

# Matthew Loveless

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## CURRENT POSITION

**Co-Director**

September 2015 – present

**Center for Research and Social Progress (CeRSP)**

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*

**Rhodes College** *Secondary Teaching Certification*: Mathematics. Memphis, TN (USA); *May 1995*

**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. *forthcoming*. "Economic Expectations and Satisfaction with Democracy: Evidence from Italy" *Government and Opposition*.
- 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***

- 'Citizens' Economic Perceptions: Non-Biased 'Partisan Cheerleading'?
- 'Getting it Right': How Individuals Misperceive Macro-economic Performance
- 'Perceptions of National-level Income Inequality: 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)
- '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

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Loveless, Matthew and Chiara Binelli. "Individuals' Perceptions of Income Inequality in the United States and the United Kingdom: An Individual and Contextual Approach": EPSAnet 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: Torino (Italy) 6-8 September 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 & PUBLIC LECTURES

2018:

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

Loveless, Matthew. 2018. 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.

Blog: *European Politics and Policy (EUROPP)* hosted at the London School of Economics: "Do centre-right parties win back votes from the far right by talking about immigration?" 3 January 2018 ([here](#))

*Previous years:*

- Invited blog submissions:
  - [www.parliamentstreet.org](http://www.parliamentstreet.org): "Beyond the Far Right?" 21 Nov 2017: ([here](#))
  - <http://www.democraticaudit.com/>: "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 (European University Institute): Europe in Flux: Populism 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)
- Robert Schuman Centre of Advanced Studies (European University institute): Member of the European Governance and Politics Programme (EGPP)
- 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
- Organized and participated in “Workshop in Political Psychology”: (w A. Cichocka, School of Psychology); University of Kent Canterbury (UK): 8 May 2014.
- Developed and began a new MSc Program: *Political Psychology*. The University of Kent, UK. 2015/6.
- Associate Editor of *Social Justice Research*: 2016 – present
- Guest Editor: *Interactions: Studies in Communication and Culture: Societies in Flux: Media, Democratisation, and Political Socialization*8(2-3, 2017): 151-68 (w/ N. Jebril and J. Matthews)
- Organized session (4 panels): “Political (Dis)Engagement: Inequality as a Challenge to Democracy” for the European Consortium for Political Research General Conference (with Sonja Zmerli): Glasgow (UK): 3-6 Sept 2014.
- Organized panel: “Dismantling Democracy: The Challenge of Inequality to Political Engagement” for the European Consortium for Political Research General Conference (with Sonja Zemrli): Bordeaux (France): 4-7 Sept 2013.
- Completed Applied Multilevel Modelling – National Centre of Research Methods (NCRM) and Courses in Applied Social Statistics (CASS): University of Southampton, 23-25 January 2013.
- *Research Fellow*: The Rimini Centre for Economic Analysis (Rimini, Italy)
- British Election Study Content Contribution for 2014 Module: Perceptions of Income Inequality (w/ C. Binelli).
- Large Project Reviewer for the Economic and Social Research Council (UK); the Polish National Science Centre; the Czech Republic Science Foundation
- Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Politics*, *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*
- Integrated both the [European Election Studies 2004](#) & the [EUREQUAL](#) datasets and devised codebooks
- Main Advisor: MPhil (University of Oxford), MA and PhD (University of Kent)
- PhD Students seen to completion: Univ. of Mississippi (Placek); University of Kent (Simpson)
- Italian National Scientific Qualification (ASN: *Associate Professor*: Political Science (14/A2: April 2017)

## TEACHING

*For Undergraduate students:*

- Introduction to Political Science/Comparative Politics
- West/East European Politics (the European Union)
- Quantitative Methods in Political Science
- Democracy and Democratization
- Media and Politics

*For Graduate students:*

- Comparative Political Behavior
- Political Communication
- Advanced Industrial Democracies
- Quantitative Methodology
- Political Psychology
- The Scientific Method in Social Sciences

## 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*

September 2017 -  
present

**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

**Georgetown University**: *Edmund A Walsh School of Foreign Service*:  
Washington, D.C. (USA)

- *Taught*: (UG & Grad): Quantitative Methods for International Politics

*Adjunct Faculty*

Summer 2006

**George Washington University**. *Elliott School of International Affairs*:  
Washington, D.C. (USA)

- *Taught*: (UG) European Union Enlargement

*Scholar in Residence*

Summer 2006

**Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars**: Washington, D.C. (USA)

- *East European Studies Program*: Short-term Research Grant

*Researcher*

Aug 2004 - Aug 2005

**Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung**: Mannheim (Germany)

- Manage European Elections Study 2004. Prepare data and codebook

*Visiting Research Fellow*

Summer 2003

**University of Debrecen**: Graduate Student Research Fellowship: Debrecen (Hungary): Office of International Programs, Indiana University, Bloomington.

## RESEARCH FUNDING AND GRANT ACTIVITY

- 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*
- 2017-21: **European Research Council** Consolidator Grant: “Quantitative Subjective Expectations and Support for National and European Union Governments” (€ 1.9million). *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*
- 2013: **Quantitative Methods (QM) Programme**: Member of Politics & IR team (w School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research; the Law School; and the Business School); Nuffield Foundation, ESRC, and HEFCE. (£ 1,500,000): 2013-2018. *Awarded*
- 2011: **Economic and Social Research Council (ES/J007986/1)**: “Capabilities and expectations: a new unified framework for understanding social inequality” w Universities of Oxford and Southampton. *Final round, not awarded*
- 2010: **European Research Council (ERC) Advanced Grant** (PI: Stephen Whitefield): “Capabilities and Expectations: A New Unified Framework for Understanding Social Inequality and its Political Consequences (CEQUAL)”: (€ 2.500,000) *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)
- 2003: **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.

## LANGUAGES

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