

# EUGEN L. NAGY

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## EXPERIENCE & INTERESTS

Academic: Teaching & research in higher education. Areas of interest: political philosophy; comparative politics; nations & nationalisms; Central & Eastern Europe; religion & politics; politics & sport; ideologies; music & politics; Søren Kierkegaard; Eric Voegelin; political institutions; politics & the arts. Policy: Developing and managing programs of development and cooperation, internationally and in the USA; working with NGOs, governmental institutions, civic organizations and academic institutions.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE – ACADEMIA

**Lecturer, Texas A&M University – San Antonio, TX** August 2023 – current  
Department of Criminology & Political Science

**Courses offered:** GOVT 2305, Federal Government. **Upcoming courses:** POLS 3351, Comparative Politics; HONRS 3300, Music & Politics.

**Service:** Curriculum design. Relaunching & managing POLITalk departmental podcast. New Federal Government textbook selection.

**Program Coordinator & Instructor, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV** 2020-22

Honors EXCEL Program, The Honors College

**Courses taught:** HON 451, Summative Experience (Honors capstone). **Courses created & taught:** SEP 298, Sport & Society; HON 293, Love & Affliction (A Study of Human Societies in Times of Affliction).

**Administrative:** Development and day-to-day management of WVU's upper-division experiential learning Honors program. Duties included: advising and supporting students; supervising the curriculum; organizing events, seminars and workshops; training faculty and mentors; devising and implementing recruiting and retention strategies; managing admissions and enrollment; marketing and communication; program evaluation and strategic development; hiring and supervising staff etc.

**Service:** Serving on: WVU's Fulbright Committee, Mitchell Scholarship Committee, Portz Fellowship Committee; jury committees for undergraduate academic conferences; hiring search committee.

**Visiting Instructor, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS** 2018-19

The School of Social Science and Global Studies, Political Science Program

**Courses:** American Government; Political Systems of the Modern World; The Congress; Religion & Politics (scheduled). The courses were offered in traditional, hybrid, and fully online formats.

**Service:** Supervising graduate teaching assistant. Mentoring students. Started developing study abroad program to Central Europe.

**Lecturer, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA** 2013-18

Department of Political Science & William O. Douglas Honors College

**Courses taught:** Western European Politics; Russian Politics; Early Political Thought; Early Modern Political Thought; Religion & Politics; Comparative Politics; International Politics; American Politics; Introduction to Politics. **Courses created & taught:** Ideology & the Human Condition; Writing & Research; Politics & Sport; European Union; Central & Eastern Europe; Nations & Nationalisms. The courses were taught in traditional, hybrid, and fully online formats.

**Service:** Academic adviser. Co-organized several campus events, featuring international scholars. Wrote the proposal, won funding from the German Embassy, and implemented a two-week series of campus events

on the European Union. Designed and implemented a comprehensive Enrollment Development Strategy. Designed a three-year plan for the development of an International Studies Program and Center.

**Visiting Assistant Professor, Marymount University, Arlington, VA** 2010-11  
**Teaching** and tutoring over 150 students of various backgrounds and abilities, offering courses in: Comparative Government; Research & Writing; American Government; International Relations.

**Lecturer, George Washington University, Washington, DC** 2006-10  
**Teaching** and mentoring over 300 students, offering courses in: Western Political Thought; Comparative Politics of Western Europe; Comparative Politics of Central and Eastern Europe; Introduction to Comparative Politics.

**Teaching Assistant/Instructor, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC** 2004-08  
**Grading and teaching** within several sections of the following courses: Introduction to Comparative Politics (as instructor); Introduction to American Government, The Congress, Introduction to Political Theory (as teaching assistant).

**Recruiting and mentoring** an award-winning team of students that competed in an EU-focused project competition organized by the Embassy of Germany.

**Teacher, Institute of Reading Development, Washington D.C.** Summer 2006  
Teaching continuing education classes to about 300 students, of all age groups (from high-schoolers to preschoolers), and from various social backgrounds.

#### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE – POLICY (SELECTION)**

**Program Coordinator, Euroregional Center for Democracy, Romania** 2000-02  
Designing and implementing programs of international development and cooperation in Central and Eastern Europe, working with donors such as USAID or the Council of Europe; for example:

- *Academic Links 2000*: managing an interdisciplinary research team of scholars from Serbia, Hungary and Romania, studying politics in ethnically and religiously divided societies, and producing the bilingual volume, *A Glossary for Plural Societies*.
- *Southeast Europe Youth Initiative Fund*: coordinating a grant-giving program for youth-led and youth-oriented programs, involving organizations from Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Macedonia, Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Slovenia.
- *Accountability & Trust*: creating and running an innovative e-government, accountability-building program involving elected representatives, local governments, NGOs and citizens.
- *Mirrors of Democracy*: managing a research program and summer school studying the levels of civic education among the youth of the region.
- *Link Diversity Campaign “Living with the Other”*: the national campaign of a youth-focused grant-giving program of the Council of Europe, aimed at building tolerance and interethnic dialogue.
- *Regional NGO Fairs I & II*: co-organizing two editions of an international fair featuring over 200 NGOs and more than 800 participants, from 11 different countries.

**Program Developer, National Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice & Milwaukee County Labor Council** Summer 2003  
Co-organizing one of the most successful “Labor in the Pulpits” programs of cooperation between religious communities and labor unions in the US.

**Program Developer, John A. Ryan Institute & Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, The Holy See**  
 St. Paul, MN & Rome, Italy 2003-04  
 Creating and developing an innovative database of international organizations working in the field of religion & social action - an open-access resource for building international networks and partnerships.

**Program Developer, Terrence J. Murphy Institute, St. Paul, MN** Summer 2004  
 Designing an outreach strategy for the institute, based on interviews with civic and policy leaders from the Twin Cities region.

**Research Associate, Institute for Policy Research & Catholic Studies, Washington, DC** 2009-10  
 Designing and managing the online, public platform of the institute (the Virtual Institute).

## **STUDIES**

### ACADEMIC DEGREES

**ABD, Political Theory & Comparative Politics** PhD defense Fall 2024  
 Catholic University of America, Washington, DC  
 Dissertation: "The Sphere(s) of the Political: The Structures of Existence According to Søren Kierkegaard".

**MA, Catholic Studies** 2004  
 University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN  
 Study abroad at the Angelicum – Pontifical University St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome, Italy ('03-04).

**Advanced Studies (graduate degree), Political and Administrative Sciences** 1999  
 West University of Timisoara, Romania  
 Thesis: "Religion and Nationalism"

**BA, Social Work** 1997  
 School of Sociology and Psychology, West University of Timisoara, Romania

### OTHER STUDIES

**Counsellor, Systemic Family Psychotherapy** 2000  
 University Clinic of Clermont-Ferrand, France & University of Medicine and Pharmacology, Timisoara  
 Training program (1996-2000) with specialists from France and Romania.

**Timisoara Open College, Third Europe Foundation** 2000  
 Post-graduate formation and research program on the culture, society and politics of Central Europe.

## **LANGUAGES**

Fluent: French, German, Italian.  
 Native: Hungarian, Romanian.  
 Basic: Spanish, Latin, Serbian/Croat, Portuguese.

## **PUBLICATIONS (SELECTION)**

### **BOOK PROJECTS**

In work:

*The 1989 Generation* (essays on the legacies of the 1989 Revolution, and of the post-communist transitions).  
 Several chapters already published as articles. In Romanian. December 2024.

*The Crisis of Liberalism* (a review and analysis of the current literature on the crisis of classical liberalism).  
 Planned for Lexington Books, a division of Rowman & Littlefield. Summer 2025.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

- “Noesis and Faith: Eric Voegelin and Søren Kierkegaard.” In *Eric Voegelin and the Continental Tradition: Explorations in Modern Political Thought*, edited by Lee Trepanier & Steven F. McGuire. Columbia, MO: University of Missouri Press, 2011.
- “Brilliance and Decay - The Austro-Hungarian Empire in Joseph Roth’s *The Radetzky March*.” In *Ispita alexandrinismului* [The Temptation of Alexandrism], edited by C. Valcan. Timisoara: Bastion, 2008.
- “Main Concepts of the Medieval Islamic Political Thought.” In *Studia Mediaevalia*, edited by Alin Tat. Cluj-Napoca, Romania: Napoca Star / Galaxia Gutenberg, 2005.
- “Imperial Bourgeoisie: A Portrait of the Viennese Middle-Class.” In *The Central-European Man: Viena (1848-1938)*, edited by Ciprian Valcan. Bastion, 2008. [in Romanian]
- “Subsidiarity.” In *A Glossary for Plural Societies*, edited by Gabriela Coltescu. Iași, Romania: Polirom, 2005. [in Romanian & Hungarian]

## ARTICLES (SELECTION)

- “The Passion of Understanding: Preliminary Remarks on Strauss' Quarrel Between Ancients and Moderns.” *The Catholic Social Science Review* 14 (October 2009).
- “The Original Solitude and Sociality of Man.” *Studia Theologica*. Year I, no. 4 (2003).
- “The Foundations of Politics.” *Revista* 22. Year XV, no. 882 (Feb. 2-8, 2007). [Romanian]
- “The National Dimension of the Banat Region.” *The Sphere of Politics* 9, no. 99 (2001). [Romanian]
- “Romanians and Hungarians: Review of *Subjective Transylvania: A Case Study of Ethnic Conflict*, by Alina Mungiu-Pippidi.” *Orizont* (2001). [Romanian]

## CONFERENCES & LECTURES

### ACADEMIA (SELECTION)

- Annual Meeting, Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA), New Orleans, LA, 2024**  
“The Crisis of Liberalism: The Case Study of Russia (1990-2024).”
- Guest Lecturer, Department of Social Work, West University of Timisoara, Romania, 2023**  
“Prolegomena for a Philosophical Anthropology of Social Work.”
- 114th Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association (APSA), Boston, MA, 2018**  
“Against Ideology: An Antipolitics for the Twenty-first Century”.
- 113th Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association (APSA), San Francisco, CA, 2017**  
Chair and organizer: “A Theory of History and Experience” panel.
- 112th Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association (APSA), Philadelphia, PA, 2016**  
“Tan Dun’s *The First Emperor*: Empire and Ecumene in Politics, Art, and Consciousness”.
- IV. International Implantology Days, "The Future Starts Now", Baden-Baden, Germany, 2016.**  
“Ethics and Aesthetics: On the Pursuit of the Beautiful.” (TED-style talk)
- National Technology and Social Science Conference, NSSA, Las Vegas, 2014.**  
With Rex Wirth: “A Federated Kingdom: The Revised Belgian Constitution.”
- 104th Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association (APSA), Boston, MA, 2008**  
“Kierkegaard and Voegelin: Consciousness and History.”
- 39th Annual Meeting, Northeastern Political Science Association (NPSA), Boston, MA, 2007**  
Discussant for the panel: “Ancient Political Secrets for Moderns?”
- 103rd Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association (APSA), Chicago, IL, 2007**  
“The (Im)Possibility of Politics: Kierkegaard and Voegelin.”

- 65th Annual Meeting, Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA),** Chicago, IL, 2007  
 “The Source of the True Society: I-Thou in Plato and Genesis.”
- 15th Annual Meeting, Society of Catholic Social Scientists,** New York, 2007.  
 “Religion and Politics: Augustine and Kierkegaard on the Human Condition.”
- The Johns Hopkins Political Science Colloquium,** Baltimore, MD, 2007  
 “The Dilemma of Political Thought: Søren Kierkegaard on Consciousness and History.”
- 38th Annual Meeting, Northeastern Political Science Association (NPSA),** Boston, MA, 2006  
 “Limits of Political Philosophy: Kierkegaard, Language and Being.”
- “Politics and Lunch” series, Catholic University of America,** 2006.  
 “A Post-Modern Science of Politics: Giambattista Vico on Religion and Politics.”
- 59th Annual Conference, New York State Political Science Association (NYSPSA),** New York, NY, 2006  
 “Heidegger: A Poetic Endeavor.”
- Georgetown Political Theory Colloquium,** Washington, DC, 2006.  
 Discussant for Jacob Howland’s talk, “Kierkegaard and Socrates.”
- International Congress “Person and Society,”** Braga, Portugal, 2005  
 “The Original Solitude and Sociality of the Human Being.”

#### POLICY (SELECTION)

- Democracy & Religion Conference,** Romania, 2002  
 President of the organizing committee of an international conference on the role of religious communities in building democracy and stability in Southeast Europe.
- Europe of Regions Conference,** Romania, 2001  
 Speaker and reporter at the 19th international conference on interethnic dialogue, regional cooperation and European integration.
- Democratic Values of a Multicultural Society,** Romania, 2001  
 Organizer of an international conference studying best practices of cooperation between ethnic and religious groups in Eastern Europe.
- Meeting of NGOs within the EU’s Stability Pact for Southeastern Europe,** Slovenia, 2001  
 Participant in the Working Table on Human Rights and Democracy.

#### MEMBERSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

Current memberships: American Political Science Association (APSA); Eric Voegelin Society (EVS).  
 Past fellowships & scholarships: Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honor Society, 2006-2009;  
 Bradley Fellowship, 2004-2009; Research Fellowship, Søren Kierkegaard Research Center,  
 Copenhagen, Denmark, Summer 2007; University of St. Thomas Fellowship, 2002-2004.

#### ONLINE PROJECTS (SELECTION)

“Hic Sunt...: Politics Around the World” Podcast: <https://tinyurl.com/yct2278x>  
 Moderator, Roundtable on “The Future of the EU:” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F-Kvh74gRcE&t>  
 Speaker, Ted-X style lecture on “Ethics and Aesthetics in Dentistry:” <https://vimeo.com/178574216>