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Employment History

2022 – · · · Associate Professor, University of Vienna, Austria.

2020 – 2022 Assistant Professor (tenure-track), University of Vienna, Austria.

2019 – 2020 Assistant Professor (tenure-track), University of Bologna, Italy.

2018 – 2020 Hertha Firnberg scholar, University of Vienna, Austria.

2014 – 2018 Assistant Professor, University of Vienna, Austria.

Education

2009 – 2013 **Ph.D. in Political Science**, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland.

Thesis title: Split-Ticket Voting in Mixed-Member Electoral Systems.

Supervisors: Professors Michael Marsh and Kenneth Benoit.

2012 **Visiting PhD student**, London School of Economics and Political Science.

2010 – 2011 Postgraduate Diploma in Statistics, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland.

2006 – 2009 Double M. Sc. Politics and Governance, University of Bologna, Italy & University of

Essex, UK.

2003 – 2006 B.A. Political Science and International Relations, University of Bologna.

Awards and Achievements

Jul 2020 **■ European Research Council (ERC)**, Starting Grant (€1.5 Mio).

Oct 2018 | Habilitation as Associate Professor, Italian Ministry of Education.

Sept 2018 | Italian Constitutional Referendum Award (with Dr. Davide Morisi), Italian Political

Science Association (€250).

Preregistration Challenge Award, (with Dr. Davide Morisi) Centre for Open Science

(OSF) (\$1,000).

Jan 2018 Gordon Smith and Vincent Wright Memorial Prize, (with Dr. Magdalena Staniek) West

European Politics (£250).

Oct 2014 ■ **ECPR Jean Blondel PhD Prize**, European Consortium for Political Research (€1,000).

Oct 2009 PhD Scholarship, Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences

(€48,000).

Publications

Books

1 Kritzinger, Sylvia, **Carolina Plescia**, et al. (2020). Assessing the 2019 European Parliament Elections. Routledge London.

Plescia, Carolina (2016). Split-ticket voting in mixed-member electoral systems: a theoretical and methodological investigation. Ecpr Press Colchester.

Journal Articles

- Daoust, Jean-François, **Carolina Plescia**, and André Blais (2023). "Are people more satisfied with democracy when they feel they won the election? No". In: *Political Studies Review* 21.1, pp. 162–171.
- Plescia, Carolina, Sylvia Kritzinger, and Shane P Singh (2023). "Who would vote NOTA? Explaining a 'none of the above' choice in eight countries". In: European Journal of Political Research 62.1, pp. 118–134.
- Plescia, Carolina and Francesco Zucchini (2023). "Government alternation and proximity voting: how policy change opportunities shape electoral behaviour". In: West European Politics 46.1, pp. 148–172.
- Blais, André, Semra Sevi, and **Carolina Plescia** (2022). "Are voters' views about proportional outcomes shaped by partisan preferences? A survey experiment in the context of a real election". In: *Political Science Research and Methods* 10.2, pp. 445–451.
- Högström, John, André Blais, and **Carolina Plescia** (2022). "Do voters prefer more parties on the ballot?" In: *Acta Politica* 57.3, pp. 459–471.
- Partheymüller, Julia, Sylvia Kritzinger, and **Carolina Plescia** (2022). "Misinformedness about the European Union and the Preference to Vote to Leave or Remain". In: *JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies* 60.5, pp. 1449–1469.
- **Plescia**, **Carolina** (2022). "Voters' short-term responsiveness to coalition deals". In: *Party Politics* 28.5, pp. 927–938.
- Plescia, Carolina, Alejandro Ecker, and Thomas M Meyer (2022). "Do party supporters accept policy compromises in coalition governments?" In: European Journal of Political Research 61.1, pp. 214–229.
- 9 **Plescia**, **Carolina** and Sylvia Kritzinger (2022). "When Marriage Gets Hard: Intra-Coalition Conflict and Electoral Accountability". In: *Comparative Political Studies* 55.1, pp. 32–59.
- Plescia, Carolina, Sylvia Kritzinger, and Jae-Jae Spoon (2022). "Who's to blame? How performance evaluation and partisanship influence responsibility attribution in grand coalition governments". In: European Journal of Political Research 61.3, pp. 660–677.
- Aichholzer, Julian, Sylvia Kritzinger, and **Carolina Plescia** (2021). "National identity profiles and support for the European Union". In: *European Union Politics* 22.2, pp. 293–315.
- Blais, André, Damien Bol, et al. (2021). "What Kind of Electoral Outcome do People Think is Good for Democracy?" In: *Political Studies*, p. 00323217211055560.
- Blais, André, **Carolina Plescia**, and Semra Sevi (2021). "Do people want smarter ballots?" In: *Research & Politics* 8.4, p. 20531680211062668.
- Kittel, Bernhard et al. (2021). "The Austrian Corona Panel Project: monitoring individual and societal dynamics amidst the COVID-19 crisis". In: *European Political Science* 20.2, pp. 318–344.
- Kritzinger, Sylvia, Martial Foucault, et al. (2021). "Rally round the flag': the COVID-19 crisis and trust in the national government". In: West European Politics 44.5-6, pp. 1205–1231.
- Plescia, Carolina, Jean-Francois Daoust, and André Blais (2021). "Do European elections enhance satisfaction with European Union democracy?" In: European Union Politics 22.1, pp. 94–113.
- Plescia, Carolina and Jakob-Moritz Eberl (2021). "Not my government! The role of norms and populist attitudes on voter preferences for government formation after the election". In: *Party Politics* 27.1, pp. 103–113.

- Plescia, Carolina, Sylvia Kritzinger, and Jakob-Moritz Eberl (2021). "The enemy within': Campaign attention and motivated reasoning in voter perceptions of intra-party conflict". In: *Party Politics* 27.5, pp. 917–927.
- Plescia, Carolina, Semra Sevi, and André Blais (2021). "Who Likes to Vote by Mail?" In: *American Politics Research* 49.4, pp. 381–385.
- Eberl, Jakob-Moritz, Lena Maria Huber, and **Carolina Plescia** (2020). "A tale of firsts: the 2019 Austrian snap election". In: *West European Politics* 43.6, pp. 1350–1363.
- Giannetti, Daniela, Luca Pinto, and **Carolina Plescia** (2020). "The first Conte government: government of change'or business as usual?" In: *Contemporary Italian Politics* 12.2, pp. 182–199.
- Plescia, Carolina, André Blais, and John Högström (2020). "Do people want a 'fairer'electoral system? An experimental study in four countries". In: European Journal of Political Research 59.4, pp. 733–751.
- Plescia, Carolina, Sylvia Kritzinger, and Patricia Oberluggauer (2020). "Parties' issue strategies on the drawing board: the 2017 Austrian case". In: West European Politics 43.3, pp. 639–664.
- **Plescia**, **Carolina** (2019). "On the subjectivity of the experience of victory: Who are the election winners?" In: *Political Psychology* 40.4, pp. 797–814.
- Plescia, Carolina, Sylvia Kritzinger, and Lorenzo De Sio (2019). "Filling the void? Political responsiveness of populist parties". In: *Representation* 55.4, pp. 513–533.
- Bodlos, Anita and **Carolina Plescia** (2018). "The 2017 Austrian snap election: a shift rightward". In: West European Politics 41.6, pp. 1354–1363.
- Eberl, Jakob-Moritz and **Carolina Plescia** (2018). "Coalitions in the news: How saliency and tone in news coverage influence voters' preferences and expectations about coalitions". In: *Electoral Studies* 55, pp. 30–39.
- Morisi, Davide and **Carolina Plescia** (2018). "Learning from the other side: how social networks influence turnout in a referendum campaign". In: *Italian Political Science Review/Rivista Italiana di Scienza Politica* 48.2, pp. 155–175.
- Nyhuis, Dominic and **Carolina Plescia** (2018). "The nonideological component of coalition preferences". In: *Party Politics* 24.6, pp. 686–697.
- Plescia, Carolina and Lorenzo De Sio (2018). "An evaluation of the performance and suitability of R× C methods for ecological inference with known true values". In: *Quality & Quantity* 52, pp. 669–683.
- Plescia, Carolina and Sylvia Kritzinger (2018a). "Credit or debit? The effect of issue ownership on retrospective economic voting". In: *Acta Politica* 53, pp. 248–268.
- Plescia, Carolina (2017a). "On the mismeasurement of sincere and strategic voting in mixed-member electoral systems". In: *Electoral Studies* 48, pp. 19–29.
- (2017b). "Portfolio-specific accountability and retrospective voting: the case of Italy". In: *Italian Political Science Review/Rivista Italiana di Scienza Politica* 47.3, pp. 313–336.
- (2017c). "The effect of pre-electoral party coordination on vote choice: evidence from the Italian regional elections". In: *Political Studies* 65.1, pp. 144–160.
- Plescia, Carolina and Julian Aichholzer (2017). "On the nature of voters' coalition preferences". In: *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties* 27.3, pp. 254–273.
- Plescia, Carolina and Sylvia Kritzinger (2017). "Retrospective voting and party support at elections: credit and blame for government and opposition". In: *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties* 27.2, pp. 156–171.

- Plescia, Carolina and Magdalena Staniek (2017). "In the eye of the beholder: voters' perceptions of party policy shifts". In: West European Politics 40.6, pp. 1288–1309.
- Thomas, Kathrin et al. (2017). "Estimating sensitive behavior: The ICT and high-incidence electoral behavior". In: *International Journal of Public Opinion Research* 29.1, pp. 157–171.
- Fernandes, Jorge M, Miguel M Pereira, and **Carolina Plescia** (2016). "Strategic voting in local elections: evidence from Portugal (1979–2013)". In: *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties* 26.3, pp. 312–335.
- Marsh, Michael and **Carolina Plescia** (2016). "Split-ticket voting in an STV system: choice in a non-strategic context". In: *Irish Political Studies* 31.2, pp. 163–181.

Book chapters

- Plescia, Carolina (2018). "Expected electoral performance, candidate quality and voter strategic coordination: The case of Japan". In: *The Many Faces of Strategic Voting*. Ed. by John Aldrich, André Blais, and Laura Stephenson. The University of Michigan Press, pp. 104–126.
- Plescia, Carolina and Sylvia Kritzinger (2018b). "Svolta a destra nelle elezioni 2017 in Austria". In: Dall'Europa alla Sicilia. Elezioni e opinione pubblica nel 2017. Ed. by Vincenzo Emanuele and Paparo Aldo. Roma: CISE-Centro Italiano Studi Elettorali, pp. 207–210.
- Plescia, Carolina, Sylvia Kritzinger, and Patricia Oberluggauer (2018a). "Austria 2017: conflict mobilization in a reconstructing political landscape". In: *The year of challengers? Issues, public opinion, and elections in Western Europe in 2017.* Ed. by Lorenzo De Sio and Paparo Aldo. Roma: CISE-Centro Italiano Studi Elettorali, pp. 193–197.
- (2018b). "Austria 2017: mobilitazione del conflitto politico in un sistema partitico in ricostruzione". In: *Dall'Europa alla Sicilia. Elezioni e opinione pubblica nel 2017.* Ed. by Vincenzo Emanuele and Paparo Aldo. Roma: CISE-Centro Italiano Studi Elettorali, pp. 201–207.
- Plescia, Carolina and David Johann (2014a). "Germania: Merkel non trionfa ma regge". In: *Le Elezioni Europee 2014.* Ed. by Lorenzo De Sio, Vincenzo Emanuele, and Maggini Nicola. Roma: CISE-Centro Italiano Studi Elettorali, pp. 231–235.
- (2014b). "Germany: Merkel does not stand out but holds". In: *The European Parliamen Elections of 2014*. Ed. by Lorenzo De Sio, Vincenzo Emanuele, and Maggini Nicola. Roma: CISE-Centro Italiano Studi Elettorali, pp. 189–194.
- Plescia, Carolina and Sylvia Kritzinger (2014a). "Austria: Nessuno perde e tutti vincono?" In: *Le Elezioni Europee 2014.* Ed. by Lorenzo De Sio, Vincenzo Emanuele, and Maggini Nicola. Roma: CISE-Centro Italiano Studi Elettorali, pp. 181–185.
- 8 (2014b). "Austria: No one loses, all win?" In: *The European Parliamen Elections of 2014.* Ed. by Lorenzo De Sio, Vincenzo Emanuele, and Maggini Nicola. Roma: CISE-Centro Italiano Studi Elettorali, pp. 127–132.

Research data

- Plescia, Carolina, Wilhelm James, et al. (2021). *RECONNECT 2019 European Parliament Election Panel Survey*. AUSSDA Dataverse: doi: 10.11587/MOVoEZ.
- 2 Kritzinger, Sylvia, Aichholzer Julian, et al. (2018). *AUTNES Multi-Mode Panel Study 2017 (SUF edition)*. AUSSDA Dataverse: doi:10.11587/NXDDPE.
- Plescia, Carolina and Kritzinger Sylvia (2017). Pre and Post Election Panel Study on Issue Yield and Voters' Priorities in the 2017 Austrian Election. AUSSDA Dataverse: doi.org/10.11587/5XWPKK.

Working papers

please see my website for an updated list of current working papers.

Invited talks and workshops

Feb 2023	'Political Representation and Behavior Workshop', University of Cologne, Germany.
Aug 2022	'Workshop on intra- and inter-party conflict', Humboldt-Universität Berlin, Germany.
May 2022	'Do voters prefer logrolling to compromise in parliamentary democracies?', ETH Zurich, Switzerland.
March 2022	$\'$ Roundtable on the 2022 Hungarian Elections', Central European University, Vienna, Austria.
Dec 2020	'In it to win it? The role of citizens meanings of voting in the winner-loser gap of diffuse political support', University of Barcelona, Spain.
Oct 2020	'RECONNECT Virtual Roundtable - The State of the European Union: Reconnecting to European Citizens?'.
May 2020	'RECONNECT Virtual project seminar with DG JUST'.
	'Conference on coalition politics', Texas A&M's European Union Center [cancelled due to COVID-19].
Nov 2019	Which citizens are more likely to accept or reject coalition compromises and why?, MZES Mannheim, Germany.
May 2019	'Compromising for worldly rewards? The short-term consequences of coalition agreements on voters', Montreal, Canada.
April 2019	'Citizen disenchantment with democracy in Europe', NTNU Trondheim.
Jun 2018	'Minding the Gap' in Representation', Humboldt-Universität Berlin, Germany.
Jan 2018	'Intra-government conflict and electoral accountability', University College Dublin.
Jan 2017	'How government alternation shapes voter incentives to engage in compensational voting'. MEDW-APSA Mini Conference, San Francisco, USA.

Teaching

University of Vienna (as instructor)

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Spring 2023		Digital Democracy (BA course).
		Research Methods for the Social Sciences (MA course).
Winter 2022		Political Psychology (MA course).
		Research Design and Causal Methods (PhD course).
		Bachelor Dissertation Seminar (BA course).
Spring 2022		Research Methods for the Social Sciences (MA course).
Spring 2021		Research Methods for the Social Sciences (MA course).
Winter 2020		Digital Democracy (BA course).
Winter 2019		Comparative Politics (BA course).
		Representation and Public Opinion (BA course).
Winter 2018		Bachelor Dissertation Seminar (BA course).
Spring 2018		Research Methods for the Social Sciences (MA course).
		Representation and Public Opinion (BA course).

Teaching (continued)

Winter 2017 Bachelor Dissertation Seminar (BA course).

Spring 2017 Research Methods for the Social Sciences (MA course).

Democratic Theories and Public Opinion (MA course).

Winter 2016 A Bachelor Dissertation Seminar (BA course).

Introduction to R (open course).

Spring 2016 Research Methods for the Social Sciences (MA course).

Introduction to R (open course).

Winter 2015 Rachelor Dissertation Seminar (BA course).

Quantitative Methods of Empirical Social Research (BA course).

Introduction to R (open course).

Spring 2015 Research Methods for the Social Sciences (MA course).

Introduction to R (open course).

Winter 2014 Bachelor Dissertation Seminar (BA course).

Quantitative Methods of Empirical Social Research (BA course).

Spring 2014 Research Methods for the Social Sciences (MA course).

Democratic Theories and Public Opinion (MA course).

University of Bologna (as instructor)

Spring 2019 Statistics for the Social Sciences (MA course).

London School of Economics and Social Sciences (as teaching assistant)

Summer 2012 Applied Regression Analysis (Summer School).

Trinity College Dublin (as teaching assistant)

Spring 2013 Research Methods (BA course).

Winter 2012 | Introduction to International Relations (BA course).

Spring 2010 Introduction to Political Science (BA course).

Winter 2009 Introduction to Political Science (BA course).

Thesis supervision

PhD dissertations (5x) in the following areas: European identity, Political participation, Biases in political reasoning, Populism.

Master dissertations (6x) in the following areas: Women representation, Democracy and immigration, Electoral participation, Populism.

Bachelor dissertations (30x) in the following areas: Electoral participation, Political representation, Authoritarianism, and many more.

Conference presentations

2023 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) General Conference, Chicago, USA.

2022 American Political Science Association (APSA) General Conference, Montreal, Canada.

European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference, Innsbruck, Austria.

Conference presentations (continued)

- International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP) General Conference, Athene, Greece.
- European Political Science Association (EPSA) Annual Conference, Prague, Czech Republic.
- 2019 European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference, Wroclaw, Poland.
 - Comparative Study of Electoral System (CSES) one-day conference, Vienna, Austria.
 - Austrian National Election Study (AUTNES) data conference, Vienna, Austria.
 - Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) General Conference, Chicago, USA.
- 2018 Elections, Public Opinion and Parties (EPOP) Annual Conference, London, United Kingdom.
 - Società Italiana di Scienza Politica (SISP) General Conference, Turin, Italy.
 - European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference, Hamburg, Germany.
 - Annual conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), Vienna, Austria.
- 2017 Annual Conference of the Austrian Political Science Association (ÖGPW), Graz, Austria.
 - Società Italiana di Scienza Politica (SISP) General Conference, Urbino, Italy.
 - European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference, Oslo, Norway.
 - Elections, Public Opinion and Parties (EPOP) Annual Conference, Nottingham, United Kingdom.
 - Annual conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), Milan, Italy.
- 2016 Società Italiana di Scienza Politica (SISP) General Conference, Milan, Italy.
 - Selections, Public Opinion and Parties (EPOP) Annual Conference, Canterbury, United Kingdom.
 - Annual conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), June 2016, Bruxelles, Belgium.
 - Interdisciplinary Research Symposium "The Acquisition, Selection and Processing of Information", Konstanz, Germany.
 - Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) General Conference, Chicago, USA.
- 2015 Annual Conference of the Austrian Political Science Association (ÖGPW), Salzburg, Austria.
 - European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference, Montreal, Canada.
 - Annual conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), Vienna, Austria.
 - European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) Joint Sessions of Workshops, Warsaw, Poland.
- 2014 📕 Elections, Public Opinion and Parties (EPOP) Annual Conference, Edinburgh, United Kingdom.
- 2013 European Political Science Association (EPSA) general conference, Barcelona, Spain.
 - True European Voter (TEV) General Conference, April 2013, Rodi, Grecia.
- 2012 Elections, Public Opinion and Parties (EPOP) Annual Conference, Oxford, United Kingdom.
 - European Political Science Association (EPSA) Annual Conference, Berlin, Germany.
- 2011 Società Italiana di Scienza Politica (SISP) General Conference, Palermo, Italy.
 - European Political Science Association (EPSA) Annual Conference, Dublin, Ireland.
 - Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) General Conference, Chicago, United States of America.
 - Political Science Association (PSA) Graduate Conference, April 2011, London, United Kingdom.
- 2010 European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) Graduate Conference, Dublin, Ireland.

Service to the discipline

Workshop organization

2023 Voter perceptions of post-election outcomes. University of Vienna, Austria.

2020 RECONNECT workshop Vienna. University of Vienna, Austria [moved online due to COVID-19].

2017 Political knowledge and information processing. University of Vienna, Austria.

Panel chair or Discussant

2020 Annual Conference of the Austrian Political Science Association (ÖGPW), online.

2019 European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference, Wroclaw, Poland.

Austrian National Election Study (AUTNES) data conference, Vienna, Austria.

2018 Società Italiana di Scienza Politica (SISP) General Conference, Turin, Italy.

2017 European Political Science Association (EPSA), Milan, Italy.

2016 Società Italiana di Scienza Politica (SISP) General Conference (EPSA), Milan, Italy.

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) General Conference, Chicago, USA.

2015 Annual Conference of the Austrian Political Science Association (ÖGPW), Salzburg, Austria.

European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference, Montreal, Montreal.

2011 Società Italiana di Scienza Politica (SISP) General Conference, Palermo, Italy.

Departmental service

2022-... Vice-Head. Department of Government, University of Vienna, Austria.

Co-lead of the Research Ethics Screening. Department of Government, University of Vienna, Austria.

2020-... Co-convener of the Seminar Series. Department of Government, University of Vienna, Austria.

2018–... **Member of selection committee for post-docs**. Department of Government, University of Vienna, Austria.

Member of Habilitationskommission for professors. University of Vienna, Austria.

2017-... Member of selection committee for student assistants. Department of Government, University of Vienna, Austria.

Editorial board

2023-... | Electoral Studies.

2021-... | Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties.

Conference service

2022-... APSA Chair Division 14 – Comparative Politics, advanced industrialised democracies (with Dr Kyriaki Nanou).

Election committee - ECPR Standing Group of Public Opinion and Voting Behaviour in a Comparative Perspective.

Grant Referee

NCN (National Science Centre, Poland) Panel member.

Service to the discipline (continued)

NCN (National Science Centre, Poland) Expert reviewer.

Prize committee

- JEPOP best paper award committee 2022.
- APSA Lawrence Longley prize 2021.

Ad-hoc Reviewer

American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Political Analysis, Journal of Politics, European Journal of Political Research, Sociological Methods and Research, West European Politics, Comparative Political Studies, Electoral Studies, and Public Opinion Quarterly and many more.

Media appearances (selected ones only)

22.Sep.2022	■ Blog interview for <i>Der Standard</i> on E-voting.
03.Apr.2022	Newspaper interview for <i>Times</i> on Hungarian 2022 election.
15.Oct.2019	Newspaper interview for $OE_{24.at}$ on Austrian 2019 election.
03.Oct.2019	Newspaper interview for <i>News.at</i> on Austrian 2019 election.
07.Mar.2019	Newspaper interview for <i>Avvenire</i> on Austrian 2019 election.
30.Jan.2019	Newspaper interview for <i>FALTER.at</i> on Austrian 2019 election.
12.Jan.2019	Newspaper interview for <i>Die Presse</i> on government compromises.
16.Oct.2017	Radio interview for <i>Radio InBlu</i> on Austrian 2017 election.
13.Oct.2017	TV interview for <i>Finnish Broadcasting Company</i> on Austrian 2017 election.

Miscellaneous

Languages	Italian (native speaker), English (proficient), Spanish (limited working proficiency) and German (limited working proficiency).
Technical skills	STATA, R, LATEX,
Blogs	Regular contributor to Austrian Corona Panel Project (ACPP), ECPR The Loop, Der
	Standard blog, LSE's EUROPP European Politics and Policy and more.

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