bochum, Germany (1996-97), through ERASMUS inter-university exchange.

RESEARCH

Main Research Funding and Grants Awarded:

The Democratic Values Gap in Post-Communist Europe: €6,500 [UCD Seed Funding Grant (SF-149), July 2007-Dec. 2008]
Amongst the issues examined are the different conceptions of 'democracy' between Western organisations and post-communist states in a normative sense; the extent to which indigenous and international democratic criteria are observed; the European security implications of the 'democratic values gap'; and a wider critique of the nature and value of international election monitoring in the context of these different conceptions of democracy.

Political Participation, Disengagement and Re-Engagement in Post-Communist Russia and Germany: £7,479 [British Academy Grant (SRG-40918), July 2005-Dec. 2007]

Even if a regime contains all the prerequisite institutions for 'democratic' governance, a lack of trust or interest in a political system can in the long-term lead to questions about its legitimacy, and ultimately, its survival – hence the concern in comparative politics about participation and its nature. Using surveys, focus groups, elite interviews and participant observation of elections, the study examined political participation in the post-communist and West European contexts, focusing on Russia (the largest post-Soviet state) and Germany (which had a history on both sides of the Iron Curtain). Key questions focused on the patterns of political (dis)engagement, its societal bases, and the impact of political campaigning and civic education upon levels of engagement. Various articles on Russia published; article on Germany close to submission, with primary materials for further research.

The Quality of Democracy in Post-Communist Europe: £88,553.12 in salary & related costs [British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship (PDF/2002/284), Jan. 2003-Dec. 2005]

The research sought to examine the quality of democracy in post-communist Europe, and particularly the Russian Federation. It examined the implications for 'good governance' of low civic engagement, 'administrative resources' (resources of the state controlled by incumbent officials), media control, weak civil society, and the professionalisation of electioneering - especially at the regional level. It also focused on growing political disengagement in the former Eastern bloc in general.

Evaluating the Quality of Democracy in Post-Communist Russia: A Local Perspective: £24,000 in salary-related costs, plus £2,363 in research funding [ESRC Postdoctoral Research Fellowship (T026271019), 2002]

This project sought to analyse in more detail the form of democracy emerging in the Russian Federation, especially at the local level, by contrasting Moscow with the mid-Volga areas of Tatarstan, Ul'yanovsk and Samara, three geographically close but politically disparate regions. The topic had several theoretical elements, examining the nature of governance, participation, and accountability.

Other grants/awards:

- University Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES): Study Group Grant, 'The "Outsiders" and the EU: Is There A Values Gap?': £2,000, 1 January 2005 - 31 December 2006. Co-convenor with Dr E. Korosteleva (University of Wales, Aberystwyth). Resulted in output of a Special Issue of *Contemporary Politics* (see next section).
- British Academy Small Research Grant (SG-35159): 'Evaluating the Quality of Democracy in Russia', £4,979, January 2003 - April 2004.
- ESRC Research Scholarship (R00429834478): £19,975 total stipend plus c.£1,350 research funding over three years, September 1998 - September 2001.
- ESRC Overseas Fieldwork Grant: £6,370, October 1999-May 2001.

Related Research Activities:

- Regular referee for the *Journal of Communist Studies and Transition Politics*, *Europe-Asia Studies*, and *Slavic Review*; UK Economic & Social Research Council (ESRC).
- Organiser of several conferences, including panels for international conferences such as ECPR, ICCEES, BASEES, and:
 - Inaugural Government of Ireland Scholars Conference on 'The Lisbon Reform Treaty' (14 February 2008, attended by 90 delegates including ambassadors and Irish government ministers)
 - Symposium on 'Russia's Next Chapter: From Putin to Medvedev' (13 May 2008, with speeches by Head of EC representation in Ireland and Counsel to Russian Embassy)
 - Section co-chair, European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference, Marburg (September 2003), Central & East European Politics – ten panels and c.50 papers.
- Included in the OSCE/ODIHR International Elections Expert database. Observed every major federal election in Russia from 1999-2004 and 2005 Bundestag election in Germany.
- Occasional radio and television commentator on politics for BBC, RTÉ, etc.
- Committee member, Irish Association of Russian, Central and East European Studies (IARCEES) and British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES).

Principal Publications:

- *Monographs and edited volumes:*
 - From Democratic Centralism to Managed Democracy: Elections, Governance and Political Engagement in Post-Communist Russia (Oxford: British Academy/Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2010/11 – contract awarded and manuscript in preparation).
 - Political Parties in the Russian Regions (London: RoutledgeCurzon, 2003). [ISBN 0-415-30218-8]
 - (ed., with Elena A. Korosteleva), The Quality of Democracy in Post-Communist Europe (London: Routledge, 2006). [ISBN 0-4153-4807-2] vii+171pp.
 - (ed., with Elena A. Korosteleva), Political Values in the New Europe, Special Issue of *Contemporary Politics*, Vol. 12, No. 2 (2006) [ISSN: 1356-9775].
 - (ed., with Elena A. Korosteleva), The Quality of Democracy in Post-Communist Europe, Special Issue, *Journal of Communist Studies and Transition Politics*, Vol. 20, No. 1 (2004). [ISSN 1352-3279]
- *Articles/Book Chapters:*
 - 'Post-Communist Elections and the International Community', *Europe-Asia Studies*, Vol. 62 (forthcoming - 2010).
 - "The Party of Power" in Russian Politics', in Jennifer Lees-Marshment (ed.), *International Political Marketing* (London/New York: Routledge, 2009), Section 9.7. [ISBN: 978-0415431286]
 - 'Russia' in Darren Sagar (ed.), *Political Parties of the World* (London: 7th edn 2009 – forthcoming). [ISBN: 978-0-9556202-5-6]
 - 'Political Marketing Techniques in Russia', in Jennifer Lees-Marshment, Chris Rudd & Jesper Strömbäck (eds), *Global Political Marketing* (London/New York: Routledge, 2009), pp.218-33. [ISBN: 9780415427227]
 - 'Russia: Electoral Campaigning in a "Managed Democracy"', in Dennis W. Johnson (ed.), *The Routledge Handbook of Political Management* (New York/London: 2008), pp.333-45. [ISBN: 978-0-415-96225-4]
 - 'How to Win Elections and Influence People: The Development of Political Consulting in Post-Communist Russia', *Journal of Political Marketing*, Vol. 5, No. 4 (2006), pp.47-70. [ISSN 1537-7857]
 - 'Democratic Values in the New Europe', *Contemporary Politics*, Vol. 12, No. 2 (2006), pp.157-74. [ISSN 1356-9775].

- (with Elena A. Korosteleva), 'Patterns of Participation in Post-Soviet Politics', *Comparative European Politics*, Vol. 4, No. 1 (2006), pp. 23-46. [ISSN 1472-4790]
- '[Political Parties in] Russia', in Bogdan Szajkowski (ed.), *Political Parties of the World* (London: John Harper Publishing, 6th edn 2005), pp.495-501. [ISBN 0-9543811-4-9]
- 'Protest and Disengagement in the Russian Federal Elections of 2003-04', *Perspectives on European Politics and Society*, Vol. 5, No. 2 (2004), pp.304-30. [ISSN 1568-0258]
- 'Disenchanted or Disengaged? The Vote "Against All" in Post-Communist Russia', *Journal of Communist Studies and Transition Politics*, Vol. 20, No. 1 (2004), pp.98-121. [ISSN 1352-3279]
- 'Campaigning in the Russian Regions: The Case of Ul'yanovsk', *Journal of Communist Studies and Transition Politics*, Vol. 17, No. 2 (2001), pp.70-93. [ISSN 1352-3279]
- 'Vybory 1999 goda v Gosudarstvennyu Dumu RF: Samarskaya oblast' ['The 1999 Election to the Russian State Duma in Samara Region'], *Vestnik Samarskogo Gosudarstvennogo Universiteta*, No. 3/17 (2000), pp.26-37.

- **Miscellaneous:**

- (ed.) Institute of (2002-03)/ School of (2003-05) Slavonic, Central and East European Studies: Annual Directories (Glasgow, 2003 & 2004). [See <http://www.arts.gla.ac.uk/Slavonic/2003-2005Directory.htm>]
- 'Security Lapses Embarrass Putin', *The Sunday Post*, 5 September 2004, p.6.
- (with Joseph Napolitan), 'Vremya universalov ukhodit' ['The Era of the Universal Political Consultant is Ending'], *Sovetnik*, No. 2/98 (2004), pp.23-25. [ISSN 1608-0521]
- (with Gunilla Tegen), Review article on Tatarstan elections [based on V.V. Mikhailov et al., *Osobaya zona: Vybory v Tatarstane* (Kazan, 2000) & observation of the 2001 Tatar Presidential Election], *Europe-Asia Studies*, Vol. 54, No. 1 (2002), pp.152-55. [ISSN 0966-8136]
- Audio Recording: BBC Open University, 'Democratic Consolidation' (Course D316) (Sept. 2000).

Numerous book reviews in *Europe-Asia Studies*, *Political Studies* (Review), *Party Politics*, *Representation*, and *Slavic Review*.

Dissemination of Research:

Recent Presentations (reverse chronological order):

- 'Political Culture in Unified Germany: A Microcosm for the New Europe?', Irish Association for Russian, Central and East European Studies (IARCEES) Annual Conference, Maynooth, Ireland (May 2009)
- "'Sovereign Democracy" and the International Community', Invited talk at the Centre for the Study of Wider Europe, National University of Ireland, Maynooth, Ireland (April 2009).
- 'Post-Communist Elections and International Organizations', British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES) Annual Conference, Cambridge, UK (April 2009)
- 'Political Marketing in Russia in the Era of Managed Democracy', ECPR General Conference, Pisa, Italy (September 2007).
- 'Resources and Power in the Russian Federation', Irish Association for Russian, Central and East European Studies (IARCEES) Annual Conference, Limerick, Ireland (May 2007).
- 'Party Finance and the 2007 State Duma Election', British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES) Annual Conference, Cambridge, UK (April 2007).
- 'Democratic Values in the New Europe', UACES Annual Conference, Limerick, Ireland (August 2006)
- 'Post-Soviet Perceptions of Democracy', Annual Conference of the Irish Association of Russian and East European Studies (IAREES), Dublin, Ireland (May 2006).
- 'East and West Germans and the 2005 Bundestag Elections: *Schon ein Volk?*', PSA German Politics Specialist Group Conference, Dublin, Ireland (Sept. 2005).
- 'The Personal Vote and the Split-Ticket Voter in Russia and Germany', ECPR General Conference, Budapest, Hungary (September 2005).
- 'Political Participation in Post-Communist Europe (Eastern Germany in Comparative Perspective)', ICCEES World Congress, Berlin, Germany (July 2005).
- 'Is Russia a Democracy?', XI British Academy Postdoctoral Symposium, London (April 2005).
- "'We Have Ways of Making You Think?" Politics and the Mass Media in the Russian Regions', Political Studies Association (PSA) Conference, Leeds, UK (April 2005).
- 'Political Participation in Russia, Belarus and Ukraine since 1989', British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies, Cambridge, UK (April 2005).
- 'Engaged or Disengaged? Preliminary Observations on the 2003-04 Russian Electoral Cycle', Annual Conference, British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies, Cambridge, UK (April 2004).

Regular participant in national and international conferences such as ECPR, APSA, PSA, BASEES, ICCEES, British Academy Symposia, etc..

TEACHING

Curriculum Development:

As head of subject, I am responsible for the curriculum development of the multi-disciplinary professionally-oriented *MEconSc in European Economic and Public Affairs*, and overview of the *MA in Comparative European Politics* and, until 2009, the humanities-oriented *MA in European Studies*. These programmes attract students from a range of disciplinary backgrounds (from linguistics to economics) and involve the co-ordination of modules across twelve different UCD Schools and Centres.

Research Supervision:

- Currently the principal supervisor of three PhD students, and on the doctoral studies panel of two others.
- Occasional contributions to PhD Field Seminars in Comparative Politics and European Politics.
- Supervisor of c.5 students annually for MA and MSc theses in European Studies and Comparative Politics.

Current Post-Graduate Taught modules:

POL 40020: Political Representation in Europe (2006-2009): The focus of this small-group seminar, which was taken by 5-10 students annually from European Studies and Comparative Politics backgrounds, is on the extent to which elections allow for genuine representation of voters' views and the manner in which votes are translated into representation and, ultimately, political power.

POL 40540: Comparative European Politics (2009-): The aim of this module is to provide an advanced understanding of major theoretical, empirical and substantive issues in European politics. After examining the methodology of comparison, the module's primary focus is on the political systems of Europe in a comparative context, through the prisms of executive-legislative relations, political parties, elections, and patterns of political representation.

Undergraduate Taught Modules:

POL 30100: Political Transition in Post-Communist Europe (2006-date): This course, taught by means of lectures and seminars and taken by up to 100 students annually, focuses on the process of political transition and democratisation in the former Eastern Bloc. Issues examined include the rise and fall of communism; political, economic and social transition; and the 'quality' of democracy, including political participation. This course began in 2006 based solely on lectures, but the number of formal lectures has been reduced to enable seminars to take place in parallel.

POL 20020: Comparative Politics (2006-date): This module, taken by c.250 students per annum, introduces students to issues and methods in comparative politics, examining the importance of comparison and the analytical tools needed. The main part of the course shows how a comparative approach has deepened our understanding of issues such as the distribution of power, state-society links, voting behaviour, political parties, government and policymaking, and public policy. Alongside the lectures are team-taught tutorials, which include various practical exercises such as a simulation of seat allocation and coalition formation in the German Bundestag.

POL 2033 Post-Communist Russia (2006 only): This course, taken by c.120 students, examined the nature of politics, government and society in modern Russia, focusing primarily on developments in the post-Soviet era but including some analysis of the Soviet period and its legacies.

Previous Teaching Experience

Prior to UCD I taught extensively in the Department of Politics at the University of Glasgow. In addition to lectures and small-group tutorials in British, American, Russian, German and European Union politics, I tutored in both Qualitative and Quantitative methods for the Faculty of Social Sciences and taught a module entitled '**Political Investigation**'. This was an Honours-level module which facilitated students in the development of unique research projects as prequels to their Honours Dissertations. The coursework involved practical lab-based teaching of quantitative methods based on work with the 2001 British Election Survey on SPSS, assessed by project-based investigations of British voting behaviour. The second part of the assessment allowed students to choose a topic of investigation in the broad areas of politics and social science and produce a medium-length report, which was partly assessed by a *viva voce* examination.

OTHER

Professional Memberships:

- Irish Association for Russian, Central and East European Studies (IARCEES) – Committee member
- British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES) – Committee Member
- Deutsche Vereinigung für politische Wissenschaft: Arbeitskreis Parteienforschung [German Union for Political Science: Specialist Group on Party Research]
- European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) [through UCD]
- Political Studies Association (PSA) Specialist Groups on (1) German Politics, (2) Political Marketing and (3) Post-Communist Politics.
- University Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES)
- Centre for Russian, Central and East European Studies (CRCEES), University of Glasgow – Honorary Fellow.

Languages:

- English (mother tongue);
- Russian;
- German (to PNdS level);
- Basic French

Interests and Pastimes:

- Music – extensive experience of choral singing.
- Travel
- Writing
- Tennis, squash and swimming.