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Dr. Veronica Anghel is an Assistant Professor at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies (RSCAS) of the European University Institute (EUI), Co-Director of the European Governance and Politics Programme, and a Visiting Professor at the College of Europe, where she teaches EU geopolitics and EU enlargement. Veronica works at the intersection of political science and security studies. She researches Europe's role in the world, focusing on European geopolitics, security and integration, and EU foreign relations. Her book project is provisionally titled *Total Defence: An EU Grand Strategy for the 21st Century*. Previously, she was a Lecturer in 'Risk in International Politics and Economics' at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and a Fulbright Researcher at Stanford University. She also worked as a junior foreign policy adviser to the Romanian Presidency during Russia's annexation of Crimea. In 2021, she received the inaugural European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) Rising Star Award.

CURRENT ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

2024 (April)-

[Assistant Professor](#) | Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute
Co-Director | European Governance and Politics Program, European University Institute

2025 (September)-

[Visiting Professor](#) | College of Europe, Bruges | *Course: EU Geopolitics and Enlargement*

PAST ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

05 2022-06 2024

Lecturer | Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (in person & online)

09 2022-08 2023

Europe's Futures Fellow (non-resident) | Institute for Human Sciences-Vienna

01 2022-08 2022

Professor (part-time) | Department of Political Science, European University Institute

09 2020-08 2022

Max Weber Fellow | Department of Political Science, European University Institute

01 2021-04 2022

Adjunct Professor in Risk in International Studies and Economics | Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, Bologna, Italy (in person & online)

01 2020-06 2020

Fulbright Research Fellow | Stanford University

01 2019-12 2019

Associate Fellow | Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies

01 2018-12 2019

Postdoctoral Research Fellow | Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe of Vienna

01 2018-12 2018

Postdoctoral Research Fellow | Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna

11 2015-12 2016

Visiting Pre-doctoral Researcher | Institute for Government, University of Vienna

EDUCATION

2013-2018

PhD in Political Science | Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucharest (joint supervision Université de Bordeaux)

Thesis: The Formation and Life of Coalition Governments in Romania. Patterns Behind the Drift

2011-2013

MA in Comparative Politics | Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucharest

Thesis: Elites and Democratization: A Study of Coalition Formation in Romania

2008-2011

BA in Political Science | Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucharest

Thesis: Elites and Democratization in Modern Ireland

2008-2011

BA in International Relations and European Studies | Faculty of History, University of Bucharest

Thesis: Energy Security in the Greater Black Sea Region

AWARDS

2021

['Rising Star' Award in Political Sciences](#), awarded by the European Consortium for Political Research

2018

'Best PhD Dissertation Award' (€3,000) awarded by the University of Bucharest

RESEARCH GRANTS (PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR)

2026-2029	EU Commission, HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-DEMOCRACY-03 (€3.5 million), 'Making Sense of EU Enlargement for, with and by Citizens (CitiSense)'. Co-coordinator.
2026-2029	EU Commission, HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-DEMOCRACY-03 (€500,000), 'Resisting Authoritarian Networks and Coalitions (RESISTANCE)'. Work Package Leader: 'Autocratic Appeal Early Warning and Strategic Foresight'.
2026	Erste Foundation, Vienna (€20,000), 'Global Risks to the European Union'.
2025	Erste Foundation, Vienna (€20,000), 'What Kind of Ukraine? Structural Shifts and EU Integration'.
2023–2024	European Parliament Research Service (€15,000), 'The Role of the European Parliament in Eastern Enlargement'.
2023	Friedrich Naumann Foundation (€3,800), 'Prototype for a Risk Monitor for Ukraine's EU Accession'.
2022–2023	Institute for Human Sciences & Erste Foundation (€22,000), 'EU Enlargement and the Russia–Ukraine War'.
2021–2022	Forum Transregionale Studien Berlin&Mercator Stiftung (€16,800), 'Informal Institutions and Democratic Resilience'.
2021	Small Research Grant, Johns Hopkins SAIS (€2,500), 'Experimental Study of Covid-19 Effects on Attitudes in Europe'.
2020	Fulbright Research Grant at Stanford University (\$22,545), 'Informal Institutions and Regime Building in CEE'.

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS (peer-review)

Books

- **Anghel, Veronica** and Erik Jones. 2025. From Club to Commons Enlargement, Reform and Sustainability in European Integration. Elements in Economics of European Integration, Cambridge University Press.
- **Anghel, Veronica** and Erik Jones (eds). 2022. Developments in European Politics 3. London: Bloomsbury Academic.

Journal Articles

- **Anghel, Veronica**. 2025. Why the EU is a Geopolitical Power: Wartime Enlargement, Integration and Reform. *Journal of European Public Policy* 32 (12), 2862-2885. doi: 10.1080/13501763.2025.2558974
- **Anghel, Veronica** and Erik Jones. 2025. The Enlargement of International Organizations. *West European Politics* 48(1), 1-28. doi:10.1080/01402382.2024.2311044
- **Anghel, Veronica**. 2024. How wars don't end: A response to Gerard Toal's analysis of ceasefire negotiations in Ukraine. *Environment and Planning C: Politics and Space* 42 (7), 1139-1143. doi: 10.1177/23996544241276298
- **Anghel, Veronica** and Erik Jones. 2024. The Geopolitics of EU Enlargement: From Club to Commons. *Survival* 66(4), 101–114. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00396338.2024.2380203>
- **Anghel, Veronica** and Erik Jones. 2024. The Transatlantic Relationship and the Russia – Ukraine War. *Political Science Quarterly* 139(4), 509-527. doi: 10.1093/psquar/qqae051
- **Anghel, Veronica** and Erik Jones. 2024. What Went Wrong in Hungary. *Journal of Democracy* 35(2), 52–64. doi: 10.1353/jod.2024.a922833
- Schulte – Cloos, Julia and **Veronica Anghel**. 2023. Right-wing authoritarian attitudes, fast-paced decision-making, and the spread of misinformation about COVID-19 vaccines. *Political Communication* 41(4), 608-626. doi: 10.1080/10584609.2023.2291538
- **Anghel, Veronica** and Jelena Dzankic. 2023. Wartime EU: Consequences of the Russia-Ukraine War on the Enlargement Process. *Journal of European Integration* 45(3), 487-501. doi: 10.1080/07036337.2023.2190106
- **Anghel, Veronica** and Julia Schulte-Cloos. 2023. COVID-19 Related Anxieties Do Not Decrease Support for Liberal Democracy. *European Journal of Political Research* 62(2), 660-673. doi: 10.1111/1475-6765.12554
- **Anghel, Veronica** and Erik Jones. 2023. Is Europe Really Forged through Crisis? Pandemic EU and the Russia – Ukraine War. *Journal of European Public Policy* 30 (4), 766-786. doi: 10.1080/13501763.2022.2140820
- **Anghel, Veronica** and Erik Jones. 2022. Riders on the Storm: The Politics of Disruption in European Member States During the COVID-19 Pandemic. *East European Politics* 38(4), 551-570. doi: 10.1080/21599165.2022.2122045
- **Anghel, Veronica** and Erik Jones. 2022. Failing Forward in Eastern Enlargement: problem solving through problem making. *Journal of European Public Policy* 29(7), 1092-1111. doi: 10.1080/13501763.2021.1927155
- **Anghel, Veronica**. 2020. Together or Apart? The European Union's East–West Divide. *Survival* 62(3), 179–202. doi: 10.1080/00396338.2020.1763621.
- **Anghel, Veronica** and Maria Thurk. 2019. Under the Influence: Pay-Offs of Legislative Support Parties under Minority Governments. *Government & Opposition* 56(1), 121-140. doi: 10.1017/gov.2019.11.
- **Anghel, Veronica**. 2018. Why can't we be friends? The Coalition Potential of Presidents in Semi-presidential Republics. Insights from Romania. *East European Politics and Societies*, 32(1), 101-118. doi: 10.1177/0888325417722829.

- **Anghel, Veronica.** 2017. Alliance Building Strategies in Post-Communist Romania (1990-2016). Bonding through Dependence. *Südosteuropa Mitteilungen Journal of Politics and Society*, 3, pp.16-29.

Databases

- **Anghel, Veronica.** 2026. Global Risks to the EU 2026 (RISK-EU) dataset, EUI, RSCAS, Research Data, European Governance and Politics Programme, <https://europeangovernanceandpolitics.eui.eu/global-risks-eu/#>
- **Anghel, Veronica.** 2025. Global Risks to EU 2025 (RISK-EU) dataset, EUI, RSCAS, Research Data, European Governance and Politics Programme, <https://hdl.handle.net/1814/78025>

Chapters in Books

- **Anghel, Veronica.** Forthcoming 2026. "EU Enlargement and Dissensus over Liberal Democracy." In *The Palgrave Handbook on Dissensus over Liberal Democracy in Europe*, edited by Ramona Coman, Claudia Bădulescu, Thomas Christiansen and Marta Simoncini. London: Palgrave
- **Anghel, Veronica.** 2024. "Live Fast, Die Young: Crises Effects on Coalition Life Cycles." In *Governing in Times of Crisis*, edited by T. Bergman and G. Illonszki. London: Routledge.
- **Anghel, Veronica,** and Erik Jones. 2023. "Broken Promises Diplomacy: The Russia-Ukraine War and the End of Enlargement as We Know It." In *A Year Later: War in Ukraine and Western Balkan (Geo)Politics*. Florence: European University Institute Press.
- **Anghel, Veronica.** 2023. "Minority Cabinets in Romania: A Case of Stable Instability." In *Minority Governments in Comparative Perspective*, edited by B. Fields and M. Shane. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- **Anghel, Veronica.** 2022. "Informal Institutions: The World's Open Secrets." In *Developments in European Politics 3*, edited by V. Anghel and E. Jones. London: Bloomsbury Academic.
- **Anghel, Veronica.** 2020. "Who Wants to Live Forever? Europe." In *European Studies: Past, Present and Future*, edited by E. Jones. London: Agenda.
- **Anghel, Veronica.** 2019. "The Institutionalisation of Parties and Coalitions in Romania: An Unfulfilled Process?" In *Institutionalisation of Political Parties: Comparative Cases*, edited by R. Harmel and L. Svåsand. London: Rowman and Littlefield.

Special Issue Editor

- Wartime Europe: EU Integration, Reform and Enlargement (*commissioned by JEPP, 2025*)

WORK IN PROGRESS

Book

- Total Defence: An EU Grand Strategy for the 21st Century

Articles

- How does World Order Unravel: Allied (In)coordination, Crises Domino Effects and Expert Threat Perceptions
- Is Total Defence the EU's First Grand Strategy?
- What drives low public support for Ukraine among EU citizens? (*with D. Stolle, M. Popova*)

Chapters in Books

- EU Solidarity in its Neighbourhood and Candidate Countries. *OUP Handbook of European Union Solidarity*

TEACHING

2026 (January) -	Graduate MA, College of Europe, Bruges EU Geopolitics and EU Enlargement
10 2021-05 2024	Graduate MA, Johns Hopkins School of International Studies Risk in International Politics and Economics
01 2021-01 2024	Static Models in Understanding Risk (online)
05 2021-05 2023	Dynamic Models in Understanding Risk (online)
Winter Semester 2024	Developments in European Politics (online)
Fall Semester 2022	Comparative Politics Invisible University for Ukraine (course director/online teaching)
01 2024-12 2024	European Union Reform and Enlargement Graduate PhD, Department of Political Science, European University Institute
Spring Semester 2022	PhD Thesis Research Design

Knowledge Translation: Communicating Research to Policy

Undergraduate Teaching, Department of Political Science, University of Bucharest

10 2013-02 2015

Political Elites and Political Parties (in English)

Political Ideologies (in English and in French)

OTHER SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- 2025 (January)- **Associate Editor** at the Journal of European Public Policy (JEPP)
- 2025 (January)- Member of the **Executive Committee** of the Council for European Studies (CES)
- 2025 (January)- **Editor** European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR) Loop, EU Enlargement Dilemmas Series
- 2024 (November) **Section Officer**, Comparative Politics, American Political Science Association (APSA)
- 01 2024-12 2024 **Professor & Course Coordinator**, CEU Invisible University for Ukraine
- 01 2019-02 2025 **'Robert Elgie' Editorial Fellow** at the Journal Government & Opposition

PUBLIC OUTREACH (selection)

- 2026 ['Global Risks to the EU in 2026: What are the main conflict threats for Europe?'](#) *EU Institute for Security Studies*.
- 2025 ['Europe's Delayed Reckoning With Russia A Plan to Beat the Kremlin on Its Own Terms.'](#) (With S. Radchenko). *Foreign Affairs*
- ['Romania's Postponed Reckoning.'](#) *Foreign Affairs*.
- ['How the Far Right Almost Destroyed Romanian Democracy.'](#) *Journal of Democracy*.
- ['The Illusion of Containment: Why Removing Extremist Candidates Will Not Halt the Far-Right in Romania.'](#) *IAI Rome*.
- ['Global Risks to the EU: A blueprint to navigate the year ahead.'](#) *EU Institute for Security Studies (EUISS)*.
- 2024 ['Why EU Enlargement is a Strategic Necessity.'](#) *Series Foundational Blog, The Loop-ECPR*.
- ['Why Romania Cancelled Its Presidential Elections.'](#) *Journal of Democracy*.
- ['Europe Turns East.'](#) *Eurozine*.
- ['EU Enlargement: A Strategic Imperative for Survival.'](#) *Swedish Institute for European Policy Studies*.
- ['The Key Question for the EU is Not Whether to Enlarge, but How Best to Do So.'](#) *The Loop-ECPR*.
- ['From Copenhagen to Kyiv: Rule of Law under Martial Law.'](#) [How Can an Enlarging EU Best Protect Rule of Law and Democracy](#) (Brussels: TEPSA, February) pp. 1-2.
- ['We Need to Talk About EU Enlargement.'](#) *Encompass*.
- 2023 ['The Future of EU Enlargement'](#), *Podcast - Brussels Sprouts*.
- ['No International Relations Theory Justifies Calls for an Early Peace in the Russo-Ukrainian War'](#), *Europe's Futures*.
- ['Rule of Law or Rule of Norms? Informal Institutions and Their Role for Democratic Resilience'](#), *Forum Transregionale Studien*.
- ['The Past, Present and Future of EU Enlargement'](#), *Podcast – IWM Vienna*.
- ['Will Ukraine rid Europe of its colonial mindset?'](#), *Vox Europe*.
- ['The Power of Smaller Countries'](#), *Eurozine*.
- ['Explaining the role of informal institutions in the formation of minority cabinets in Romania'](#), *LSE – EUROPP Blog*.
- ['Pandemic Europe Three Years On: Insights from Political Science'](#), *The Loop – ECPR*.
- 2022 ['Is EU enlargement to Moldova and Ukraine credible?'](#), *The Loop – ECPR*.
- ['In Praise of Reality, not Realism – An Answer to Mearsheimer'](#), *EUI Ideas Blog*.
- 2021 ['Forgetting the Holocaust'](#), *Podcast - History as it Happens, Washington Times*.
- ['Progressive mayors in Central and Eastern Europe challenge the status quo'](#), *Social Europe*.
- ['Joe Biden will balance security interests and the rule of law in Central and Eastern Europe'](#), *The Loop-ECPR*.
- ['Orban's Allure'](#), *Podcast - History as it Happens, Washington Times*.
- 2020 ['A setback for a comeback: why COVID-19 weakened, but not defeated national-populism'](#), *Encompass Europe*.
- ['Coronavirus in Central and Eastern Europe – will the lockdown become a cage?'](#), *Encompass Europe*.
- ['Eastern European Nationalism to Find a Fertile Ground in COVID-19 Pandemic'](#), *Stanford FSI Blog*.
- ['Anti-Virus Measures in European States Show the Weaknesses of Nation-States'](#), *Stanford FSI Blog*.

Commentary on the *BBC*, *the Wall Street Journal*, *The Economist*, *The New York Times*, *The Guardian*, *Financial Times*, *World Politics Review*, *II Post*, *Haaretz*, etc.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE OUTSIDE ACADEMIA

2018 (November)-	Contributing Analyst Oxford Analytica
2018 (April)-	Contributing Analyst The Economist Intelligence Unit
12 2014-11 2015	Junior Foreign Affairs Adviser Presidential Administration of Romania
12 2012-12 2014	Diplomatic Adviser Romanian Senate
03 2012-12 2012	Political Analyst (Intern) British Embassy to Bucharest

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION (selection, most recent)

2026		
[1] International Studies Association (ISA), Columbus, Ohio.		Presenter, Discussant
[2] Council for European Studies (CES), Dublin, Ireland.		Presenter, Discussant
[3] European Political Science Society (EPSA), Belfast, UK.		Presenter, Discussant
2025		
[1] Annual Meeting of the Southwest Political Science Association (SPSA), Puerto Rico.		Presenter, Discussant
[2] European Consortium for Political Research Joint Sessions, Prague.		WS Director, Presenter
[3] Biennial Conference of the European Union Studies Association (EUSA), Philadelphia.		Presenter, Discussant
[4] Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Vancouver.		Section Officer, Presenter
[5] Annual Meeting of the Council for European Studies (CES), Philadelphia.		Presenter, Discussant
2024		
[1] European Consortium for Political Research Joint Sessions, Leuphana.		Presenter, Discussant
[2] International Studies Association (ISA), San Francisco.		Presenter, Discussant
[3] Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), Boston.		Presenter, Discussant
2023		
[1] Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago.		Presenter, Discussant
[2] Annual General Conference of the Council for European Studies (CES), Reykjavik.		Presenter, Discussant
[3] Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), LA.		Presenter, Discussant
[4] Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), Philadelphia.		Presenter, Discussant
2022		
[1] Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Montreal.		Presenter, Discussant
[2] Annual Meeting of the Southwest Political Science Association (SPSA), San Antonio.		Presenter, Discussant
[3] Biennial Conference of the European Union Studies Association (EUSA), Miami.		Presenter, Discussant
2021		
[1] International Studies Association (ISA), Virtual.		Presenter
[2] European Political Science Association (EPSA), Virtual.		Co-author, Discussant

INVITED TALKS (selection)

2026	Venue	Lecture/Presentation Title
June 2	Körber History Forum Retreat, Lubbenau, DE	Statecraft for a non-state: EU Geopolitics Now
April 23	Delphi Forum, Greece	Alliances in a New Age: How Trump is Redefining the Ties that Bind Us
March 6	JHU-SAIS Europe, Bologna, IT	Total Defence and EU Geopolitics
Feb 10	St. Antony's College, Oxford, UK	The Rise of Geopolitical EU
Jan 15	CFR, Washington, D.C.	US and EU Security Priorities in 2026
2025		
Nov 4	Nuffield College, Oxford, UK	Beyond Great Power Competition: Relational IR and the New Global Order
Sept 23	JHU-SAIS Europe, Bologna, IT	Grand Strategy, Relational IR and the New Global Order
April 25	Hertie School, Berlin	EU Grand Strategy Formation: towards an EU Russia Strategy
March 13	Monte Verita & ETH, Switzerland	EU Boundary Rules from Limited Access to Formal Enlargement
Feb 25	Wroclaw University, Poland	From Research to Policy Impact
Jan 29	Johns Hopkins Kissinger Center	US, Europe, and the Future of World Order in an Era of Uncertainty
2024		
Dec 11	Carnegie Corporation, Washington, D.C.	The Transatlantic Relationship and the Russia-Ukraine War

Sept 30	University of Florence	Geopolitical EU in A Challenged Global Order
Sept 27	Swedish Institute for European Policy Studies	EU Enlargement: An Imperative for Survival
June 21	Stanford Korea Program, Seoul	Strongman Politics and Democracy in Europe
May 30	McGill University, Canada	Simone Veil Lecture: The End of Civilian Power EU
May 10	European University Institute	Global Order in an Unsettled World
April 23	Free University, Brussels	The End of Civilian Power EU
April 18	European University Institute	Where is liberal democracy going?
April 16	Polish Senate	Testimony on EU Enlargement and Rule of Law
March 26	Hanalys, Helsinki, Finland	Sweden & Finland as leaders in the EU&NATO New Security
Feb 28	Groningen University, Netherlands	Wartime EU: Effects of the Eastern Enlargement Process on the EU

2023

Nov 7	University of Lviv, Ukraine	Forecasting Risks for Ukraine's EU Accession
May 23	University of Denver	Against an Early Peace in Ukraine
March 30	Andrassy University, Budapest	Informal Institutions and Authoritarianism

2022

Dec 9	Karlov University, Prague	Politics of Peripheries: Eastern Europe's Democracy Bubble
Dec 13	Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome	Can the EU Fix Rule of Law Backsliding?
Nov 23	Robert Schuman Center, Florence	Effects of the Russia-Ukraine War on the Transatlantic Relationship
Nov 3	Johns Hopkins SAIS, Bologna	The US Midterm Elections and the Russia-Ukraine War
Oct 27	Sapienza University, Rome	The Political Effects of Covid-19 on EU Member States
Sept 13	IWM, Vienna	Wartime EU and the Enlargement Process
May 26	Chatham House, London	War and Politics
May 6	State of The Union, Florence	The Future of the Transatlantic Relationship
April 21	EUI, Florence	GradNet Student Conference Keynote: A Dictator's Playbook
Feb 25	Wilberforce Society, Cambridge U.	COVID-19 As A Catalyst for Change?

FORMAL CONTINUOUS LEARNING

2021	ECPR Methods School (virtual) – The Philosophy and Methodology of The Social Sciences (Instructor: Patrick T. Jackson)
2019	ECPR Methods School (Budapest) – The Programming Language R (Instructor: Akos Mate)
2019	ECPR Methods School (Budapest) – Inferential Statistics (Instructor: Levente Littvay)
2016	ECPR Methods School (Budapest) – Case Study Analysis and Mixed Methods Research (Instructor: Erin Jenny)
2015	ECPR Methods School (Budapest) – Case Study Research: Method and Practice (Instructor: Ingo Rohlfing)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association (APSA); Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA); European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR); Southern Political Science Association (SPSA); Council for European Studies (CES), Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), European Union Studies Association (EUSA).

REVIEWER

Journals: American Political Science Review (APSR); European Journal of Political Research (EJPR); Comparative Political Studies (CPS); British Journal of Political Studies (BJPS); Political Behaviour; Journal of European Public Policy (JEPP); Journal of Common Market Studies (JCMS); West European Politics (WEP); Party Politics; East European Politics; East European Politics and Societies, etc. **Committees:** Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council – Government of Canada; Polish National Science Center; Fulbright Commission Romania; ECPR Lifetime Achievement Award; MA Candidates Admission Interviews for Johns Hopkins SAIS. **PHD Defence Committees:** University of Amsterdam.

LANGUAGES

Romanian-Native; English-Near Native; French and Italian – Fluent.

SOFTWARE

RStudio; LaTeX; MAXQDA

REFERENCES

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