

Research Interests

Comparative Politics: Focus on Western and Eastern Europe
Governance, Democratization, Political Institutions, Political Development, EU Integration
Bureaucracy and Public Administration
Political Psychology
Quantitative and Qualitative Methodology

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