

Gianfranco Brusaporci

Curriculum Vitae

CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

Catholic University of Louvain (Belgium) - New Bulgarian University (Bulgaria)

Joint cotutelle - Ph.D. in Political Sciences, September 2014 (Unanimous decision of the Jury)

Dissertation: "*Euroregions and Cross Border Areas in South East Europe: Defining an effective model for the area. Qualitative Comparative Analysis between Albania, Bulgaria and FYROM*"

Academic Supervisors: Assoc. Prof. Benoît Rihoux (Louvain) and Assoc. Prof. Anna Krasteva (NBU)

University of Turin (Italy)

M.A. in International Relations, March 2008 (Highest Honor)

University of Bologna (Italy)

B.A. in International Relations, June 2005

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Fields: Border Studies; Cross-Border Cooperation; Multi-Level Governance; Regionalism; Policy Entrepreneurship; Europeanization; Ethnic and Religious Politics; Ethnic and religious voting behavior / political parties; Minority issues and Conflict Management.

Methodology: QCA, Comparative research methods and Mixed Methods.

Geographic areas: Southeastern Europe; the former USSR.

LANGUAGES

Italian (mother tongue), English (fluent), French (good), Bulgarian (good), Albanian (basic)

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Haifa – School of Political Sciences

Research on "Policy Entrepreneurship and Social Movements"

Co-Instructor at the BALKANS PEACE PROGRAM - TBG Foundation - in Gjilan – Kosovo (May 2015)

"International Development, Politics, and Post-Conflict Societies - Kosovo and the Balkans".

Assistant Professor at University of National and World Economy in Sofia – Bulgaria (since October 2014):

- Teaching Course: International Management (taught in English)

- Teaching Course: Global Strategic Management (taught in English)

Research Associate at (since October 2010):

- CESPOL, Center for Political Science and Comparative Politics and ISPOLE, Institut des sciences politiques de Louvain-Europe - Université Catholique de Louvain (Belgium)
- CERMES, Centre for European Refugees, Migration and Ethnic Studies - New Bulgarian University (Bulgaria)
- European Studies Institute - University of Tirana, Faculty of History & Philology (Albania)

RESEARCH GRANTS AND PRIZES

University of Graz, Austria

Research fellowship, Post-Doctoral mobility at the University of Skopje (Macedonia): Erasmus Mundus JOINEUSEE coordinated by the University of Graz - Austria

November 2015 – April 2016

University of Haifa, Israel

Post-Doctoral Fellowship

July - September 2015

Association of Local Democracy Agencies (ALDE), Strasbourg - France

Annual scholarship for the best research project on Local Democracy. Scholarship in memory of Honorary President Gianfranco Martini

April 2013

University of Graz, Austria

Research fellowship, PhD mobility at the University of Tirana (Albania): Erasmus Mundus JOINEUSEE coordinated by the University of Graz - Austria

September 2012 – July 2013

Central European Initiative (CEI) Prize, Trieste - Italy

Annual Research Prize, 2010-11

University of Sofia St. Kl. Ohridski, Sofia - Bulgaria

Research fellowship: Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Bulgarian Ministry of Education.

Monitoring the national and European elections in Bulgaria – Kardjali district

October 2008 - September 2009

New Bulgarian University, Sofia - Bulgaria

Socrates-Erasmus Student Exchange Program,

a.y. 2004-05

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

ECPR Winter School 2013, Vienna - Austria

International Winter School in: "Methods and Techniques" – course in "Advanced Multi-Method Research"

17-23 February 2013 at the University of Vienna

ECMI Summer School 2012, Flensburg - Germany

International Summer School in: "National Minorities and Border-Regions"

6-13 September 2012 at the University of Flensburg

CERMES, Sofia - Bulgaria

- MIGRAPASS Project, Sofia
- International Project OPENCities, Sofia
January 2011 - March 2012

NBU and CERMES Winter School 2012, Sofia - Bulgaria

International Winter School in: "Diversity in the City: Urban Policies of Inclusion"
20 February - 01 March 2012 at the New Bulgarian University

ECPR Winter School 2012, Vienna - Austria

Winter School in: "Methods and Techniques" – course in "*Comparative Research Designs*"
12-18 February 2012 at the University of Vienna

Emilia-Romagna Region & NGO Mani Parma – Forma Futuro Training Centre, Parma - Italy

Course in International Cooperation Development
September 2005-November 2006

WORK EXPERIENCE AND INTERNSHIPS

FIPES & IAL Training Centre, Forlìmpoli and Ravenna - Italy

Teacher and Project Manager of Programs and Courses funded by the European Social Found
October 2008-September 2010

Belgian-Italian Chamber of Commerce, Brussels - Belgium

Internship: European Desk
March-July 2008

NGO Al-Ghad, Cairo – Egypt

Internship: Staff member in an international cooperation project concerning secondary education
July-September 2006

PUBLICATIONS

Scientific articles

Brusaporci G., "Perception of the EU Multilevel Regionalism Strategy by Cross-Border Areas in Bulgaria. A Qualitative Comparative Analysis of Four Local Authorities", in *Rivista italiana di scienza politica*, il Mulino, (submission);

Brusaporci G., "A Push for the EU Regionalism Strategy: Cross-Border Cooperation among Local Authorities in Bulgaria", in *Geopolitics*, Routledge (revised stage);

Brusaporci G., "Euroregions, CBC structures and Cross-Border Cooperation: A literature review grounded on the International Relations theories" - Paper at the International Round Table "The Role of Cross-Border Cooperation in Maintaining Peace", ECPD - European Center for Peace and Development (in print);

Brusaporci G., "European citizenship and youth in Bulgaria. A comparative perspective among the ethnic communities", in *Journal of Contemporary Southeastern Europe*, CSEES - Centre for Southeast European Studies, University of Graz - January 2015, pp.1-23;

Brusaporci G., "Can We Say that the Accession of a State to the EU is Essentially Guided by Rational Economic Interests?", European Studies Institute of Tirana - in *Revista Diskutime*, Skopje - February 2014, pp.108-119;

Brusaporci G., "The Impact of the Ataka and the MRF Political Campaign on Society: The Case of Kardjali in 2009: Political Parties and Ethnic Communities in Bulgaria", *Списание "Анамнеза" брой 14, 2012 г.* History Department, Sofia University, Sofia, Bulgaria;

Brusaporci G., "The Black Sea Region: The Relevance of a Minority Agenda" - И. Савова, В. Попова (ред.). 40 години Шуменски университет 1971 - 2011. Сборник научни трудове от Националната конференция с международно участие. Шумен: Университетско издателство "Епископ Константин Преславски", 2012, pp. 420-432;

Brusaporci G., "Bulgarian High Skilled Migration to Italy: The Features of an Unexploited Brain Gain", in PECOB's papers series, PECOB, University of Bologna, Faenza, Italy, 2011

Scientific Books

Doctoral dissertation: Brusaporci G., Euroregions and Cross Border Areas in South-East Europe: Defining an effective model for the area. Comparative analysis between Bulgaria, Albania and FYROM", Presses universitaires de Louvain (in print);

Brusaporci G., "Gli Architetti di Dio. I Fratelli Musulmani in Egitto e la New Christian Right negli Stati Uniti d'America", Il Ponte Vecchio, Cesena, Italy, 2009;

Publications intended for professional communities (peer-reviewed)

Equilibri.net - Geopolitical Research Centre, Milano, Italy:

- 18.07.07 - Unione Europea: le sfide globali esigono un rapporto meglio funzionante con gli USA;
- 05.07.07 - Francia - immigrazione, una priorità per il governo;
- 03.07.07 - Regno Unito - energia rinnovabile e nucleare per diminuire la dipendenza dagli approvvigionamenti esteri;
- 22.06.07 - Italia - l'ENEL, un attore in espansione sui mercati internazionali;
- 21.06.07 - Spagna - Madrid di fronte ai traffici di droga nel Mediterraneo;
- 11.06.07 - Ungheria - l'ambiziosa crescita economica è minacciata da mancanze strutturali;
- 08.06.07 - Bosnia - sicurezza ancora troppo vulnerabile;
- 05.06.07 - Armenia - nel dopo-elezioni, lo sviluppo economico è la priorità;
- 29.05.07 - Spagna - forte impulso alle energie rinnovabili;
- 04.06.07 - Islanda - cambia la politica del Paese con il rimpasto del governo;
- 21.05.07 - Islanda - le diverse priorità per il nuovo governo e per l'opposizione;
- 16.05.07 - Regno Unito - Brown e Cameron si contendono il dopo-Blair;
- 04.05.07 - Lussemburgo - il Governo vuole mantenere lo status di "economia-modello";
- 23.04.07 - Prospettive delle elezioni presidenziali turche;
- 23.04.07 - Unione Europea - l'espansione del jihadismo in Nord Africa esige una risposta concertata.

Publications intended for general public

- 19.06.2003 - "Le -Rose di Sarajevo- un lavoro di 15 scout per non dimenticare la tragedia della guerra";
- 22.06.2003 - "Le -Rose di Sarajevo-, una prova intensa di 15 scout che fa capire da vicino il dramma della guerra in Bosnia.

INVITED LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PAPERS

- "Regional Cooperation and the Organisation of BSEC. What is their role in Local Economic Development? - Transport Strategy of BSEC and the case of Varna", International Conference on "Black Sea Economic Cooperation and European Union", 4-5 June, 2015 - Commercial University of Istanbul;
- "Local Governance and Cross Border Cooperation in Albania, Bulgaria and FYROM. Comparison among nine municipalities", University of Sheffield International Faculty, CITY College, 15 December 2014 – Sofia BG;
- "Cross Border Cooperation and local development: Defining an efficient and effectiveness municipality in South East Europe", New Bulgarian University, 04 December, 2014 – Sofia BG;
- "Introduction to Cross Border Cooperation" and "Cross Border Cooperation and Euroregion in South East Europe", New Bulgarian University, 22-29 October, 2014 – Sofia BG;

- "A Push for the EU Regionalism Strategy: Cross-Border Cooperation among Local Authorities", ABS World Conference, June 9-13, 2014 – Joensuu FI and St. Petersburg RU;
- "Euroregions and Cross Border Areas in South East Europe: Defining an effective model for the area A Qualitative Comparative Analysis of Cross-Border Areas and Effective Policy Entrepreneurship in Albania, Bulgaria and FYROM", ALDA General Assembly, 4-6 June 2014, Strasbourg;
- Regionalism in South East Europe: the role of energy and environmental policies in cross-border areas, BASEES Annual Conference, April 5-7, 2014 - Fitzwilliam College, University of Cambridge;
- "Euroregions in South Eastern Europe: how to define a good model for the development of the area", ALDA General Assembly, 19 April, Pula;
- "Can We Say that the Accession of a State to the EU is Essentially Guided by Rational Economic Interests?", International conference "*Legal regulation process concerning the Albanian Integration in EU*", organized by the European Studies Institute of Tirana, March 2013, Tirana – Albania;
- "The EU Multilevel Strategy of Regionalism and the Cross-Border Areas in Bulgaria. A comparative perspective among different local authorities", International conference "*Phantom Border and Legal Regionalism*", organized by University of Leipzig, University of Siegen, University Cluj-Napoca - November 28-30, 2013 - Cluj, Romania;
- "The Muslim Brotherhood and the Future of Egypt", New York University, November 2012, Tirana – Albania;
- "The Concept of Citizenship in Border Area Contexts: The Role of Euro-Regions", New Bulgarian University, March 2012, Sofia – Bulgaria;
- "Fundamentalism and Interreligious Dialogue in Europe and in the World", Conference organized by the Romero Association, January 2012, Forlì – Italy;
- "European Citizens: Participation and Identity", New Bulgarian University, November 2011, Sofia – Bulgaria;
- "Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC): The Relevance of a Minority Agenda", University of Turin, November 2011, Turin – Italy;
- "The Electoral Campaign of Ataka and MRF, the Ethnic and Religious Communities in Bulgaria: The case of Kardjali in 2009". New Bulgarian University, October 2011, Sofia – Bulgaria;
- "I giovani e l'Europa, difficoltà e speranze del futuro", International conference "*Giovani: da precari a protagonisti*" organized by CISL Forlì-Cesena, May 2011, Sarsina (FC) - Italy;
- "Citizenship Consciousness in the European Union: The Good Practice of the Blue Night Project". New Bulgarian University, April 2011, Sofia Bulgaria;
- "Bulgarian Highly Skilled Labor Migration to Italy". New Bulgarian University, April 2011, Sofia - Bulgaria;
- "The Muslim Brotherhood and the New Christian Right: The Political Challenge of the Two Religious Movements". New Bulgarian University, January 2011, Sofia – Bulgaria;
- "Migration Internationale. Le cas de l'Italie". New Bulgarian University, November 2010, Sofia – Bulgaria.
- "L'Islam in Europa: paure e prospettive di una nuova società", conference "Credere in Europa, credere nell'Europa" organized by the European Federalist Movement of Forlì, May 2010, Forlì – Italy.

REFERENCES

Benoît Rihoux

Associate Professor of Political Science; Director of CESPOL (Centre de science politique et de politique comparée); Coordination of the COMPASSS international network; Academic Convenor of the ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques and Editor of the ECPR research methods Book series (Palgrave)

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