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RESEARCH STRAND 1: THE RESILIENCE OF DEMOCRACY IN MULTIPLE CRISES: A STUDY OF THE INTERNALIZATION OF POLITICAL VALUES AND THE STABILITY OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS

LOOKING INTO CONSTITUTIONAL CONSTRAINTS: STABLE POLICIES BUT RADICALISED DEMOCRATIC POLITICS IN TIMES OF POLITICAL TURBULENCE



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Since World War II, the Netherlands has had the most caretaker governments of any EU country

	Number of caretaker governments	Median length of caretaker governments <i>Days</i>
Netherlands	11	223
Bulgaria	9	99
Belgium	8	155
Finland	7	147
Austria	7	124
Greece	5	57
Italy	4	260
Czech Rep.	4	196
Spain	3	189
Luxembourg	2	309
Slovakia	2	157
Poland	2	94
Germany	1	171
Ireland	1	140
Sweden	1	131
Latvia	1	109

Note: Dates analyzed are Sept. 2, 1945-Dec. 31, 2022. Only countries with at least one caretaker government shown.

Source: Pew Research Center analysis of ParlGov data.

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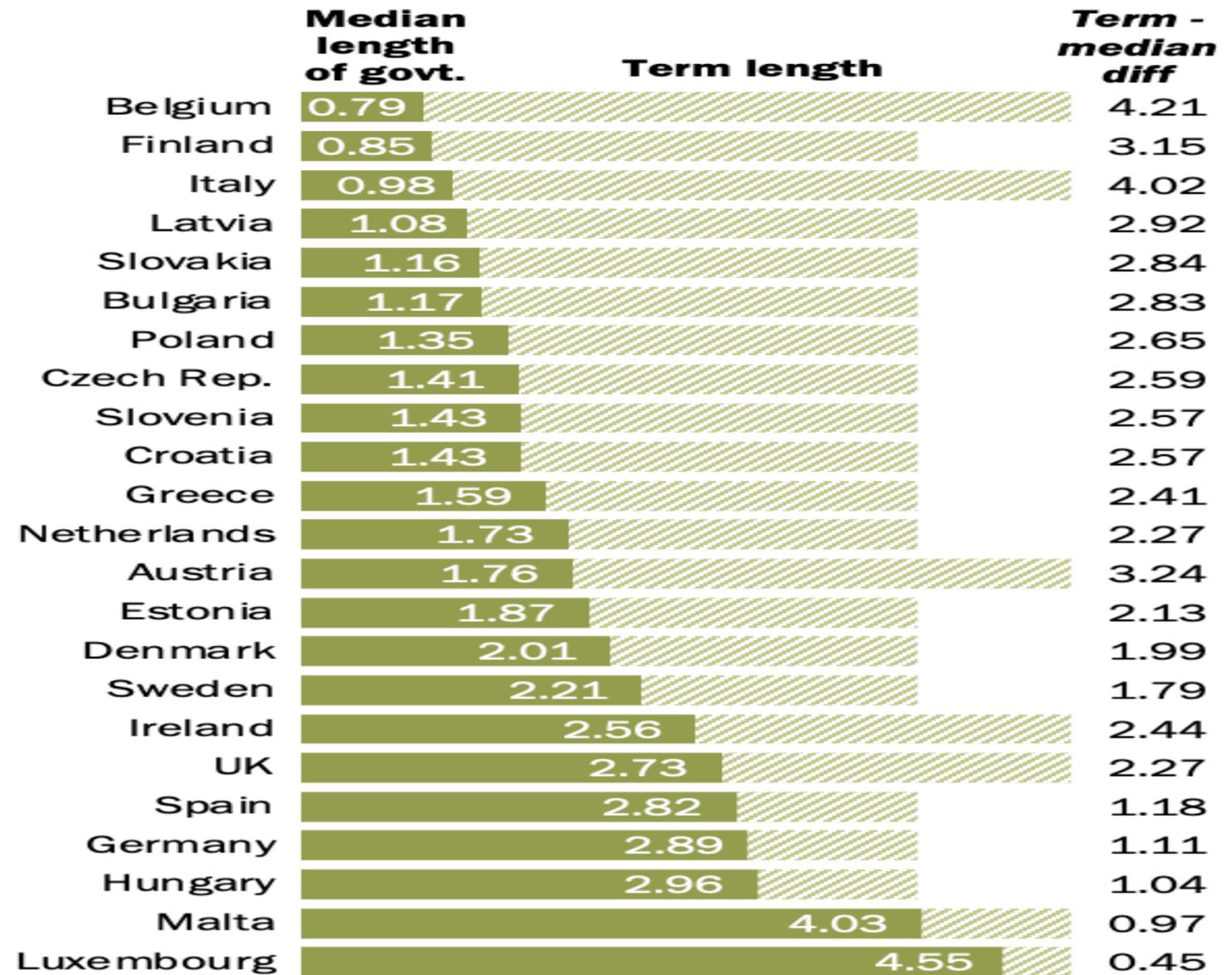
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Median length of government since World War II, in years



Note: Dates analyzed are Sept. 2, 1945-Dec. 31, 2022. Included parliaments have constitutionally defined term lengths of four years (e.g., Hungary) or five years (e.g., Malta). Differences are shown in years.

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CONSTITUTIONAL AND QUASI-CONSTITUTIONAL CONSTRAINTS

- *CONSTITUTIONALISATION OF POLITICS*: CONSTRAINTS, LIMITS ON THE POWER OF DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED MAJORITIES
- *OVER-CONSTITUTIONALISATION*:
- IN EE CONSTITUTIONAL CONSTRAINING WENT FURTHER THAN THE TRADITIONALLY ACCEPTED DUE MAINLY TO THE EU PRE-ACCESSION PROCESS. THIS PROCESS HELPED STRENGTHEN THE CONSTRAINING OF THE POWERS OF POLITICAL MAJORITIES MAINLY THROUGH THE EXPLICIT REINFORCEMENT OF A SPECIFIC CROSS-PARTY “TRANSITION CONSENSUS” EMBEDDED IN THE EU CONDITIONALITY (FORMAL AND INFORMAL).
- THE SUBSTANCE OF THIS CONSENSUS WAS THE POLITICAL COPENHAGEN CRITERIA TOGETHER WITH THE REQUIREMENT FOR “FUNCTIONING MARKET ECONOMY” “CAPABLE OF WITHSTANDING COMPETITIVE PRESSURES”. NO SERIOUS POLITICAL ACTOR COULD DEVIATE FROM THESE COMMITMENTS, WHICH GAVE THEM A *QUASI-CONSTITUTIONAL* STATUS.



CONSTITUTIONAL AND QUASI-CONSTITUTIONAL CONSTRAINTS IN THE CASE OF BULGARIA

- ECONOMIC: CURRENCY BOARD: 1 EURO = 1,9558 BGN (SINCE 1997)
- PERSONAL AND CORPORATE TAX: FLAT 10%
- ERM2
- MEMBER OF THE EU BANKING UNION
- RATIFICATION OF THE FISCAL COMPACT OF EU 2012
- POLITICAL: NATO, EU, CVM, RULE OF LAW CONDITIONALITIES, RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE FUND CONDITIONALITIES
- JUDICIAL CONSTRAINTS: POWERFUL CONSTITUTIONAL COURT WITH ACTIVIST POLICIES IN A NUMBER OF POLICY AREAS (CONSTITUTIONAL REFORMS, CONSTITUTIONAL IDENTITY, ETC.)



STABLE CONSTITUTIONAL CONSTRAINTS ON POLICIES PRODUCE RADICALISATION OF DEMOCRATIC POLITICS

- POLITICAL RADICALS AND POPULIST NEWCOMERS RADICALISE THEIR DEMANDS
- IN CARTELISED, OVERCONSTITUTIONALISED SYSTEMS, IN ORDER TO PRODUCE EVEN A RELATIVELY SMALL POLICY CHANGE POLITICIANS NEED TO THREATEN DISMANTLING THE SYSTEM AS A WHOLE.
- THIS IS A SLIPPERY SLOPE, WHICH LEADS TO ESCALATION OF THREATS AND DEMANDS. THERE ARE ALREADY PARTIES IN BULGARIA CAMPAIGNING FOR EU AND NATO EXIT.



CONCLUSIONS

- CONSTITUTIONALISATION AND OVER-CONSTITUTIONALISATION OF POLICIES HAS STABILISING POLICY EFFECT IN POLICRISES: BULGARIA REGISTERS HEALTHY ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DESPITE THE POLITICAL TURBULENCE HAS CHANCES FOR EUROZONE MEMBERSHIP.
- HOWEVER, CONSTITUTIONALISATION AND OVERCONSTITUTIONALISATION OVER TIME HAS A RADICALISING EFFECT ON POLITICS: ANTI-ESTABLISHMENT PARTIES BECOME MORE RADICAL IN THEIR DEMANDS AND AGENDAS.
- STABLE POLICIES BUT UNPREDICTABLE, POLARISED AND RADICALISED POLITICS IS A SIGN OF RESILIENCE OF THE SYSTEM, BUT ALSO OF ITS VULNERABILITY. RADICALISATION AND POLARISATION WILL VERY LIKELY HAVE NEGATIVE MEDIUM-TERM AND LONG-TERM EFFECTS.



RESEARCH STRAND 2: EUROPEAN CONSTITUTIONALISM IN TIMES OF CONSTITUTIONAL POLYCRISIS, EMERGENCY CONSTITUTIONALISM AND TRANSITORY CONSTITUTIONALISM: A VALUE AND IMAGINARY BASED APPROACH

- SPECIAL ISSUE OF THE REVIEW OF CENTRAL AND EAST EUROPEAN LAW (BRILL, NETHERLANDS). SPECIAL ISSUE TITLE: CONSTITUTIONAL IMAGINARIES IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE. SPECIAL ISSUE EDITOR: MARTIN BELOV. THE SPECIAL ISSUE CONTAINS 8 PAPERS OF LEADING EUROPEAN SCHOLAR
- INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE 'REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY IN CRISIS: CRITICAL NARRATIVES ON REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY IN EUROPE'. AN EDITED VOLUME SHALL BE PUBLISHED BY PROF. MARTIN BELOV WITH LEADING EUROPEAN PUBLISHER
- 2 LECTURE SERIES:
 - EMERGENCY CONSTITUTIONALISM, CONSTITUTIONAL POLYCRISIS AND RULE OF LAW AND DEMOCRACY IN TRANSITION;
 - CONSTITUTIONAL IMAGINARIES
- PREPARATION OF 4 PUBLICATIONS IN JOURNALS INDEXED BY WOS (PROF. MARTIN BELOV IN CO-AUTHORSHIP WITH PROMINENT EUROPEAN SCHOLARS)
- 1 CONVERSATION SERIES TALK (SASHA HARDT (MAASTRICHT) AND MARTIN BELOV (SOFIA UNIVERSITY). TOPIC: REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY IN CRISIS

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LECTURES INCLUDED IN THE 'EMERGENCY CONSTITUTIONALISM, CONSTITUTIONAL POLYCRISIS AND RULE OF LAW AND DEMOCRACY IN TRANSITION' LECTURE SERIES:

- ✓ 26 FEBRUARY 2024 17:00-18:30 (VIA ZOOM) DR. MAJA SAHADZIC (UNIVERSITY OF UTRECHT, NETHERLANDS) DEMOCRACY, RULE OF LAW, AND TECHNOLOGY: AN IMPOSSIBLE TRIANGLE? MODERATOR: PROF. DR. MARTIN BELOV (UNIVERSITY OF SOFIA 'ST. KLIMENT OHIRDSKI')
- ✓ 25 MARCH 2024, 18:00-19:30 PROF. DR. SASCHA HARDT (UNIVERSITY OF MAASTRICHT, NETHERLANDS) - "THROUGH A MIRROR, CLEARLY? TECHNOLOGY, WILL-FORMATION, AND THE IDEA OF REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY". MODERATOR: PROF. DR. MARTIN BELOV (UNIVERSITY OF SOFIA 'ST. KLIMENT OHIRDSKI')
- ✓ 23 APRIL 2024 17:00-18:30 PROF. DR. MARTIN BELOV (UNIVERSITY OF SOFIA 'ST. KLIMENT OHIRDSKI') AND PROF. DR. SOEREN KEIL (UNIVERSITY OF FRIBOURG, INSTITUTE OF FEDERALISM, SWITZERLAND) (VIA ZOOM) - EMERGENCY CONSTITUTIONALISM, CONSTITUTIONAL POLYCRISIS AND REGIONALISM: SUB-NATIONAL APPROACHES AND EXPERIENCES WITH EMERGENCY AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT



LECTURES INCLUDED IN THE 'CONSTITUTIONAL IMAGINARIES' LECTURE SERIES:

- ✓ 22 APRIL 2024, 17-18:30 (VIA ZOOM) PROF. DR. MARTIN BELOV (UNIVERSITY OF SOFIA 'ST. KLIMENT OHIRDSKI') AND DR. MAJA SAHADZIC (UNIVERSITY OF UTRECHT, NETHERLANDS) – 'CONSTITUTIONAL GEOMETRY AS PARADIGM FOR ORDERING COMPLEX CONSTITUTIONAL ORDERS. THE CASE OF ASYMMETRIES'
- ✓ 24 APRIL 2024, 17-18:30 PROF. DR. FRANCESCO PALERMO (UNIVERSITY OF VERONA AND EURAC BOLZANO, ITALY) (VIA ZOOM) IMAGINARY TERRITORIES



RESEARCH STRAND 3: RELEVANCE AND VALUE OF UNIVERSITIES FOR THE FUTURE: INNOVATION IN DOCTORAL STUDIES IN A EUROPEAN CONTEXT; YOUNG PEOPLE'S PERCEPTIONS OF EUROPEAN VALUES AND ACTIVE DEMOCRATIC CITIZENSHIP. (FRONTIER RESEARCH IN TWO DIRECTIONS IS ALSO ENVISAGED: RESPONSIBLE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE RIGHT TO INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY).

- STRAND LEADER – MICHAEL BYRAM (ATTRACTED INTERNATIONAL ESTABLISHED RESEARCHERS MARTYN BARRETT IN DEMOCRATIC CITIZENSHIP AND VESSELIN POPOVSKI IN HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW). THE LEADING RESEARCHER MARIA STOICHEVA AND ESTABLISHED RESEARCHER NIKOLINA TSVETKOVA ALSO WORK ON THIS STRAND. ONE MORE ESTABLISHED RESEARCHER – ROSITSA PENKOVA, ONE EARLY-STAGE RESEARCHER AND A POST-DOC ARE ALREADY PART OF THE TEAM AND ACTIVELY CONTRIBUTING TO THE WORK DONE.
- IN STRAND 3 THE FOCUS IS MAINLY ON COMPARATIVE RESEARCH APPLYING DIFFERENT QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODOLOGIES. QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS ARE ALSO EMPLOYED IN SURVEYING YOUNG PEOPLE'S PERCEPTIONS OF EUROPEAN VALUES AND ACTIVE DEMOCRATIC CITIZENSHIP.
- STRAND 3 WORK IS ORGANISED UNDER WORKPACKAGE 4.



RESEARCH STRAND 3: RELEVANCE AND VALUE OF UNIVERSITIES FOR THE FUTURE: INNOVATION IN DOCTORAL STUDIES IN THE EUROPEAN CONTEXT

- RESEARCH APPROACH: ANALYSIS OF THE DEFENCE/ORAL EXAMINATION & EMPHASIS ON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE EXPERIENCE ITSELF, CONSIDERING COMPARABILITY, STANDARDS AND RELATED ISSUES.
- METHODOLOGY: 'ETHNOGRAPHIC'
- EACH CASE INVOLVES ONE OR TWO ORAL EXAMINATIONS IN A SPECIFIC UNIVERSITY. MOSTLY, THE STUDY FOCUSES ON EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES WITH TWO CASES FROM OTHER CONTINENTS – NORTH AMERICA AND ASIA.
- CASE STUDIES ARE BEING PREPARED IN THE FOLLOWING UNIVERSITIES AND COUNTRIES:
 - SOFIA, BULGARIA
 - AVEIRO, PORTUGAL
 - SOUTHERN DENMARK, DENMARK
 - SAARLAND, GERMANY
 - AUGSBURG, GERMANY
 - PRIMORSKA, SLOVENIA
 - TRIESTE, ITALY
 - VERSAILLES, FRANCE
 - DURHAM, ENGLAND
 - JAGIELLONIAN KRAKOW, POLAND
 - BEIJING, CHINA.
 - CONNECTICUT, USA



SOME QUOTES FROM THE CASE STUDIES:

“...THE DANISH PHD DOES NOT NEED TO BE PERFECT, DOES NOT NEED TO BE GROUND-BREAKING EITHER. IT NEEDS TO BE A PROPER PIECE OF WORK. ACADEMIC CRAFTSMANSHIP. BUT IT DOES NOT NEED TO, YOU KNOW, BLOW YOUR MIND WHEN YOU READ IT. IT CAN BE QUITE BORING, ACTUALLY, AS LONG AS IT'S PROPER ACADEMIC CRAFTSMANSHIP.” (SYDDANSK UNIVERSITY, EXAMINER)

“...[DURING THE DEFENSE] I SHARPLY FELT A HUGE RESPONSIBILITY... TO MY SUPERVISOR... THE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS... ALL MY RESPONDENTS...” (SOFIA UNIVERSITY, CANDIDATE)

“ASSUMING THAT EVERYONE WHO SUBMITS A THESIS OR CARRIES OUT RESEARCH HAS DONE IT THEMSELVES, I DO THINK THAT DEFENCES ARE A RITUAL. BUT I THINK THEY'RE IMPORTANT IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND OR PROVE WHETHER THE RESEARCH WAS ACTUALLY CARRIED OUT BY THE RESEARCHER, WHETHER THE RESEARCHER THOUGHT ABOUT IT, WHETHER HE/SHE DEVELOPED THE COMPETENCES THAT HE/SHE IS SUPPOSED TO DEVELOP.” (AVEIRO UNIVERSITY, CANDIDATE).

“THE ROOM IS A CLASSROOM WHERE REGULAR CLASSES TAKE PLACE, SEATS 45 PEOPLE, AND IS SPACIOUS, BRIGHT, AND EQUIPPED WITH MODERN TECHNOLOGICAL DEVICES. THE ROOM HAD BEEN PREPARED FOR THE DEFENCE... THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE, A TECHNICIAN AND THE CANDIDATE ARRIVE 15 MINUTES EARLY. THE TECHNICIAN BEGINS TO SET UP THE EQUIPMENT AND TO TEST THE CONNECTION WITH ANOTHER UNIVERSITY AS ONE EXAMINER WILL JOIN ONLINE. THE TECHNICIAN REMAINS IN THE ROOM UNTIL THE ENTIRE DEFENCE PROCEDURE IS COMPLETE...” (FROM THE OBSERVATION OF THE PHD DEFENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PRIMORSKA)



SMALL-SCALE PROJECT 1: YOUNG PEOPLE'S PERCEPTIONS OF EUROPEAN VALUES AND ACTIVE DEMOCRATIC CITIZENSHIP

TWO APPROACHES AND MUTUALLY COMPLEMENTING PIECES OF RESEARCH ARE ENVISAGED. IN BOTH, WE ARE FOCUSING OUR ATTENTION ON YOUTH:

- SCHOOL STUDENTS AGED 16 YEARS AND OVER
- UNIVERSITY STUDENTS.

1. VASCAPE - ACRONYM FOR VALUES, ATTITUDES, SKILLS AND CIVIC AND POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT (DATA COLLECTION IS PLANNED TO FINISH BY THE END OF APRIL 2024).

IN THIS STUDY, WE ARE EXPLORING THE CASUAL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN VALUES ATTITUDES AND SKILLS ON THE ONE HAND, AND CIVIC AND POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT ON THE OTHER

WE ARE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN DOCUMENTING AND UNDERSTANDING:

- THE SPECIFIC VALUES THAT ARE HELD BY THESE YOUTH
- HOW THESE VALUES RELATE TO THEIR CIVIC AND POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT
- WE ARE COLLECTING THE DATA FROM YOUTH IN FIVE COUNTRIES: BULGARIA, LITHUANIA, POLAND, UKRAINE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM
- DATA IS COLLECTED BY USE OF VALIDATED TOOLS – SWARTZ PORTRAIT VALUE QUESTIONNAIRE – INTERNATIONALLY VALIDATED (SCHWARTZ ET AL. (2016); THE 2016 INTERNATIONAL CIVIC AND CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION STUDY (ICCS) (SCHULTZ ET AL, 2017); 7 SPECIFIC ATTITUDES AND SKILLS OUT OF THE 20 SPECIFIED BY THE REFERENCE FRAMEWORK OF COMPETENCES FOR DEMOCRATIC CULTURE (RFCDC) (COUNCIL OF EUROPE, 2018) - CHOSEN BECAUSE THERE ARE WELL-ESTABLISHED INTERNATIONALLY VALIDATED MEASURES FOR THESE 7 ATTITUDES AND SKILLS (THE MEASURES ARE TAKEN FROM THE OECD PISA 2018 ASSESSMENTS OF GLOBAL COMPETENCE)

2.

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2. RESEARCH INTO YOUNG PEOPLE'S INTEREST/DISINTEREST, ENGAGEMENT/DISENGAGEMENT WITH POLITICS AND CIVIC LIFE.

- WE ARE COLLECTING DATA FROM BULGARIA, LITHUANIA, POLAND AND UKRAINE. THE ENVISAGED METHODOLOGY IS Q-RESEARCH.
 - INITIAL STEPS HAVE ALREADY BEEN TAKEN – FOCUS GROUPS IN BULGARIA AND LITHUANIA; ANALYSES OF MEDIA TEXTS, RESEARCH ARTICLES AND POLICY DOCUMENTS.
 - THE NEXT STEPS OF THE Q-RESEARCH WILL FOLLOW FROM OCTOBER 2024



Listed below are different ways adults can take an active part in society. What do you think you will do in the future? Please tick only one box in each row

Summary for Question “Vote in national elections”

Response	Bulgarian students	Polish students	Lithuanian students	Ukrainian students
I would certainly do this	73.68%	90.76%	83.33%	52.51%
I would probably do this	14.91%	5.88%	8.33%	27.37%
I would probably not do this	6.14%	2.52%	5.56%	12.85%
I would certainly not do this	1.75%	0.00%	0.93%	6.70%
No answer	3.51%	0.84%	1.85%	0.56%



SMALL-SCALE RESEARCH PROJECT 2: RESPONSIBLE USE OF AI

WORK IS STARTING NOW.



SMALL-SCALE RESEARCH PROJECT 3: THE RIGHT TO INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY PERFORMING - RESEARCH TO DEMONSTRATE HOW SOLIDARITY APPLIES TO VARIOUS CONCEPTS RELATED TO SOCIAL CHALLENGES (E.G. PEACE AND SECURITY, HUMAN RIGHTS, REFUGEES, ERADICATION OF POVERTY, ETC.)

- PUBLISHED THE ARTICLE “THE RIGHT TO INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY” IN THE BRILL JOURNAL “GLOBAL GOVERNANCE: REVIEW OF MULTILATERALISM AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS”, LINK: [HTTPS://BRILL.COM/VIEW/JOURNALS/GG/29/4/ARTICLE-P481_4.XML](https://brill.com/view/journals/GG/29/4/article-p481_4.xml)
- COMPLETED THE CHAPTER “CLIMATE CARE AS A NEW PURPOSE OF THE UN” FOR THE BOOK “*SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF CLIMATE CHANGE*” (EMERALD, 2024) EDITED BY SUAY ACIKALIN
- COMPLETED THE ARTICLE “CLIMATE CHANGE AS AN EXISTENTIAL THREAT: TRANSLATING GLOBAL GOALS INTO ACTION” FOR THE JOURNAL “ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND LAW” EPL 54 (2) 2024: THE PLANETARY FUTURE
- WRITING THE CHAPTERS “TERRORISM AS IMAGINARY” FOR THE BOOK PROJECT BY MARTIN BELOV ‘IMAGINARIES OF CRISIS AND FEAR: CONSTITUTIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LAW PERSPECTIVES’ (2025)



SPECIAL INNOVATIVE DISSEMINATION FORMAT: CONVERSATION SERIES “EUROPEAN VALUES AND SOCIAL CHALLENGES

- PROF. DR. HABIL ANASTAS GERDJKOV – EUROPEAN VALUES AND SOCIAL CHALLENGES (WITH PROF. MARIA STOICHEVA AS HOST)
- PROF. VESSELIN POPOVSKI: THE WARS IN GAZA AND UKRAINE: LESSONS AND CHANGES (WITH PROF. KRASSEN STANCHEV AS A HOST);
- PROF. DR SASCHA HARDT - CHALLENGES TO REPRESENTATION, DEMOCRACY, AND REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY. (TO BE PUBLISHED IN APRIL, WITH PROF. MARTIN BELOV AS HOST);
- PROF. MICHAEL BYRAM: INTERNATIONALISATION AND ACADEMIC COMPETENCIES (WITH PROF. MARIA STOICHEVA AS HOST);
- PROF. MARTYN BARRETT: STRENGTHENING DEMOCRATIC VALUES AND ENGAGEMENT THROUGH EDUCATION (WITH PROF. MARIA STOICHEVA AS HOST).



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