



# Ana Jovanovic-Harrington

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**Research interests:** the intersection of media and politics during regime change from democracy to autocracy

**Area and period:** Central and South Eastern Europe from 2010 and onwards

## EDUCATION

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**PhD in Communications**

September 2022 – 2026

*Dublin City University*

## RESEARCH

**Provisional thesis title:** One Step Forward, Two Steps Back: Media and Democratic Backsliding within the European Union

**Supervisor:** Dr. Alessio Cornia

**Awards:** Doctoral scholarship from the DCU School of Communications

**MA in Political Science (Dual Enrollment at University of Zagreb)**

September 2021

*University of Bologna*

## RESEARCH

**Thesis:** Democratic Backsliding in Serbia

**Courses:** Pop culture and politics (30 cum laude, A+), Post-socialist Transition and EU Enlargement Eastwards (30 cum laude, A+), Research methods of media texts (28, B+)

**Grade average:** 107/110

**BA in French Language and Literature**

June 2019

*University of Sarajevo, University of Warsaw 2015/2016 (Erasmus)*

## TEACHING AND SUPERVISING EXPERIENCE

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**Adult Education Tutor** | *Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board*

April 2023 – Present

- Designing and delivering courses that equip vulnerable communities with skills to combat online misinformation and navigate digital spaces safely. Courses and groups taught so far:
- Senior citizens: 3 one-semester modules on how to navigate smartphones, and one two-semester module
- Special needs adults: 3 courses of 8 weeks on how to use the computer safely

**Cultural Studies Tutor** | *Dublin City University*

Semester 2 in 22/23, 23/24

- CM102: Second-semester core module for BA in Communication Studies; CM157: elective course
- 22/23 (CM157): tutored 3 groups of around 20 students, and graded 39 essays of 1500 words
- 23/23 (CM107): sole tutor for the module, tutored 5 groups of around 20 students, grading load to be determined

**Mentor** | *Humanity in Action Bosnia and Herzegovina*

1 Module a year in 22/23, 23/24

- Supervising undergraduate research-based policy projects within the 10-month-long education and training program "Encouraging Democratic Values and Active Citizenship Among Youth"
- Students pick their own topics, but the topic has to provide 2-3 solutions for local issues, keeping the advancement of civic rights and democracy in mind. Each year, I supervise 5 Bosnian students. So far, I have supervised 10 students on topics ranging from ecology to feminism

**(Co)Facilitator** | *Sharing Perspectives Foundation*

November 2018 – May 2020

- Within an Erasmus project, I facilitated and co-facilitated elective courses online for undergraduate students from Europe, North America, and Africa.
- Each course had a theme, such as hate speech online, gender in/equality in media, security and peace, or migration and nationalism, but the goal was to increase student's intercultural awareness and facilitate exchanges with students who cannot access traditional mobility.
- Courses were either 5 or 10 weeks long, and, overall, I facilitated 7 courses before the end of the project.

**Institute of European Democrats**

October – December 2020

Received a grant to produce a policy recommendation for the project ‘Geopolitics and Values: what is the real power of the EU? How to use the COVID crisis as an opportunity for new European soft power. Policy-recommendation produced: Jovanovic, A., 2020. Ideological Clash between Europe’s Hybrid Regimes and the EU. Institute of European Democrats.

**South-Eastern European Dialogue on Internet Governance (SEEDIG)**

December 2018 – June 2019

After attending SEEDIG online youth school, I was promoted to a fellow and received a stipend for travel and accommodation to attend the SEEDIG conference in Bucharest in May 2019 and the European Dialogue on Internet Governance in Hague in June 2019. During the conferences, I chaired panels and monitored online questions

**John Lewis Fellowship Humanity in Action Fellowship in Atlanta, USA**

July 2016

Awarded a travel and living stipend given only to two Bosnian nationals every year. Learned about social movements for the advancement of human rights, focusing on the civil rights movement in the USA; attended fellowship-specific classes in several higher education institutions in the Atlanta area, such as Clark Atlanta University and Emory.

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NOTABLE MENTIONS**European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)**

February 2023

Received the ECPR stipend to attend the Qualitative Data Analysis (2023 Winter School), gained 3 ETCS points.

**European Academy of Diplomacy**

December 2018 – September 2019

Received the Casimir Pulaski Scholarship to attend the non-degree 9-month-long specialization course in International Security at the Academy of Young Diplomats. This scholarship is given to the top 10 applicants each year. Modules take place in Warsaw, Poland, in person for 3 days every month. Graduated in 2019.

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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

## DURING PHD, WORKING ON PUBLICATIONS

**March 2024** *Sounding the Alarm: Unveiling the Surveillance Potential of Coordinated Inauthentic Behavior in Serbia*, presented at the International Communication Association Regional Conference Human Tech in Warsaw

**September 2023** *Broadband Cable and Internet Providers as Tools of Censorship in Hungary and Serbia*, presented at ECPR General Conference at Charles University, Prague, Czechia

**June 2023** *Hybrid Regimes within the Third Wave of Autocratization: Transitional or Stable?*, presented at 7th Tartu Conference on East European and Eurasian Studies in Estonia

**September 2022** *Torches vs. Pots: Lockdown Protests in Serbia 2020*, presented at the Annual Conference of the Irish Association for Russian, Central and East European Studies (IARCEES) at Maynooth University, Ireland

## DURING MA

**May 2021** *Strike While the Iron is Hot: Expansion of Authority in Serbia during the Coronavirus Pandemic*, presented at the 25th Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (online)

**February 2021** *Strike While the Iron Is Hot: Expansion of Authority in Serbia during the Coronavirus Pandemic*, presented at the IARCEES workshop (online)

**January 2021** *COVID-19 elections: making or breaking hybrid regimes?*, poster presented at Politics from below: Reasserting or transcending the democratic paradigm? at ZOiS (online)

**February 2020** *Foreign Direct Investment Deterrence in Bosnia and Herzegovina*, presented at the IARCEES workshop at the University of Limerick, Ireland

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OTHER EXPERIENCE**Freelancer | UpWork**

October 2021 – June 2022

Balanced several roles on a needs basis/hourly work, while applying for PhD programs: (1) as a pop culture content creator for Velis Media Group Ltd; (2) as a public relations manager for National Esports Tournament, a Canadian E-sports start-up; (3) as a content creator for League of Legends blog

Pitched and wrote 3 analyses for the French student think-tank:

1. Analysis of 2020 Local Elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina, original title 'Elections locales: enfin de nouvelles tetes?'
  2. Montenegrin Parliamentary election results, original title 'Montenegro: pour le meilleur ou pour le pire'
  3. 2020 Serbia-Kosovo Stunt at the White House, original title 'Coup de com' a la Maison Blanche
- Plus, started a podcast series New Faces of Eastern European Politics.

**External Editor** | *Student Peer-Review Croatian Journal: Little Leviathan*

December 2020 – March 2021

Briefly joined the editorial on in my second year of MA, when I was based at the University of Zagreb

**Research Assistant** | *Institute of International Relations in Prague*

February 2021 – May 2021

Obtained Erasmus mobility funding from the University of Bologna but could not access it due to the pandemic. The job was performed online: I updated databases for the peer-review Czech Journal of International Relations and took meeting notes.

**Contributing Editor** | *Online Internet Governance Magazine: SEESummary*

July 2019 – July 2020

Fact-checked, edited, and summarised news on internet governance in South-Eastern Europe for a mostly student-led online magazine that was published monthly. The target audience was researchers and policy-makers. Due to language competence, I mostly summarized news from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia, and Montenegro.

**Intern at the Political Reporting Unit** | *OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina* September 2018 – February 2019

Fact-checked, summarised and monitored the news relevant to the OSCE Bosnia and Herzegovina mission, such as election developments and minority rights.

**Project Assistant and Exam Invigilator** | *British Council, Sarajevo Office*

October 2016 – August 2018

Invigilated IELTS exams and remote university exams. From 2017, also graded written parts of the IELTS exams. On a needs basis, I helped maintain the Council's databases for several projects and with event management.

**Researcher** | *In Retrospect Project*

October 2016 – June 2016

As a part of the BiH research team, I helped in designing the methodology and formulating the main research questions. Later, I documented news from chosen key events during the Yugoslav wars from the local archives in Sarajevo and digitised them with the team

## SKILLS

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### LANGUAGES

**Bilingual:** English and Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian

**Fluent:** French (Bachelor's degree + attended primary school partially in French)

**Working knowledge:** Russian (3-semester course during master's studies), Spanish (two-year course during Bachelor Studies + self-taught through media)

**Working knowledge:** Polish (A2 certificate during Bachelor studies) + Bulgarian and Macedonian (through family and friends)

### SOFTWARE

**Statistical:** SPSS, NVivo, Excel

**Programming languages**(basic proficiency): Python, Java, HTML/CSS

**Text and Visual Editing**(intermediate): Word and PowerPoint, Canva, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Lightroom, Capcut

**Tools:** Git/GitHub Desktop, PyCharm, Visual Studio Code

**Certificates from Code First Girls**(available upon request): Introduction to Python and Apps (December 2022), Intro to Web Development (January 2023)