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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

RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- Binelli, Chiara, Matthew Loveless, and Brian Schaffner. 2022. "Explaining Perceptions of Climate Change in the US" *Political Research Quarterly*. doi:10.1177/10659129211070856
- Devellennes, Charles and Matthew Loveless. 2022. "The Tolerance of the Despised: Atheists, the Non-Religious, and the Value of Pluralism" *International Political Science Review* doi:10.1177/01925121211034148
- Morgan-Jones, Edward and Matthew Loveless. 2021. "Early Election Calling and Satisfaction with Democracy" *Government and Opposition* 1-25. doi:10.1017/gov.2021.44
- Loveless, Mathew. 2021. "When You Win, Nothing Hurts: The Durability of Electoral Salience on Individuals' Satisfaction with Democracy" *Political Studies* 69(3):538-558. doi:10.1177/0032321720910356
- Morini, Marco and Matthew Loveless. 2021. "Losers Together? Grand Coalitions in the EU Member States" *Italian Political Science Review/Rivista Italiana di Scienza Politica* 51(3): 404 - 418. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/ipo.2021.12>
- Downes, James, Matthew Loveless, and Andrew Lam. 2021. "The Looming Refugee Crisis in the EU: Right-Wing Party Competition and Strategic Positioning" *Journal of Common Market Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jcms.13167>.
- *Most cited paper in JCMS 2020-2021.*
- Loveless, Matthew and Chiara Binelli. 2020. "Economic Expectations and Satisfaction with Democracy: Evidence from Italy" *Government and Opposition* 55(3): 413-429. 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: <https://doi.org/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 -
- 2021: JEPP editorial board named this as one of the top 8 articles on EU Integration over the past decade ([link](#))
- 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

Invited Peer-Reviewed Publications

- Jebri, 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.
- Jebri, Nael, Václav Štětko, 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* 6(11). <http://europeangovernance-livingreviews.org/Articles/lreg-2011-2>; 10.12942/lreg-2011-2

Book Chapters

- Loveless, Matthew. 2020. "Information and Democracy: Fake News as Emotional Weapon" in S. Giusti and E. Piras (eds.) Democracy and Fake News: Information Manipulation and Post-Truth Politics. Routledge. pp.64-76. 10.4324/9781003037385
- Top 10 Open Access books in 2021 ([link](#))
- Loveless, Matthew. 2016. "How Individuals' Perceptions of Inequality May Affect Their Perceptions of Corruption: A Challenge to New Democracies", Inequality after the 20th Century: Papers from the Sixth ECINEQ Meeting (Research on Economic Inequality, Vol. 24), Emerald Group Publishing Limited, Bingley, pp. 247-270. 10.1108/S1049-258520160000024011.
- 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. 10.4324/9780203106280.
- 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 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 R. Rohrschneider and S. Whitefield (eds.) *Public Opinion, Party Competition and the European Union in Post-Communist Europe*. pp. 203-216. Palgrave Macmillan, New York. 10.1007/978-1-137-11500-3_11

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.

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) ***Center for Research and Social Progress (CeRSP) Working Papers Series: WP15/01***
- 'The Emergence of Democratic Values: Integrating Institutional and Cultural Theories (w M. Placek)

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION: 2020-21

Binelli, Chiara, Brian Schaffner, and Matthew Loveless. "Pro-Environmental Individual Actions and Support for Policy: Partisanship, Climate Change Experience, and Political Resistance"

- Midwest Political Science Association Conference: 7-10 April 2022

Downes, James and Matthew Loveless. "Right Party Competition in Europe: The Electoral Strategies of the Far Right during Crises"

- Italian Political Science Association (SISP) 9-11 September 2021
- European Consortium of Political Research Annual Conference: 30 August – 3 September 2021
- Centre for Analysis of the Radical Right (CARR): "Mini Conference: Populism & Ideologies in Times of Crisis" 4 June 2021
- European Political Science Association Annual Conference: 24-25 June 2021
- Midwest Political Science Association Conference: 14-18 April 2021

Binelli, Chiara, Brian Schaffner, and Matthew Loveless. "Explaining Perceptions of Climate Change in the US"

- American Politics Group of the Political Studies Association 48th Annual Conference, 28-29 Jan 2022, University of Kent [Canterbury, UK]
- European Political Science Association Annual Conference; 18-20 June 2020.

Previous years:

- Midwest Political Science Annual Conference: 2019-2017, 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
- Italian Political Science Association (SISP): 2019-2018
- European Political Science Association Annual Conference: 2018, 2017
- Elections, Public Opinion and Parties Annual Conference: 2016
- American Economic Association: 2014
- European Elections Studies conference: 2006
- CEELBAS, St Antony's College, University of Oxford (UK): 2008, 2014
- Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ): 2013
- *EUREQUAL* Roundtable and Conference; University of Oxford (UK): 2009
- International Sociological Association, Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28) Meeting: 2009
- Southwest Political Science Association Conference: 2000
- Data Science and Social Research Conference; University of Milano-Bicocca 2019
- EMCC-IV: Econometric Models of Climate Change Conference; University of Milano-Bicocca 2019
- Center for European Studies (CefES) International Conference on European Studies: University of Milano-Bicocca 2019

INVITED LECTURES & PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: 2020-21

Edward Morgan-Jones and M. Loveless: [‘The effects of early elections on satisfaction with democracy’](#), *The Constitution Unit blog*, 17 Dec 2021

Matthew Loveless. Research featured in *The Economist* Daily chart: [‘The gloomy politics of sore losers’](#)

James F. Downes (feat. Matthew Loveless & Andrew Lam). *online article*: “The Center Right Goes Hardline On Immigration In Europe” *Rantt Media* ([here](#)). 9 March 2021

James F. Downes and Matthew Loveless. *online article*: “What Drives the Center Right’s Electoral Success?” *Fair Observer*. ([here](#)) 20 Jan 2020.

Previous years:

- “Debating Digital Pluralism” CMPPF: Summer School (EUI): 24-28 June 2019
- Invited lecture Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies Pisa: May 6-7, 2019
- Blog right party competition: *CARR*; ([here](#)); Democratic Audit UK: ([here](#)); EUROPP at LSE: ([here](#))
- *Conversations for the Future of Europe*, European University Institute: 22 May 2018
- Jean Blondel Seminar: *Centre for the Study of Political Change* (CIRCaP): U of Siena: 13 Feb 2018
- *European Politics and Policy*: LSE blog: “Center Right & Immigraition” ([here](#))
- www.parliamentstreet.org: [blog] “Beyond the Far Right?” ([here](#))
- <http://www.democraticaudit.com/> [blog] “Center Right and the Far Right: ([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

- *Associate Editor: Social Justice Research*: 2016 – present
- 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*; *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*; *Europe-Asia Studies*; *Socio-Economic Review*; *Electoral Studies*; *European Sociological Review*; *International Journal of Press/Politics*; *International Interactions*; *Journal of European Public Policy*; *European Union Politics*; *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties*; *Political Psychology*; *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 [Italian Political Science Review]*; *Review of International Organizations*; *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities*, *Applied Economic Letters*; *Athens Journal of Social Science*; *Frontiers in Political Science*
- Book Reviewer for *Oxford University Press*; *Austrian Academy of Sciences*
- Large Project Reviewer for the UK’s Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC); Polish National Science Centre; & Czech Republic Science Foundation; Austrian Science Fund
- Member of the Standing Groups: the *European Union & Political Psychology* (ECPR): 2016- present
- Advisory Board member for Horizons 2020 TRUSTCOMMUN proposal (2019-2023)
- Invited member of the Scientific Committee for the *Rimini Centre for Economic Analysis* 8th Biennial Conference: ‘Future of Growth’.

- External PhD dissertation reviewer – University of Cape Town (Isbell - 2021)
- Part of the inter-disciplinary team from 15 departments of the University of Bologna’s new PhD program: *Future Earth, Climate Change, and Societal Challenges*: <https://phd.unibo.it/future-earth-climate-change-societal-challenges/en>
- Co-Director of *Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS)* with Princeton and Duke. Held at University of Bologna 2020, 2021, 2022
- Part of organizational team for Center for Media Pluralism and Freedom Summer School: Covering Political Campaigns in the Age of the Data, Algorithms and Artificial Intelligence: 24-28 June 2019.
- Organized “Workshop in Political 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.
- Member of *Political Independence* and *Social Inclusiveness* teams to design and implement the 2020 Media Pluralism Monitor: Center for Media Pluralism and Freedom, European University Institute
- 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).
- *Department of Social and Political Sciences* (University of Bologna): Co-coordinator and Member of the Academic Council of the [Europaeum Scholars Program](#); MA Admissions member; Commissione Qualità della Ricerca (CQR); LAB-USA member.
- *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 (UNIBO; Kent; Mississippi): PhD Students seen to completion: 3+; MA students to completion: 50+; 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 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>	No. Students	Level	Location
European Union	25-30	UG	Miss; GWU
Eastern European politics	45-50	UG	Kent
Introduction to Political Science	325	UG	Kent
Political Behavior in Western Democracies	50	UG	Bologna
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; Bologna
Political Communication	15	Grad	Miss
Research Design: Comparative Political Science	25	Grad	Oxford
Political Research Methods	20-30	Grad	Bologna

PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

<i>Jean Monnet Fellow</i>	Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies at the European University Institute: Fiesole (Italy): Sept 2017 – July 2019
<i>Associate Professor</i>	The University of Kent: School of Politics and International Relations: Canterbury (UK): Jan 2011 – July 2015
<i>Assistant Professor</i>	The University of Mississippi. Joint appointment; Dept of Political Science and Croft Institute of International Studies: Oxford, MS (USA): Aug 2009 – Dec 2010
<i>Nuffield Fellow</i>	University of Oxford: Dept of Politics & IR: Oxford (UK) & Research Associate - Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism: June 2007-July 2009
<i>Visiting Professor</i>	Georgetown University: Edmund A Walsh School of Foreign Service: Washington, D.C. (USA): Aug 2006-May 2007

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

<i>Visiting Fellow</i>	European University Institute (2022-present) ERC grant Transnational
<i>Professeur Invité</i>	Sciences Po – Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Grenoble Université Grenoble Alpes (France): Winter 2021
<i>Visiting Scholar</i>	University of Georgia: GLOBIS & School of Public and International Affairs: Athens, GA (USA): Summer 2018
<i>Research Fellow</i>	The Rimini Centre for Economic Analysis: Rimini (Italy): 2015-2020
<i>Visiting Research Fellow</i>	St. Antony's College: University of Oxford: Oxford (UK); Media and Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe: Oct – Dec 2012
<i>Adjunct Faculty</i>	George Washington University. Elliott School of International Affairs: Washington, D.C. (USA): Summer 2006
<i>Scholar in Residence</i>	Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars: Washington, D.C. <i>East European Studies Program:</i> Short-term Research Grant: 2006
<i>Researcher</i>	Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung: Mannheim (Germany): Aug 2004 - Aug 2005
<i>Visiting Research Fellow</i>	University of Debrecen: Graduate Student Research Fellowship: Debrecen (Hungary): Office of International Programs, Indiana University, Bloomington. Summer 2003

LANGUAGES

- **English:** Native
- **Italian:** *Speaking, Reading, Writing:* Intermediate
- **Hungarian:** *Speaking, Reading, Writing:* Intermediate
- **German:** *Speaking, Reading, Writing:* Basic