

# Matthew Loveless

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## CURRENT POSITION

**Co-Director** *Center for Research and Social Progress (CeRSP)*  
September 2015 – present Ponte dell’Olio (Italy)

## EDUCATION

**Indiana University** *Doctor of Philosophy: Dept of Political Science. Bloomington, IN (USA); June 2005*

- *Comparative Politics:* Political Behavior, Political Communication, Public Opinion, the EU
- *Methodology:* Quantitative Methods, Survey Methodology, Behavioral Modeling, MLE, Econometrics
- *Dissertation:* “The Mediated Transition: Mass Media and Political Socialization in Central and Eastern Europe” *Committee:* R. Rohrschneider (chair), R. Huckfeldt, H. Hale, O. Johnson

**University of Memphis** *Master of Arts: Dept of Political Science. Memphis, TN (USA); June 2000*

**Auburn University** *Bachelor of Science: Business Admin.: Marketing. Auburn, AL (USA); May 1993*

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## RESEARCH

### Peer-Reviewed Publications

- Loveless, Matthew and Chiara Binelli. 2018. “Economic Expectations and Satisfaction with Democracy: Evidence from Italy” *Government and Opposition* X. 1–17. DOI: 10.1017/gov.2018.31.
- Downes, James and Matthew Loveless. 2018. “Centre Right and Radical Right Party Competition in Europe: Strategic Emphasis on Immigration, Anti-Incumbency, and Economic Crisis” *Electoral Studies* 54: 148-158. DOI: 10.1016/j.electstud.2018.05.008
- Simpson, Kathryn and Matthew Loveless. 2017. “Another chance? Concerns about inequality, support for the European Union and further European integration” *Journal of European Public Policy*, 24(7): 1069-1089 DOI: 10.1080/13501763.2016.1170872
- Loveless, Matthew. 2016. “Inequality and Support for Political Engagement in New Democracies” *Europe-Asia Studies* 68(6): 1003-1019. DOI: 10.1080/09668136.2016.1203865
- Binelli, Chiara and Matthew Loveless. 2016. “The Urban-Rural Divide: Perceptions of Income and Social Inequality in Central and Eastern Europe” *The Economics of Transition* 24(2): 211–231. DOI: 10.1111/ecot.12087
- Loveless, Matthew. 2015. “Institutions and Media Use in Democratizing Countries: The Czech-Slovak Case as a Quasi-Experiment” *International Journal of Communication* 9(21): 2601-2621.
- Binelli, Chiara, Matthew Loveless, and Stephen Whitefield. 2015. “What Is Social Inequality and Why Does it Matter? Evidence from Central and Eastern Europe” *World Development* 70: 239–248. DOI: 10.1016/j.worlddev.2015.02.007
- Jebril, Nael, Matthew Loveless, and Václav Štětka. 2015. “Media and Democratisation: Challenges for an Emerging Sub-field” *Media Studies* 6(11): 84-98.
- Loveless, Matthew. 2015. “Contextualizing Media Behavior: Media Environments and Individuals’ Media Use in the European Union” *Central European Journal of Communication* 8(1:14):112-131.
- Loveless, Matthew. 2013. “The Deterioration of Democratic Political Culture: Consequences of the Perception of Inequality” *Social Justice Research* 26(4): 471-491. DOI: 10.1007/s11211-013-0198-7
- Whitefield, Stephen and Matthew Loveless. 2013. “Social Inequality and Assessments of Democracy and the Market: Evidence from Central and Eastern Europe” *Europe-Asia Studies* 65(1): 26-44. DOI: 10.1080/09668136.2012.734588
- Loveless, Matthew and Stephen Whitefield. 2011. “Being Unequal and Seeing Inequality: Explaining the Political Significance of Social Inequality in New Market Democracies” *European Journal of Political Research* 50:239-266. DOI: 10.1111/j.1475-6765.2010.01929.x
- Loveless, Matthew. 2010. “Understanding Media Socialization in Democratizing Countries: Mobilization and Malaise in Central and Eastern Europe” *Comparative Politics* 42(4): 457-474. DOI: 10.5129/001041510X12911363510114
- Rohrschneider, Robert and Matthew Loveless. 2010. “Macro-Salience: How Economic and Political Contexts Mediate Popular Evaluations of the Democracy Deficit in the European Union” *Journal of Politics* 72(4):1029-45. DOI: 10.1017/s0022381610000514

- Loveless, Matthew. 2010. "Agreeing in Principle: Perceptions of Social Inequality and Support for the European Union in Central and Eastern Europe" *Journal of Common Market Studies* 48(4): 1085-1108. DOI: 10.1111/j.1468-5965.2010.02088.x
- Loveless, Matthew. 2009. "The Theory of International Media Diffusion: Political Socialization and International Media in Transitional Democracies" *Studies in Comparative International Development* 44(2): 118-36. DOI: 10.1007/s12116-009-9041-4
- Loveless, Matthew. 2008. "Media Dependency: Mass Media as Sources of Information in Democratizing Countries" *Democratization* 15(1):162-183. DOI: 10.1080/13510340701770030
- Whitefield, S., M. A. Vachudova, M. Steenbergen, R. Rohrschneider, G. Marks, M. Loveless, and L. Hooghe. 2006. "Do Expert Surveys Produce Consistent Estimates of Party Stances on European Integration? Comparing Expert Surveys in the Difficult Case of Central and Eastern Europe" *Electoral Studies* 26(1):50-61. DOI: 10.1016/j.electstud.2006.04.006

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#### ***Invited Peer-Reviewed Publications***

- Jebril, Nael and Matthew Loveless. 2017. "Media audiences and media consumption during political transitions: The case of Egypt" *Interactions: Studies in Communication & Culture* 8(2-3): 151-68.
- Binelli, Chiara and Matthew Loveless. 2013. "Looking at Inequality" *Economic Review* 30(4): 12-15.
- Jebril, Nael, Václav Štětka, and Matthew Loveless. 2013. What is known about the Role of Mass Media in Transitions to Democracy? Reuters Institute; University of Oxford (UK).
- Loveless, Matthew and Robert Rohrschneider, 2011. "Public Perceptions of the EU as a System of Governance", *Living Reviews in European Governance* 3(1). [www.livingreviews.org/lreg-2011-2](http://www.livingreviews.org/lreg-2011-2)

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#### ***Book Chapters***

- Loveless, Matthew. 2016. "How Individuals' Perceptions of Inequality May Affect Their Perceptions of Corruption: A Challenge to New Democracies" in John A. Bishop and Juan Gabriel Rodríguez (eds.) Inequality after the 20th Century: Papers from the Sixth ECINEQ Meeting: Research on Economic Inequality Series (Volume 24). Emerald Group Publishing Ltd, London. pp.247-270.
- Loveless, Matthew. 2012. "Civic Resources for European Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe" in V. Kaina and I. P. Karolewski (eds.) Europe's Blues and Europe's Future: Civic Resources for a European Union in Trouble. Routledge, London. pp. 105-124.
- Whitefield, Stephen, Matthew Loveless, and Chiara Binelli. 2012. "Social Inequality: Its Character, How it is Perceived, and the Implications of its Perception for Social and Political Stability" in I.I. Eliseeva *et al.* (eds.), Социальное неравенство. [Social Inequality in Post-socialist Countries], Nestor Historia: Moscow. pp. 15-32.
- Rohrschneider, Robert and Matthew Loveless. 2007 "The Democracy Deficit and the Enlarged European Union" in M. Marsh, S. Mikhaylov and H. Schmitt (eds.) European Elections after Eastern Enlargement: Preliminary Results from the European Election Study 2004. The CONNEX Report Series No 1. Mannheim: Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES), Germany. pp. 527-559.
- Loveless, Matthew and Robert Rohrschneider. 2006. "Attitudes toward European Integration and NATO in Hungary, Bulgaria, and Ukraine" in Public Opinion, Party Competition and the European Union in Post-Communist Europe. R. Rohrschneider and S. Whitefield (eds.). Palgrave. London. pp. 203-216.
- Loveless, Matthew. 2004. "Public Opinion Surveys in Hungary" in Public Opinion and Polling around the World. John Geer (ed.). ABC-CLIO. California. pp. 602-610.

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#### ***Under Review & Working Papers***

- 'Economic Perceptions: When and How is 'Partisan Cheerleading' a Useful Heuristic'
- 'Getting it Right': Inaccuracy in Individuals' Perceptions of Macro-economic Performance'
- 'Perceptions vs. Reality: How Inequality Perceptions Shape Political Participation in Europe'
- 'Perceptions of National-level Income Inequality in the UK & the US' (w C. Binelli)
  - **CeRSP Working Papers Series: WP15/01**
- 'Early Election Calling and Citizens' Satisfaction with Democracy' (w E. Morgan-Jones)
- 'Right Party Competition on Immigration: 2015-18 European Refugee Crisis' (w/ J. Downes & A. Lam)
- 'The Emergence of Democratic Values: Evidence from Central and Eastern Europe' (w M. Placek)
- 'Democratic Tolerance in the Context of Weak In-Group Identity' (w C. Devellennes)

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

2018-9

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- M. Loveless and C. Binelli: 2019. "The Role of Parties and Media for Income Inequality Perceptions. Evidence from the US and the UK: to be presented at the Data Science and Social Research 2019 Conference; 4 Feb: Uni of Milano-Bicocca/5 Feb:IULM Uni; Milano, Italy.
- Downes, James, Matthew Loveless, and Andrew Lam. "Strategic Positioning: Centre Right and Radical Right Party Competition over Immigration during the 2015-2018 European Refugee Crisis" at Midwest Political Science Association Conference: 4-7 April 2019; Chicago, IL (USA).
- Loveless, Matthew. "'Getting it Right': The Impact of Individual's Macro-Economic (Mis-)Perceptions on Support for National and European Union Governance" Midwest Political Science Association Conference: 4-7 April 2019; Chicago, IL (USA).
- Binelli, Chiara and Matthew Loveless. "Weather Change or Climate Change? Explaining American Public Opinion on Global Warming using Improved Measures of Local Climate Changes" Midwest Political Science Association Conference: 4-7 April 2019; Chicago, IL (USA).
- Downes, James F., Matthew Loveless, and Andrew Lam. "Strategic Positioning: Centre Right and Radical Right Party Competition over Immigration during the 2015-2018 European Refugee Crisis" Hong Kong Political Science Conference: City University of Hong Kong: 3 Nov 2018
- Loveless, Matthew and Chiara Binelli. "Individuals' Perceptions of Income Inequality in the United States and the United Kingdom: An Individual and Contextual Approach": ESPAnet Italia Conference: Florence (Italy):13-15 September 2018
- Loveless, Matthew. "Politicizing Citizens' Economic Evaluations: Partisans 'Cheer-leading' and 'Partisan Jeer-leading'": Italian Political Science Association Conference (SISP): Torino (Italy) 6-8 Sept 2018
- Loveless, Matthew and Chiara Binelli. "'Getting it Right': Perceptions of Income Inequality in the United States and the United Kingdom": European Political Science Association Conference 2018: Vienna (Austria), 21-23 June 2018.
- Loveless, Matthew. "Politicizing Perceptions: The Power of Parties, Elites, and Mass Media in Shaping Citizens' Support for the European Union": European Political Science Association Conference 2018: Vienna (Austria), 21-23 June 2018.
- Loveless, Matthew and Chiara Binelli. "Misperceptions of Macro-Economic Context: The Case of Income Inequality in the United States and the United Kingdom": Mid-West Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL (USA) 5-8 April 2018.
- Loveless, Matthew. "Politicizing Perceptions: The Power of Parties, Elites, and Mass Media in Shaping Citizens' Support for the European Union": the Mid-West Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL (USA) 5-8 April 2018.

### *Previous years:*

- Midwest Political Science Annual Conference: 2017, 2015-2012, 2010-2005, 2004, 2002
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2014, 2012, 2009-2007, 2004
- Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2010, 2004, 2001
- European Consortium for Political Research General Conference: 2014-2013
- European Elections Studies conference: 2006-
- European Political Science Association Annual Conference; 2017
- Elections, Public Opinion and Parties Annual Conference; 2016
- American Economic Association: 2014
- St Antony's College, University of Oxford (UK): 2014
- Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ): 2013
- *EUREQUAL* Roundtable and Conference; University of Oxford (UK): 2009
- International Sociological Association, Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28) Annual Meeting. 2009
- CEELBAS, St. Antony's College, The University of Oxford (UK): 2008
- Southwest Political Science Association Conference: 2000

## INVITED LECTURES & PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2018

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- Downes, James and Matthew Loveless: [*blog*] "Opening up Pandora's Box? How Centre Right Parties can Outperform the Far Right" *CARR: Centre for Analysis of the Radical Right*: <https://t.co/TfkQAnqCsH>

[16/09/2018]; [blog] Democratic Audit UK: <https://tinyurl.com/yaf4bwf4> [05/10/2018]; EUOPP at LSE: <https://tinyurl.com/ycqz4ncs> [25 /10/2018]

Loveless, Matthew: Invited Lecture "How can European institutions and their decisions acquire greater legitimacy in the citizen's eyes" *Conversations for the Future of Europe*, EUI: 22 May 2018.

Loveless, Matthew: Invited Lecture: "Misperceptions of Macro-economic Phenomena: Bias, Motivation, and the Challenge of 'Getting it Right'": Jean Blondel Seminar at the *Centre for the Study of Political Change* (CIRCaP): the University of Siena: 13 February 2018.

Downes, James and Matthew Loveless: [blog]: "Do centre-right parties win back votes from the far right by talking about immigration?" *European Politics and Policy*: LSE: <https://tinyurl.com/y7cp9lan>

*Previous years:*

- [www.parliamentstreet.org](http://www.parliamentstreet.org): [blog] "Beyond the Far Right?" 21 Nov 2017: ([here](#))
- <http://www.democraticaudit.com/> [blog] "Do centre-right parties win back votes from the far right by talking about immigration?" 27 Nov 2017: ([here](#))
- *National Public Radio* 'Academic Minute': 24 Oct 2017: ([here](#))
- Schuman Centre Seminar Series (EUI): Europe in Flux: Perspectives and Perceptions: 22 Nov 2017.
- School of Political Science: European University Institute: 24 Oct 2017
- Department of Economics, University of Milan-Bicocca. 10 Oct 2017.
- Scuola di Economia e Scienze Politiche, University of Padova. 10 May 2017.
- Department of Social Psychology: University of Kent (UK): 5 Nov 2013.
- University of Sheffield (UK): 19 Oct 2013
- Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism at the University of Oxford (UK): 12 Nov 2012
- University of Southampton (UK): 9 May 2012
- Trinity College, Dublin (Ireland). 30 Sept 2011
- Amnesty International: Piacenza (Italy): 29 May 2010
- Croft Institute. The University of Mississippi (USA): 20 Nov 2009
- ELSA Seminar: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development: Paris: 15 Sept 2009
- Roanoke College, Salem, VA (USA): 9 April 2009
- University of Aberdeen (UK): 30 April 2008.

## SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

- Member of the *American Political Science Association* (APSA) ; the *MidWest Political Science Association* (MPSA); and the *Italian Society of Political Science* (SISP)
- Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Politics*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Comparative Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Studies*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *Europe-Asia Studies*, *Electoral Studies*, *European Sociological Review*, *International Journal of Press/Politics* *International Interactions*, *European Union Politics*, *the Journal of Elections*, *Public Opinion & Parties*, *Journal of European Integration*, *Acta Politica*, *International Journal of Communications*, *Central European Journal of Communication*; *Journal of Common Market Studies*; *Rivista Italiana di Scienza Politica*; Books: *Oxford University Press*; *Austrian Academy of Sciences*
- Large Project Reviewer for the Economic and Social Research Council (UK); the Polish National Science Centre; the Czech Republic Science Foundation
- Organized and participated in "Workshop in Political Psychology": (w/ A. Cichocka, School of Psychology); University of Kent Canterbury (UK): 8 May 2014.
- Organized session: "Political (Dis)Engagement: Inequality as a Challenge to Democracy" European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) Conference (w/ S. Zmerli): Glasgow (UK): 3-6 Sept 2014.
- Organized panel: "Dismantling Democracy: The Challenge of Inequality to Political Engagement" ECPR Conference (w. S. Zemrli): Bordeaux (France): 4-7 Sept 2013.
- Associate Editor of *Social Justice Research*: 2016 – present
- *Research Fellow*: The Rimini Centre for Economic Analysis (Rimini, Italy)
- Integrated both the [European Election Studies 2004](#) & the [EUREQUAL](#) datasets and devised codebooks
- Completed Applied Multilevel Modelling – National Centre of Research Methods (NCRM) and Courses in Applied Social Statistics (CASS): University of Southampton, 23-25 January 2013.
- British Election Study Content Contribution for 2014 Module: Perceptions of Inequality (w/ C. Binelli).

- Service within *School of Politics and IR (Kent)*: Director of the ESRC Doctoral Training Centre Research Design Workshops and Seminars; Director of Learning Resources; Deputy Director of Graduate Studies; Senior Academic Adviser; and Chair of Disciplinary Committee
- Main Advisor: MPhil (Oxford), MA and PhD (Kent; Mississippi): PhD Students seen to completion: 3+; MA students to completion: 40+; UG advisor for 250+ student theses
- Originated an MSc Program on *Political Psychology*: The University of Kent, UK. 2015.
- *John Gillespie Scholarship* for superior analytical abilities and research skills in positive political theory, mathematical modeling and/or the use of quantitative methods to study politics: Department of Political Science, Indiana University, Bloomington (2003).
- Italian National Scientific Qualification (ASN: *Associate Professor*: Political Science (14/A2: April 2017)

## TEACHING

<i>Courses taught</i>	<b>No. Students</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Location</b>
European Union	25-30	UG	Miss; GWU
Eastern European politics	45-50	UG	Kent
Introduction to Political Science	325	UG	Kent
Quantitative Methods (Statistics)	20-325	UG	Kent; Miss; G'town
	20-25	Grad	Kent; Oxford; G'town
Comparative Political Behavior	15-20	Grad	Kent; Miss
Political Communication	15	Grad	Miss
Research Design: Comparative Political Science	25	Grad	Oxford
<b><i>Can offer</i></b>			
Democracy and Democratization; Media and Politics		UG	
Advanced Industrial Democracies; Political Psychology; The Philosophy of Science in Social Sciences		Grad	

## PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- Visiting Scholar*  
July 2018 - Aug 2018
- The University of Georgia**
- Joint with GLOBIS & School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA)
- Jean Monnet Fellow*  
Sept 2017 – Aug 2018
- Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies** at the *European University Institute*: Fiesole (Italy)
- *Research Project*: “Politicizing Perceptions: The Power of Parties, Elites, and Mass Media in Shaping Citizens’ Support for the EU”
- Associate Professor in Comparative Politics*  
Jan 2011 – July 2015
- The University of Kent**: School of Politics and International Relations: Canterbury (UK)
- *Taught*: (UG) Political Research and Analysis; Intro to Political Science; CEE Politics; (Grad.) Quantitative Methods; Comparative Political Behavior
- Visiting Research Fellow*  
Oct – Dec 2012
- University of Oxford**. St. Antony’s College: Oxford (UK)
- Media and Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe (ERC grant)
- Assistant Professor*  
Aug 2009 – Dec 2010
- The University of Mississippi**. Department of Political Science: Oxford, MS (USA)
- Joint appointment with the *Croft Institute of International Studies*
  - *Taught*: (UG): Research Methods for Int’l Governance; Intro to European Studies; (Grad.): Comparative Political Behavior, Political Communication
- Nuffield Fellow*  
June 2007-July 2009
- University of Oxford**: Dept of Politics & International Relations: Oxford (UK)
- *Researcher* - EUREQUAL: Social Inequality in Central and Eastern Europe
  - *Post-Doctoral Research Fellow* – Nuffield College
  - *Research Associate* - Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism
  - *Taught*: (Grad.): Applied Statistics for Social Scientists; Research Design in Comparative Political Science; and Research Design Workshops.

Visiting Professor Aug 2006-May 2007	<b>Georgetown University:</b> <i>Edmund A Walsh School of Foreign Service:</i> Washington, D.C. (USA) • <i>Taught:</i> (UG & Grad): Quantitative Methods for International Politics
Adjunct Faculty Summer 2006	<b>George Washington University.</b> <i>Elliott School of International Affairs:</i> Washington, D.C. (USA) • <i>Taught:</i> (UG) European Union Enlargement
Scholar in Residence Summer 2006	<b>Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars:</b> Washington, D.C. (USA) • <i>East European Studies Program:</i> Short-term Research Grant
Researcher Aug 2004 - Aug 2005	<b>Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung:</b> Mannheim (Germany) • Manage European Elections Study 2004. Prepare data and codebook
Visiting Research Fellow Summer 2003	<b>University of Debrecen:</b> Graduate Student Research Fellowship: Debrecen (Hungary): Office of International Programs, Indiana University, Bloomington.

## RESEARCH FUNDING AND GRANT ACTIVITY

- 2020-2023: **Volkswagen Stiftung:** "Measuring Social Inequality" (€1.2million). *Under submission*
- 2017-18: **ESRC Secondary Data Analysis Initiative (SDAI):** "Politicizing Perceptions: UK Citizens' Perceptions of Income and Support for UK and European Union Governance" w/ University of Manchester (£198,291). *Final round, not awarded*
- 2017-19: **Horizon 2020:** "Youth, Inequality, and Political Participation in the EU". CeRSP as Italian institution in consortium of six European universities (€2.4million). *Final round, not awarded*
- 2017 **Marie Curie European Fellowship** (Standard): PI: Melissa Schnyder: "RefCSOs: The Impact of the EU on the Political Strategies and Organizational Forms of Domestic Migrant and Refugee Organizations". CeRSP as Host Institution. (awarded *Seal of Excellence*)
- 2016: Roberto Franceschi Foundation's **Young Professional Grant** program for the project "Youth Unemployment: a Pilot Study in the City and Province of Piacenza" Co-investigator joint with Chiara Binelli (Center for Research and Social Progress) (€ 7,000). *Awarded*
- 2016: **VisitINPS Scholars Program** for the project "Expectations of Job Instability, Job Insecurity and Earnings Risk of the Italian Skilled Unemployed: Patterns and Impact on Behavior" Co-investigator joint with C. Binelli (Center for Research and Social Progress) (€ 6,000). *Awarded*
- 2014: **NORFACE:** "The Politics of Income Inequality How perceptions of inequality are politicized and why it matters (POLINEQUAL): CO-PI w S. Zmerli; N. Letki; and M. Oskarson. *Final round, not awarded*
- 2009: Co-author of **European Research Council Advanced Grant** (PI: Jan Zielonka): "Media and Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe: Qualities of Media, Qualities of Democracy (MDCEE)" (€ 2,500,000): University of Oxford: 2009-13. *Awarded*
- 2010: College of Liberal Arts **Summer Research Grant**, University of Mississippi (\$7500)

## LANGUAGES

- **English:** Native Language
- **Italian:** *Speaking, Reading, Writing:* Intermediate (Language Certification: Centre for English & World Languages, University of Kent, Dec 2012)
- **Hungarian:** *Speaking, Reading, Writing:* Intermediate (Language Certification: Dept of Central Eurasian Studies, Indiana University - Bloomington, August 2000)
- **German:** *Speaking, Reading, Writing:* Basic