

## **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

## **Publications**

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## **Working Papers**

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Michalak, K. and Naqvi, N. (2012), *A Theory of a Better Quality of Bureaucratic Governance*.

Michalak, K. (2012), *Can Lipset's Theory Travel Through Time And Space? The Destination Nicaragua, 1972-1998. A Time Series Test of the Social Requisites of Democracy*.

Michalak, K. and Pech, G. (2012), *Constitutional Design Versus Reform in Emerging Democracies: Lessons for Post-Communist Transitions*.