

# LUANA MARTIN-RUSSU

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## Skills



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## Education

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Luana Martin-Russu is a postdoctoral researcher at the New School of Digital Studies (ENS) of the European University Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder). Her current research focuses on the use of digital data analysis for measuring de-Europeanization. Her main research interests include European Union politics, EU enlargement and conditionality, democracy and rule of law observance in Eastern Europe.

Luana has been invited to give input presentations and workshops in Germany, France, Italy, Switzerland and the UK. She is active in the non-governmental sector and leads a project on environmental and global citizenship education ([www.cuib.eu](http://www.cuib.eu)). Luana has taught a wide range of classes in Europeanization, European Politics and International Relations at the European University Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder).

## WORK EXPERIENCE

○ Currently:

**European University Viadrina, Frankfurt (O)**

**Postdoctoral Researcher at the European New School for Digital Studies (ENS)**

Academic research on the use of Natural Language Processing to improve compliance with European law

○ Jan. 2018 - Feb. 2019:

**European University Viadrina, Frankfurt (O)**

**Research Assistant at the Chair for European and International Politics**

Academic research on the societal impact of digitalization; taught Bachelor level classes; assisted with writing, editing and preparation of manuscripts on democracy and digitalization; administrative duties: supervision of Bachelor's and Master's Theses, developing a new grading system for the Law and Politics Study Programme

○ Jan. 2015 - Dec. 2015:

**European University Viadrina, Frankfurt (O)**

**Research Assistant on a Seed-Money Project: "Contesting the European Border Regime: How, Where and When Do Good Arguments Matter?"**

Academic research on European asylum policy; co-authored joint publications; participated in international conferences; filed grant applications; project-related administrative duties: budget calculation and reporting, organizing and hosting international workshops

○ Jul. 2015 - Dec. 2016:

**Carpaterra Association**

**Lead in the Project: "CUIB-Alternative Educational Tools for Schools"**

Defined the project plan; assembled a project team; externalized the production of an educational board-game, maintained contact with the producer; ensured resource availability and allocation; created a network of partner-schools for implementation; organized and hosted train-the-trainer workshops; maintained the relationship with the partners and the donors; measured project performance

○ Oct. 2013 - Dec. 2014:

**European University Viadrina, Frankfurt (O)**

**Research Assistant at the Chair for European and International Politics**

Academic research on accountability and good European governance; assisted with writing, editing and preparation of manuscripts on the disintegration of Europe; participated in international conferences; taught Bachelor level classes; filed research-grant applications

○ Jan. 2012 - Dec. 2012:

**Freie Universität Berlin, Center für Digitale Systeme**

**Freelance Translator and Editor** for the Project: "Zwangsarbeit 1939 – 1945 Erinnerungen und Geschichte"

Processed interviews with former forced labourers from Romania; reviewed and prepared the content for the digital archive [www.zwangsarbeit-archiv.de](http://www.zwangsarbeit-archiv.de)

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## PUBLICATIONS

- **Luana Martin-Russu**, 2021: "Deforming the Reform. The Impact of Elites on Romania's Post-accession Europeanization" (forthcoming at Routledge or Springer).
- Jürgen Neyer, Mitja Sienknecht, **Luana Martin-Russu**, 2017: „Kosmopolitische Verantwortung: Zwischen normativem Anspruch und politischer Praxis“, in Christopher Daase, Julian Junk, Stefan Kroll, Valentin Rauer (Eds.), „Politik und Verantwortung. Analysen zum Wandel politischer Entscheidungs- und Rechtfertigungspraktiken“, Sonderheft 52, Politischen Vierteljahresschrift (PVS). Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2017, p. 311-333
- **Luana Martin**, 2008, „Sovereignty challenged. The United Kingdom's adoption of the Human Rights Act in 1998“, South East European University - SEEU Review, Volume 4, Number 2, p. 111-121
- **Luana Martin**, 2007, „Problema Islamului în spațiul olandez“ (The Islam Problem within Netherlands), Magazine for Political Sciences and International Relations, Institute of Political Science and International Relations of the Romanian Academy, Volume 4, Number 2
- **Luana Martin**, 2006, „Olanda și votul ei contra Constituției Europene“ (The Netherlands and Its Vote against the European Constitution), Magazine for Political Sciences and International Relations, Institute of Political Science and International Relations of the Romanian Academy, Volume 3, Number 4

## SCIENTIFIC OUTREACH

- **World Education Leadership Symposium (WELS) 2019** - Responsible Leadership – Demands, Reality, Possibilities, Zug, Switzerland, 25 – 27 Sep. 2019. Workshop: Ludic learning tools for environmental awareness and global citizenship education (in collaboration with Maria Pepine-Ercus)
- **British Association for International & Comparative Education (BAICE) Conference 2018** - Comparative Education and Development Alternatives, University of York, UK, 12 – 14 September 2018. Paper presented: "CUIB – a ludic learning tool for environmental conscientization and global citizenship building" (co-authored with Anne Julia Köster)
- **EISA 9th Pan-European Conference on International Relations: The Worlds of Violence**, Sicily, Italy, 23 – 26 September 2015. Paper presented: „The Responsible Institution in the Field of Asylum Policy“ (co-authored with Prof. Dr. Jürgen Neyer & Dr. Mitja Sienknecht)
- **22nd International Conference of Europeanists**, Sciences Po, Paris, France, 08 – 10 July 2015. Paper presented: „The Responsibility of Institutions – A Research Agenda“ (co-authored with Prof. Dr. Jürgen Neyer & Dr. Mitja Sienknecht)
- **Academic Swiss Caucasus Net International Conference: "Informal Practices and Structures in Eastern Europe and Central Asia"**, University of Fribourg, Switzerland, 21 – 23 November 2013, Panel 12: Informality and Forms of Regulation II: Property Rights, Distribution of Goods. Paper presented: "Corrupting Anti-corruption Reform. Judicial Reform and the Fight against Corruption in Romania since January 2007"
- **Annual Meeting of the Comparative Politics Section of the German Political Science Association (DVPW)**, Leipzig University, 9 – 11 October 2013, Panel Corruption and Political Power from a Comparative Area Perspective. Paper presented: Corrupting Anti-corruption Reform. Judicial Reform and the Fight against Corruption in Romania since January 2007

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## TEACHING

- Apr. 2019 - Jul. 2019:  
**"ViaMUN 2019: The Future of Central Africa"**  
Block-Seminar, European University Viadrina
- Oct. 2018 - Feb.2019:  
**"EU and Political Philosophy"**  
Block-Seminar at European University Viadrina
- Apr. 2018 - Jul. 2018:  
**"ViaMUN 2018: The Myanmar Crisis"**  
Block-Seminar at European University Viadrina
- Apr. 2014 - Jul. 2014:  
**"Introduction to Europeanization"**  
Weekly Seminar at European University Viadrina
- Oct. 2013 - Feb.2014:  
**"Power. A Review of an evasive concept"**,  
Weekly Seminar at European University Viadrina, co-taught with Maria Giannoula
- Oct. 2013 - Feb.2014:  
**"The movie we live in. Understanding European Integration Theories through Popular Movies"**  
Block-Seminar at European University Viadrina, co-taught with Linda Walter

all classes received very good student-evaluations

## SOCIAL & ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT

- Jun. 2019 - present:  
**Founding member of the Viadrina PhD | Postdoc Network:** a cross-faculty self-organized initiative that allows for knowledge and experience spillovers, and for the representation of young researchers' interests internally in the University bodies
- Jan. 2015 - present:  
**Member of the environmental non-profit organization Carpaterra Association:** custodian of several nature protected areas in Brasov, Romania
- Jun. 2015 - present:  
**Lead of the UNDP-financed educational project "CUiB" ([www.cuib.eu](http://www.cuib.eu)):** promoting education for sustainable development in partnership with public schools and other non-governmental associations.

## REFERENCES

Prof. Dr. Jürgen Neyer (European University Viadrina)  
Prof. Dr. Ulrich Sedelmeier (The London School of Economics and Political Science)  
Prof. Dr. Hab. Jarosław Jańczak (Adam Mickiewicz University)

can offer their references upon request.