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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor, University of Zagreb, Croatia, 2021 – present Assistant Professor, University of Zagreb, Croatia, 2016–2021 Senior Research Assistant, University of Zagreb, Croatia, 2013–2016 Fulbright Visiting Fellow, Harriman Institute, Columbia University, 2013–2014 Adjunct Lecturer, University of Zagreb, Croatia, 2008–2013

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

**Expert Associate**, *Miroslav Krleža Lexicographic Institute*, *Zagreb, Croatia*, 2005–2013 **Assistant**, Press Office, Embassy of the Hellenic Republic, Zagreb, Croatia, 2004–2005

#### **EDUCATION**

# Faculty of Political Science, University of Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia

Ph.D., Comparative Politics, 2010

Dissertation: *Bicemaralistic Approach to Resolving the European Union's Democratic Deficit* (in Croatian)

B.A., Political Science (International Relations and Diplomacy), 2004

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

#### **Books**

Čepo, Dario. 2013. Političke institucije Europske unije. Zagreb: Plejada.

### **Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

Čepo, Dario, Čehulić, Mateja and Zrinščak, Siniša. 2020. What a Difference Does Time Make? Framing Media Discourse on Refugees and Migrants in Croatia in Two Periods. *Hrvatska i komparativna javna uprava*, 20 (3), 469–496. doi:10.31297/hkju.20.3.3

Čepo, Dario. 2020. Structural Weaknesses and the Role of the Dominant Political Party: Democratic Backsliding in Croatia since EU Accession. *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*, 20 (1), 1–19. doi:10.1080/14683857.2020.1709721

Čepo, Dario and Nikić Čakar, Dario. 2019. Direct Democracy and the Rise of Political Entrepreneurs: An Analysis of Citizens' Initiatives in Post–2010 Croatia. *Anali hrvatskog politološkog društva*, 16 (1), 27–48. doi:10.20901/an.16.02

Medlobi, Mateja and Čepo, Dario. 2018. Stavovi korisnika društvenih mreža o izbjeglicama i tražiteljima azila: post festum tzv. izbjegličke krize. *Političke perspektive*, 8 (1–2), 41–69. doi:10.20901/pp.8.1–2.02

Petričušić, Antonija, Čehulić, Mateja and Čepo, Dario. 2017. Gaining Political Power by Utilizing Opportunity Structures: An Analysis of the Conservative Religious—Political Movement in Croatia. *Politička misao*, 54 (4), 61–84.

Đulabić, Vedran and Čepo, Dario. 2017. Regionalism and Sub–Regional Representation: A Guide to the County Transformation of Croatia. *Hrvatska i komparativna javna uprava*, 17 (4), 539–568. doi:10.31297/hkju.17.4.2

### **Book Chapters**

Ravlić, Slaven and Čepo, Dario. 2020. Politika, moć i država. In: Zrinščak, Siniša, Kregar, Josip, Sekulić, Duško, Ravlić, Slaven, Grubišić, Ksenija, Čepo, Dario, Petričušić, Antonija and Čehulić, Mateja. 2020. *Opća sociologija s uvodom u sociologiju prava*. Zagreb: Pravni fakultet Sveučilišta u Zagrebu, pp. 391–414.

Čepo, Dario. 2020. European Values in Croatia and the European Union: The State of Affairs. In: Čepo, Dario (Ed.). *European Values and the Challenges of EU Membership: Croatia in Comparative Perspective*. Zagreb: Centar za demokraciju i pravo Miko Tripalo, pp. 15–34.

Mladineo, Vanja and Čepo, Dario. 2020. European Values in a New Member State: Croatia in the First Five Years of EU Membership In: Čepo, Dario (Ed.). *European Values and the Challenges of EU Membership: Croatia in Comparative Perspective*. Zagreb: Centar za demokraciju i pravo Miko Tripalo, pp. 1–14.

Čepo, Dario, Mladineo, Vanja and Nemet, Hrvoje. 2020. Concluding Remarks and Suggestions for the Future of Europe. In: Čepo, Dario (Ed.). *European Values and the Challenges of EU Membership:* Croatia in Comparative Perspective. Zagreb: Centar za demokraciju i pravo Miko Tripalo, pp. 181–193.

Koprić, Ivan, Jurlina Alibegović, Dubravka, Manojlović Toman, Romea, Čepo, Dario and Slijepčević, Sunčana. 2020. Local State—Society Relations in Croatia. In: Teles, Filipe, Gendźwiłł, Adam, Stănuş, Cristina and Heinelt, Hubert (Eds.). *Close Ties in European Local Governance*. Mannheim: Springer, pp. 73–90. doi:10.1007/978–3–030–44794–6

Čepo, Dario. 2019. Euro—Atlantic Integrations of BiH: Shifting Gears and Reinterpreting Motives in Foreign Affairs. In: Hasić, Jasmin i Karabegović, Dženeta (Eds.). *Bosnia and Herzegovina's Foreign Policy since Independence*. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 71–95. doi:10.1007/978–3–030–05654–4\_4

Čepo, Dario and Ravlić, Slaven. 2018. Politički okvir Europske povelje o lokalnoj samoupravi: uspjesi i neuspjesi lokalne demokracije u Hrvatskoj. In: Koprić, Ivan (Ed.). *Europeizacija hrvatske lokalne samouprave*. Zagreb: Institut za javnu upravu, pp. 251–272.

Čepo, Dario. 2017. Breeding Grounds for Croatia's Conservative Social Movements. In: Mujanović, Jasmin (Ed.). *The Democratic Potential of Emerging Social Movements in Southeastern Europe*. Sarajevo: Friedrich–Ebert–Stiftung, pp. 17–22.

Čepo, Dario. 2017. Between Path Dependence and Political Elite Capture: The Second Chambers in Central and Eastern European Unitary States Explained. In: Fekete, Balázs i Gárdos–Orosz, Fruzsina (Eds.). *Central and Eastern European Socio–Political and Legal Transition Revisited*. Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang GmbH, pp. 121–136.

Čepo, Dario. 2017. Miko Tripalo i civilno društvo u Hrvatskoj: neka osnovna zapažanja. In: Sunajko, Goran and Čepo, Dario (Eds.). *Miko Tripalo: Otvoreno društvo*. Zagreb: Centar za demokraciju i pravo Miko Tripalo

# **Work in Progress**

Freedom House's Nations in Transit 2022 Report for Croatia

### **Policy Briefs & Reports**

Čepo, Dario, Petrović, Valentino and Karlović, Antonio. 2020. Elections During the Pandemic: Lessons Learned from the 2020 Early General Elections in Croatia. *Contemporary Southeastern Europe*, 7 (2), 97–108.

Čepo, Dario. 2019. European Values and the Political Culture of the Western Balkans. In: Pudar Draško, Gazela et al. *Political Culture in Southeast Europe*. Sarajevo: Friedrich Ebert Stiftung.

Čepo, Dario. 2019. Illiberal Tendencies in Croatia after Trump and Brexit. Perspectives, 7, 23–27.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Presentations at Annual Conferences**

ASN, ISA, IPSA, ECPR, ESA

### **Selected Conferences & Workshops**

COST Action Workshop "Contestation and Politicization of EU Foreign Policy: New Realities or Same Old? [Vienna, Austria, 26.2.2020. – 27.2.2020.] Presenting: Politicizing and Contesting EU Foreign Policy towards Russia (with Antonio Karlović)

Hrvatski politološki razgovori 2019. "1989: tri desetljeća poslije" [Zagreb, Croatia, 07.11.2019. – 08.11.2019.] Presenting: Politizacija vanjske politike Europske unije: slučaj ruskih sankcija (with Antonio Karlović)

14th European Sociological Association Conference "Europe and Beyond: Boundaries, Barriers and Belonging" [Manchester, UK, 20.8.2019. – 23.8.2019.] Presenting: Gender Stereotypes in Judicial Judgments: Analyzing Sexual Violence Cases in Croatia (with Mateja Čehulić)

COST Action Workshop "The Determinants of EU Foreign Policy Contestation" [Porto, Portugal, 08.7.2019. – 09.7.2019.] Presenting: Contesting EU Foreign Policy from Within: A Politicization of Russia Sanctions (with Antonio Karlović)

25th IPSA World Congress "Borders and Margins" [Brisbane, Australia, 21.7.2018. – 25.7.2018. ] Presenting: European Union and the Awakening of Popular Democracy: Referendums and Citizens' Initiatives in Post-Accession Croatia (with Dario Nikić Čakar)

Hungarian Academy of Sciences Centre for Social Sciences' workshop "Rights Consciousness and Legal Cultures: Theoretical Perspectives" [Budapest, Hungary, 25.4.2018. – 26.4.2018.] Presenting: Legal Field as a Site of Value Contestation: Contesting Parental Religious Freedom to the Right to (Secular) Education (with Antonija Petričušić)

13th European Sociological Association Conference "(Un)Making Europe: Capitalism, Solidarities, Subjectivities" [Athens, Greece, 29.8.2017. – 01.9.2017.] Presenting: Contentious Politics in Transitional Societies: The Rise and (Partial) Success of the Conservative Religious-political Movement in Croatia (with Antonija Petričušić and Mateja Čehulić)

Workshop "Europe and the Everyday: Democratization and Europeanization in the Western Balkans" [Sarajevo, BiH, 07.7.2017.] Presenting: Referendum, Participation, and Democracy in Croatia (with Dario

## Nikić Čakar)

International Studies Association's 58th Annual Convention "Understanding Change in World Politics" [Baltimore, USA, 22.2.2017. – 25.2.2017.] Presenting: The European Union and the Rise of Illiberal Democracy: Failures of Enlargement Policy and Post-accession Backsliding in Central and Eastern Europe

International Workshop "Eastern Europe's New Conservatives: Varieties and Explanations from Poland to Russia" [Berlin, Germany, 09.2.2017. – 10.2.2017.] Presenting: In the Name of Discrimination: Capturing the Democratic Process by Conservative Religious Political Movement in Croatia (with Antonija Petričušić and Mateja Čehulić)

Conference "Society, Law and Legal Culture" [Zagreb, Croatia, 01.12.2016. – 02.12.2016.] Presenting: The Awakening of Popular Democracy or the Demise of Representative Democracy: Citizens' Initiatives and Referenda in Croatia post 2010 (with Dario Nikić Čakar)

#### **TEACHING**

## University of Zagreb, Faculty of Law

- Sociology (freshmen class)
- Introduction to Political Science (freshmen class)
- Sociology of Croatian Society (upper-level class)
- Sociology of Public Administration (upper-level class)

### **SERVICE**

- Committee on Gender Equality and Anti-discrimination, Faculty of Law
- Committee on Student Excellence, Faculty of Law
- Assistant Editor, scientific journal Croatian and Comparative Public Administration
- Member of the Editorial Board, scientific journal Political Perspectives
- Member of the Executive Committee, Croatian Political Science Association
- Member of the Coordination for Human Rights, City of Zagreb

Referee: Democratization, Southeast European and Black Sea Studies, Anali Hrvatskog politološkog društva, Croatian Yearbook of European Law and Policy, Ljetopis socijalnog rada, Nova prisutnost, Političke perspective, Društvena istraživanja, Politička misao

#### **DATASETS**

Parliamentary Votes on Military Deployments

Ostermann, Falk, Cornelia Baciu, Florian Böller, Dario Čepo, Flemming J. Christiansen, Fabrizio Coticchia, Daan Fonck, Anna Herranz-Surrallés, Juliet Kaarbo, Joo Hee Kim, Kryštof Kučmáš, Philippe Lagassé, Benjamin Martill, Kenneth McDonagh, Michal Onderco, Rasmus B. Pedersen, Tapio Raunio, Yf Reykers, Richard Sonneveld, Michal Smetana, Atsushi Tago, Özlem Terzi, Sigita Trainauskiene, Valerio Vignoli, and Wolfgang Wagner (2021). *Parliamentary Deployment Votes Database Version 3*. Harvard Dataverse. <a href="https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/LHYQFM">https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/LHYQFM</a>

# PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

International Political Science Association
International Studies Association
Association for the Study of Nationalities
European Consortium for Political Research
European Sociological Association
Croatian Political Science Association