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Academic appointments:

May 2012-present: Lecturer in Politics, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Leicester, Leicester LE1 7RH UK;

September 2010-May 2012: Lecturer in Politics, Department of Politics, History and International Relations, Loughborough University, Loughborough LE11 3TU;

October 2010: Guest-lecturer at the University of Nottingham, Malaysia Campus for the MYEULINK, project funded by the EU Malaysian Ministry of Higher Education;

2009-2012: Guest-lecturer for the MA in European Studies, Centre of Research on European Integration (C.R.I.E.), University of Siena, Italy;

September 2008-August 2010: Teaching Fellow, School of Politics, University of Nottingham;

April 2008-September 2008: Research Associate, 'Eurosphere' project, funded by the European Commission FP6 integrated project on 'Diversity and the European Public Sphere. Towards a Citizens' Europe', Cardiff School of Journalism, Media and Cultural Studies, Cardiff University;

October 2005-June 2007: Associate Tutor for courses of Politics and Contemporary European Studies, Sussex European Institute, Politics and Contemporary European Studies, University of Sussex.

Qualifications:

DPhil in Contemporary European Studies, Sussex European Institute, Politics and Contemporary European Studies, University of Sussex, UK (10 October 2004-16 September 2008. Awarded in January **2009**);

October 2004-November 2005: MSc in Social Research Methods, University of Sussex, UK. (Pass with Distinction);

September 2000-September 2001: MA in European Studies (Pass with Excellence), C.R.I.E, Università degli Studi di Siena, Italy, Uniwersytet Jagielloński (Instytut Spraw Publicznych), Krakow, Poland, and Université Robert Schuman (Institut des Hautes Etudes Européennes), Strasbourg, France (Pass with Excellence).

Selected Grants:

2014: Recipient of the Montalcini Programme Award 2012 (MIUR, Italian Ministry for Education, Universities and

Research) for the International Promotion of Young Researchers to temporarily recruit outstanding post-docs working abroad. Research project on public Euroscepticism, 'Eurosceptic, Euroneutral, Euroenthusiast: Towards a framework of analysis' (36 months, expected start date: Oct. 2014, 191,273.66 EUR).

2013-14: Alumni Mentoring Scheme Coordinator Project (Ref: LGI-2013-14) £14,520.00;

2013: University Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES) Small Event Grant, 'Sacred and Secular: Researching the Role of Religion in Contemporary Europe', with Dr Ben Clements, £ 962.00

2011: Grant Award, SPG Seedcorn Research Fund Award, Loughborough University, PI, on 'Governance, Corruption and Anti-Corruption Policies: The EU and members states, candidate and third countries' (November 2011-May 2012), Loughborough University, £ 1,500; (v) UACES Scholarship 2007 for fieldwork in Poland, funded by UACES and the European Commission, £ 950.00.

2010: EU Grant Award J12823, European Commission, DG Justice, Freedom and Security, Directorate D: Fundamental Rights and Citizenship, 'VAA for Poles and Lithuanians in the UK' (PI in the UK, January 2011-December 2012: 24 months). Total value of the Grant: Euro 331,462.33 – project led by the University of Warsaw (Poland), with Loughborough University (UK), Mypolitiq (Lithuania) and the University of Leicester;

Selected Publications:

Religion and Euroscepticism in Post-Communist Europe, Abingdon: Routledge (2015);

'West and East, or Economy and Politics: Explaining Attitudes towards the EU in Time of Crisis' in B. Stefanova (ed) *The European Union beyond the Crisis: Evolving Governance, Contested Policies, Disenchanted Publics*, Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, Rowman & Littlefield (with Fabio Serricchio) (2014).

Euroscepticism in the EU: New Dimensions in Opposition to European Integration, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar (with Simon Usherwood and Nick Startin) (2014);

'What is euroscepticism and how do we measure it?' in Simon Usherwood, Nick Startin and Simona Guerra (eds) *Euroscepticism in the EU: New Dimensions in Opposition to European Integration* (2014);

Central and Eastern European Attitudes in the Face of the Union, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan (2013);

‘Public Opinion and the EU’ in Michelle Cini and Nieves Pérez-Solórzano (eds) *European Union Politics*, Oxford: OUP, 4th ed. (with Lauren McLaren), pp. 354-366 (2013);

‘Does familiarity breed contempt? Determinants of public support for European integration and opposition to it before and after accession’, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, Vol. 51, No. 1, pp. 38-50 (2013);

‘Poles in the EU: Prior to and After Accession’ in Agata Dziejulska and Anna M. Ostrowska (eds) *New neighbours - on the diversity of migrants' political involvement*, Centre for Europe, University of Warsaw;

‘Euro-sceptic Allies or Euro-enthusiast Friends? The Political Discourse of the Roman Catholic Church in Poland’, in Lucian Leustan (ed) *Does God Matter? Representing Religion in the European Union*, London: Routledge, Series on Religion and Politics, (2012);

‘Not Just Europeanization, Not Necessarily Populism: Potential factors underlying the mobilization of populism in Ireland and Poland’, *Perspectives on European Politics and Society*, Vol. 11, No. 3, pp. 273-291 (with John FitzGibbon) (2010);

‘The League of Polish Families between East and West, past and present’, *The Journal of Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, Vol. 42, No. 4, pp. 527-549 (with Sarah de Lange) (2009);

‘Election or Referendum?: The 2007 Polish Parliamentary Election’, *Representation*, Vol. 45, No. 1, pp. 75-85 (with Monika Bil) (2009).

Research and professional activities:

UACES, *University Association for Contemporary European Studies* Elected Committee Member & Trustee, 2010 – 2014;

UACES Collaborative Research Network on Euroscepticism, convenor of the sub-group on Euroscepticism and Civil Society;

Co-editor of the *Journal of Contemporary European Research*, September 2012 – present;

Co-convenor of the BASEES Standing Group, ‘Assessing Accession – Central & Eastern Europe in the EU.’