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In the frame of party competition: citizenship,
voting rights and nation-building in the post-
Yugoslav space

(COMPCITXU)

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OVERALL PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- O1: enhance the researcher's methodological and project management capabilities via '**training through research**' and consultation with EUI faculty, thus producing new knowledge.
- O2: improve the researcher's **understanding of party competition, franchise and citizenship** and contribute to the development of Europe-based study thereof.
- O3: to reach **professional maturity** by publishing research outputs, conference participation, dissemination and invited activities.
- - O4: to establish **durable collaborations** with colleagues from the EUI and elsewhere with the aim of applying for major research funding in the coming years.



SPECIFIC RESEARCH OBJECTIVE

- Study the transformations of citizenship and voting rights in the post-Yugoslav states
 - Contextualize developments against party competition that takes place in a space shaped by intersecting continuums between nation-building and Europeanisation
 - Timeframe: 2000 – 2012 (extended to present!)



METHODS

- Mixed methods (complementary: quantitative and qualitative)
- Quantitative
 - S1: Coding of citizenship and the franchise legislation (EUDO)
 - S2: Construction of a bi-dimensional space (NB/EU) – coding: progress in accession, NB Oslo survey
 - S3: Measuring the institutionalisation of party systems in the post-Yugoslav space (closure, fragmentation, volatility, polarisation)
- Qualitative
 - S1: conceptual and contextual sources (primary and secondary)
 - S2: Interviews with stakeholders (in all of the countries) – EUI Ethics Review Committee
 - S3: Triangulation



TRAINING THROUGH RESEARCH

- 1) Training required for Marie Curie project
 - Comparative research design (APSA session)
 - Basic quantitative methods (U of Oslo)
 - Elite interviewing (through mentoring)
- 2) Complementary and transferable skills
 - Academic English & public speaking (EUI)
 - Project management (EUI, EUDO mentorship)
 - Languages (German – EUI LC, French – self-study)



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ACHIEVEMENTS I: CORE PUBLICATIONS

- 1 BOOK
- 2 single-authored articles (1 forthcoming, 1 under review😊)
- 1 open access WP (SSRN)
- 3 book chapters
 - *MCF acknowledged!*

*Further outputs expected in the course of 2016-2017.
The EC will be informed and PDFs supplied.*





ACHIEVEMENTS II: COURSES

- 1. Transformations of citizenship in Southeastern Europe (SEE) - University of Graz
- 2. Transformations of citizenship in Southeastern Europe (SEE) - University of Fribourg
- 3. Citizenship in international relations – University of Passau



ACHIEVEMENTS III: KEYNOTE SPEECHES & INVITED TALKS

- KEYNOTES
 - EUI-MWP&JMU
 - Seggau Summer School
 - RRPP Annual Conference
- INVITED (selection)
 - University of East London
 - Canterbury Christ Church University



ACHIEVEMENTS IV: DISSEMINATION

- ACADEMIC CONFERENCES (selection)
 - APSA
 - UACES
 - ASN
 - ISA
 - ECPR (?)
- NON-ACADEMIC AUDIENCES
 - E-IR blog
 - MCA Promotion: MSCA in Trento, advice to EUI MSCA applicants
 - Media: *El Pais* (Spain), *O Globo* (Brazil), *Bloomberg BusinessWeek* (USA), *Times of Malta* (Malta), *Forum* (Croatia), *AD Netherlands* (Netherlands etc.), CBC, The Economist Intelligence Unit, Die Zeit, Profil



IMPACT ON CAREER

- Enhanced research profile
 - Publications, methods, project management
- Enhanced networks: UK, Switzerland, Austria, the Netherlands, Germany, former Yugoslav states
- Next step: RF at the EUDO CIT project
- Overall: very positive impact
 - CAVEAT: Citizenship 😊