

EUGEN L. NAGY

EXPERIENCE & INTERESTS

Academia: research and teaching in political philosophy; comparative politics; Central & Eastern Europe; nations & nationalisms; ideologies; religion & politics; Søren Kierkegaard; Eric Voegelin; politics & sport; music & politics.

Policy: extensive experience developing and implementing programs of peacebuilding and international development and cooperation, involving governments, NGOs, international organizations, academic institutions and civic leaders.

ACADEMIA - TEACHING EXPERIENCE :

Courses taught:

American Government;
Comparative Politics;
International Relations;
Introduction to Politics
Political Systems of the Modern World
Western European Politics
Central & Eastern Europe
Russian Politics
The Congress
Early Political Thought
Early Modern Political Thought
Western Political Thought
Writing & Research

Courses created & taught:

European Union
Nations & Nationalisms
Religion & Politics
Politics & Sport
Music & Politics
Writing & Research
Ideology & the Human Condition
Love & Affliction
Honors Capstone

Lecturer, Texas A&M University – San Antonio, TX

2023 – current

Department of Criminology and Political Science

Teaching: teaching courses in political science and the honors program; designing and introducing new courses into the curriculum.

Service: Producing & moderating the POLITalks@TAMUSA podcast. Academic judge – San Antonio Honors Student Symposium (2024 & 2025). Committees served: Curriculum Committee, Political Science Program; Student Awards Committee, College of Arts & Sciences; Faculty Development Committee, Department of Criminology & Political Science. Mentoring students. Intra-departmental service: student recruitment; textbook search; curriculum review.

Program Coordinator & Instructor, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV

2020-22

Honors EXCEL Program, The Honors College

Teaching: honors program and interdisciplinary political science courses; designed and introduced several new classes (e.g. Change the World capstone course).

Administrative: Development and management of WVU's upper-division experiential learning Honors program. Duties included: advising and supporting students; managing admissions and enrollment; organizing events, seminars and workshops; training faculty and mentors; devising and implementing

recruiting and retention strategies; developing the curriculum; marketing and communication; program evaluation and strategic development; hiring and supervising staff etc.

Service: served 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

Teaching: courses in American government, comparative politics, international relations; the courses were offered in traditional, hybrid, and fully online formats.

Service: Supervising graduate teaching assistant.

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

Department of Political Science & William O. Douglas Honors College

Teaching: courses in the political science and honors programs – in comparative politics, political philosophy, international relations, regional and topical upper-level courses, interdisciplinary courses; designed and introduced several innovative upper-level courses and seminars.

Service: Academic adviser. Co-organized 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, impacting both the university and the local community. 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: courses in comparative politics, American government, research & writing, and international relations.

Lecturer, George Washington University, Washington, DC 2006-10

Teaching: courses in comparative politics and political philosophy; university-level recognition for most impactful faculty.

Teaching Assistant/Instructor, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC 2004-08

Grading and teaching within courses in comparative politics, American government, and political philosophy.

Recruiting and coordinating an award-winning team of students who took part and won within an EU-themed competition of projects organized by the Embassy of Germany.

Teacher, Institute of Reading Development, Washington D.C. 2006

Teaching continuing education classes to hundreds of students of all age groups.

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 international partners such as USAID or the Council of Europe:

- Organizing and running numerous international conferences, events and training programs aimed at capacity building, civil society development, and peace-building in the countries of former Yugoslavia.
- *Accountability & Trust*: creating and running an innovative e-government, accountability-building program involving elected representatives, local governments, NGOs and citizens.

- *Southeast Europe Youth Initiative Fund*: running 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.
- *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*.
- *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 event 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 2027

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

CERTIFICATES

The Association of College and University Educators and the American Council on Education 2024
Certificate in the Effective Teaching Practice Framework (one-year program).

Counsellor, Systemic Family Psychotherapy 2000
University Clinic of Clermont-Ferrand, France & University of Medicine and Pharmacology, Timisoara
Five-year 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.

TRAININGS (OTHER)

National Collegiate Honors Council 2024
City as Text Faculty Institute: Re-Reading Local Spaces.

LANGUAGES

Fluent: French, German, Italian.

Native: Hungarian, Romanian.

Intermediate: Spanish

Basic: Slavic languages (Serbian, Croat, Russian); Romance languages (Portuguese, Latin); northern languages (Swedish, Danish).

CONFERENCES & LECTURES

ACADEMIA (SELECTION)

122nd Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association (APSA), Boston, MA, 2026.
"Viktor Orbán's Postliberal Regime."

Guest Lecturer, West University of Timișoara, Romania, Nov. 24-28, 2025.

"Darkness and Light: Moral Dimensions of the Pursuit of Knowledge."

Brown Bag Presentation, Department of Criminology & Political Science, TAMUSA, 2025.

"Student Evaluations of Teaching (SETs): The Uses and Abuses of a Problematic Tool."

121st Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association (APSA), Vancouver, BC, 2025.

"Music & Politics: An Interdisciplinary Investigation."

Brown Bag Presentation, Department of Criminology & Political Science, TAMUSA, 2025.

"Music, Sport, Religion, and Politics: Models for Teaching Interdisciplinary Courses."

120th Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association (APSA), Philadelphia, PA, 2024

"Liberalism and Its Critics: A Review and Critique of the Current Debate."

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.

PUBLICATIONS (SELECTION)

BOOK PROJECTS

In work: two books of essays in Romanian, and an academic study on Søren Kierkegaard in English.

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]

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.