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### ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2026-Present **Senior Scientist**, Department of Political Science & ATHENA – Salzburg Center for Intersectional Research, University of Salzburg

2023-2026 **Postdoctoral Researcher**, Department of Political Science, University of Salzburg

### VISITING POSITIONS

February-April 2027 - **Visiting Fellow**, Davis Center, Harvard University (accepted)

02.-06.06.2025 - **Short Term Visiting Scholar**, Europe Center, Stanford University

2019-2020 - **Dissertation Scholar**, Women's Studies Research Center, Brandeis University

### EDUCATION

2020 - **PhD, Political Science**, Florida International University

2009 - **MA, Sociology**, Moscow School of Social and Economic Sciences/Manchester University

2008 - **BS, Russian Philology (Summa Cum Laude, top of my class)**, Belarusian State University

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Political culture and socialization
- Democratic and gender attitudes
- Political parties
- Central and East Europe and post-Soviet region
- Gender-based violence and maternal health
- Mixed methods of social research

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Peer-reviewed articles

1. Lefkofridi, Z., **Beloshitzkaya, V.**, Gorny, J., and L. Lotter (2026). Gender Equality as Foundational to Democracy: Theory and Evidence of Gendered Political Culture(s). *Politics and Governance*. Volume 14, Article 11716. <https://doi.org/10.17645/pag.11716>
2. **Beloshitzkaya, V.** (2025). Theorizing and testing the effect of parental conflict resolution modes on youth gender attitudes: evidence from the NLSY79-NLSY79-YA. *Current Psychology*. 44, pp. 15004-1520. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12144-025-08191-2>
3. **Beloshitzkaya, V.**, & Reilly, K. (2023). Do communist gender regimes have a lasting effect on contemporary gender role attitudes in the post-communist region? (2023). *European Journal of Politics and Gender*, 7(2), pp. 203-220. <https://doi.org/10.1332/251510821X16742247424552>
4. **Beloshitzkaya, V.** (2021). Affirmative gender equality policies in Central and Eastern Europe: Moving beyond the E.U. requirements. *Party Politics*, 27(5), 953-964. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1354068820906785>

5. **Beloshitzkaya, V.** (2019). Democracy and redistribution: The role of regime revisited. *East European Politics, Societies, and Cultures*, 34(3), 571-590. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0888325419892063>

#### Peer-reviewed book chapters and encyclopedic entries

1. **Beloshitzkaya, V.** (forthcoming). Salience, silence, and issue framing of domestic violence in the manifestos of Central and East European parties before and after the Istanbul Convention. In Gmainer-Pranzl, F., Lefkofridi, Z., & N. Zwiener-Collins. *Violence against Women*. Peter Lang.
2. **Beloshitzkaya, V.** (2026). Women's mobilization and anti-gender backlash: The Case of Belarus. In Fabian, K. (ed.) *The war on gender and the gender of war in Central and Eastern Europe*. Lexington Books.
3. **Beloshitzkaya, V.** and Lefkofridi, Z. (2026). Responsiveness. In Pedrazzani, A. et al. (eds). *Elgar Encyclopedia of Political Representation*. Edward Elgar Publishing.
4. **Beloshitzkaya, V.** (2026). Methods in Gender and Politics. In Lefkofridi, Z. (ed.) *Elgar Encyclopedia of Gender and Politics*. Edward Elgar Publishing.
5. **Beloshitzkaya, V.** (2026). Gender role attitudes. In Lefkofridi, Z. (ed.) *Elgar Encyclopedia of Gender and Politics*. Edward Elgar Publishing.
6. **Beloshitzkaya, V.**, Miranda-Mora, A., Virágh, E., and Z. Lefkofridi (2026). Approaches to Measurement and Analysis of Intersectionality in Survey Research: Strengths and Blind Spots. In Lefkofridi, Z. (ed.) *Elgar Encyclopedia of Gender and Politics*. Edward Elgar Publishing.
7. **Beloshitzkaya, V.**, Ceron, M., & Z. Lefkofridi (2025) Gendered Shades of Right? Gender+ Equality Issues in the Economic Right EP2024 Political Agenda. In Michael Kaeding, Manuel Müller and Alexander Hoppe (eds) *The 2024 European Parliament Elections. The Future of Europe*. Springer, Cham. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-89455-8\\_20](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-89455-8_20)
8. **Beloshitzkaya, V.** (2009). The official nation-building project in modern Belarus, *Development Vectors of Modern Russia*. Moscow: Moscow School of Social and Economic Sciences (in Russian).

#### Working papers

1. Masculinity and environment (with Piotr Jabkowski and Mariusz Baranowski) – under review
2. The Gender Equality Paradox: Why Younger Men in the Global North Are Becoming More Traditional (with Roula Nezi and Zoe Lefkofridi) – under review
3. Stability and change in conceptions of democracy in Czechia (with Alexandria Wilson-McDonald) – in preparation
4. Socialization into democratic attitudes in Czechia – in preparation

#### Reports

1. [Integrated report on Citizens' Views on Democracy and Gender Equality \(2025\) - contributor](#)
2. [Integrated report on Intersectional Inequalities and Activism \(2025\) – co-author](#)
3. [Integrated report on the intersectional impact of COVID-19 on women, gender roles, and gender role attitudes \(2025\) – co-author and editor](#)
4. [Integrated report on participatory pushback tools \(Theater of the Oppressed\) \(2025\) – co-author](#)
5. [Integrated report on the contributions of the feminist theory and conceptual framework \(2023\) \(<https://pushbacklash.eu/dissemination/>\) – co-author](#)
6. Annual report on pregnancy-related deaths in Florida and several other legislative reports (directed research, composition, and production) at Florida Department of Health

## INSTITUTIONAL AND THIRD-PARTY GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Early Career Grant, SAFEGUARD project, University of Salzburg (**€125,399**), 2024 (fieldwork in Czech Republic)
- GO Investigatio fellowship for fieldwork in Lithuania, Austrian Academy of Sciences (awarded **€3,000, declined**), 2024
- ÖGPW grant Push\*for\*More (shared with the GDE team), (**€600**), 2023.
- PROM Program: International scholarship exchange for doctoral students and academic staff to visit Poland and present research at the University of Lodz, (**\$2000**), 2020.
- Dissertation Year Fellowship Florida International University (FIU), (**\$18,000**), 2019-2020.
- Manifesto Research Conference Participation Grant, Berlin Social Science Center (all expenses paid), 2019.
- Conference travel grant, European Union Studies Association (**\$250**), 2019.
- Morris and Anita Broad Research Fellowship Award, SIPA, FIU, (**\$750**), 2018.
- Fellowship to complete a master's degree at Moscow School of Social and Economic Sciences/Manchester University (tuition waiver plus all living expenses paid), 2008-2009 (9 months)
- IDEA scholarship to attend IDEA International Debate and Citizen Journalism Summer Institute (tuition waiver plus all travel and living expenses paid), Duino, Italy, 2007.
- Fellowship to study at Belarus State University (tuition waiver and a monthly stipend), 2003-2008.

## SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

1. *Memories about communism and support for democracy in Czechia: Evidence from a mixed-methods study.* Annual Meeting of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Association, November 20-23, 2025, Washington, DC.
2. *Is the personal political? Gender equality in the family and attitudes to liberal democracy.* (with Zoe Lefkofridi), Inaugural Politics and Gender Conference, Rutgers University, May 28-29, 2025, New Brunswick, NJ and American Political Science Association Annual Conference, September 11-14, 2025, Vancouver, Canada.
3. *Anti-gender narratives in comparative perspective: Belarus and the "Wests."* Annual Meeting of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Association, November 20-23, 2024, Boston, MA.
4. *How do surveys measure intersectional inequalities: findings and recommendations.* A paper presented at the organized panel *Representations of gender+, gender equality, and intersectionality concepts in surveys across time and space at the European Conference of Politics and Gender*, July 8-10, 2024, Ghent, Belgium.
5. *Women's mobilization and anti-gender backlash: The Case of Belarus,* Annual Meeting of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Association, December 3, 2023, Philadelphia, PA
6. *The Gender of War: Central and Eastern European Anti-Gender Crusades.* Roundtable talk at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Association, November 11-13, 2022, Chicago, IL
7. *Father Engagement in Pregnancy and Infancy: A Narrative Scoping Review* (with Dr. Ghazi Phillips-Bell). Poster presented at the 2022 Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs Annual Conference. Virtual

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8. *Domestic Violence in Party Manifestos Before and After the Istanbul Convention: The Case of Central and Eastern Europe*. Paper presented at the 2021 Annual Meeting of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies. Virtual.
9. *Does Mode of Parental Conflict Resolution Affect Youth Gender Attitudes? Evidence from the NLSY79-NLSY99-YA*. Paper presented at the 2021 American Political Science Association Annual Conference. Virtual
10. *The micro-foundations of democratic backsliding: Post-communist Europe's case* (with Kathleen Reilly). Paper presented at the 2020 American Political Science Association Annual Conference, September 12, 2020. Virtual
11. *Do left parties care about women after communism?* The Manifesto Project User Conference, Berlin, Germany, March 2019

## **MEDIA APPEARANCES, INVITED TALKS, AND WORKSHOPS**

1. Invited talk on *Conceptualization and measurement of intersectionality* in the Push\*Back\*Lash survey and Navigating Academic Systems in Austria and the US, University of Warsaw, Poland, 19-20.5.2026.
2. TV interview about public opinion findings on democracy and gender equality and the state of research with a gendered lens in Austria and beyond, 15.04.2026, FS1, Salzburg, Austria.
3. *School workshops on democracy and gender equality* (elementary and high school students), 2026
4. *Coordinating an EU-Horizon Project*, FFG Cluster 2 Infoday Event, 26.1.2026
5. *Push\*Back\*Lash project findings on attacks against gender equality, reproductive rights, and democracy*, podcast at Radiofabrik, Salzburg, 06.11.2025.
6. *EU researchers tackle pushback against gender equality in politics and society*. Horizon Magazine. 26.09.2024. Available at <https://projects.research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/en/horizon-magazine/eu-researchers-tackle-pushback-against-gender-equality-politics-and-society>.
7. *Backlash. Misogyny in the digital age*. A film screening and a panel discussion, Canadian Embassy & University of Salzburg, Literaturhaus, Salzburg, Austria, 17.1.2024
8. *Gender Policies and Politics in Post-Communist Democracies*, University of Lodz, Poland 24.2.2020.
9. *Crisis in Ukraine: A teach-in panel discussion by FIU Faculty Experts*, Florida International University, Miami, FL, 25.3.2014

## **TEACHING AND MENTORING**

### **University of Salzburg, Salzburg, AT**

- Mentoring Stanford University Interns (Summer 2025, Summer 2026)
- Gender and Power (Summer & Fall 2026)
- The Rise of Ideology, Blended Intensive Course at the Autonomous University of Madrid (Section on feminism as political ideology; feedback to master's and PhD students) 9-14.02.2026
- Equality Debates in Central and Eastern European Politics (Winter 2025)
- Gender Debates in Austrian Politics (Summer 2025)
- PhD seminar (co-teaching; Winter 2023; Summer 2024)
- Methods of qualitative text analysis and their application (co-taught; Winter 2023).

### **Florida International University, Miami, FL**

- International Organizations
- Comparative Politics: Theory and Practice

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- Russian Politics
- Introduction to Comparative Politics
- Writing and Rhetoric I
- Writing and Rhetoric II

#### **Broward College, Coconut Creek, FL**

- Introduction to Sociology and Social Problems (2011-2014)
- Model United Nations co-advisor (2013-2014)

#### **SERVICE**

- Intern supervision and training within Push\*Back\*Lash project, University of Salzburg, 2023-2024
- Habilitation Committee in Sociology and Political Science, University of Salzburg, 2024
- Graduate Advisory Board, University Graduate School, Florida International University, 2018-2020
- Intern supervision and training in quantitative methods, Florida Department of Health, 2021-2022
- Reviewer for *Party Politics*, *American Political Science Review*, *Government and Opposition*, *Women & Health*, *Europe-Asia Studies*, *European Journal of Politics and Gender*
- Discussant and chair at *the American Political Science Association Annual Conference*, *Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention*, *Austrian Political Science Association*

#### **GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT**

2022-2023 - **Maternal and Child Health Program Administrator**, Florida Department of Health, USA  
2020-2022 - **Training and Research Consultant**, Florida Department of Health, USA

#### **LEADERSHIP AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION EXPERIENCE**

- Co-led early-stage strategy and organizational development for the ATHENA – Salzburg Center for Intersectional Research, including mission definition, program direction, and program portfolio – 2026 - Present
- Team supervision experience at Florida Department of Health and Push\*Back\*Lash project – 4 years
- Project and program management experience beyond PhD – 5 years (with PhD – 9 years)
- Grant management experience – 4 years
- Grass-root building of a Debate program in Belarus – 5 years

#### **ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

- Text as Data: An Introduction to Core Concepts and LLM Models by Dr. Michael Jankowski, Team Lead Data Science at the German Chancellery, University of Salzburg, 2024
- Developing, Translating, and Pretesting Questionnaires for Cross-cultural Surveys, GESIS, 2024
- Epidemiology, CDC, 2021
- RStudio, ICPSR, University of Michigan, 2020

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- Survival analysis and modeling of social science theory (advanced courses in statistical analysis), ICPSR, University of Michigan 2018

**LANGUAGES**

English (near-native proficiency), German (beginner), Russian (native), Belarusian (advanced), Czech (intermediate)