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- **Andrew R. Murphy**'s review of Redeemer by Randall Balmer on Marginalia

- **Stephen Eric Bronner** in Reader Supported News: Netanyahu's Rhetoric

- **Tibor Purger** on HuffPost Live: U.S. Special Forces In Syria Ahead Of Vienna Talks

- **Tatsiana Kulakevich** for The Monocle Daily on suspension of sanctions against Belarus
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- **Geoffrey Wallace** in Rutgers Today on his book "Life and Death in Captivity: The Abuse of Prisoners during War"

- **Stephen Eric Bronner** in Reader Supported News: Closing the Deal: America, Iran, and the Nuclear Treaty of 2015

- **Dan Kelemen** in Foreign Affairs: Europe's Hungary Problem: Viktor Orban Flouts the Union

- **Dan Kelemen** in the Washington Post: The migrant crisis is exposing Hungary’s slide toward autocracy. Here’s why the E.U. hasn’t cracked down.
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- **Tibor Purger** in a 30-minute discussion on Huffington Post’s Live Stream TV dealing with “The U.S. Role in Europe's Migrant Crisis”

- **Dan Kelemen** with Alexandra Filindra in Foreign Affairs: Party on, Tsipras: Why the Eurozone Needs a Syriza Victory

- **Tibor Purger** for the Wilson Center: Fences of Fancy: The Refugee Crisis in Europe

- **Tatsiana Kulakevich** in the Washington Post: Belarus’s President Has Scheduled the Next Election. Has He Already Won His Fifth Term?
Dan Kelemen in Foreign Affairs: Allegory of the Caving: A New Deal for Greece?

Beth Leech in the Washington Post: Business Doesn't Always Get Its Way

Geoffrey Wallace with Sarah Kreps in OpenDemocracy: International Law and Public Support for Drone Strikes

Podcast: Dave Redlawsk and Kyle Mattes - The Positive Case for Negative Campaigning
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- **Eric Davis**: Taking Democracy Seriously in Iraq

- **Foreign Affairs Focus**: R. Daniel Kelemen on Fixing Europe

- **Dan Kelemen** on Al Jazeera America, discussing the Eurozone Crisis

- **Andy Murphy**: Fear, Trembling, and Weird John Brown

- **Steve Bronner**: Tolerating Intolerance
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- **Tibor Purger** for the Wilson Center: Bold Dialog Needed in Budapest

- Jessica Katz in the Huffington Post: The Heart Inside My Chest Is Not My Own

- **Eric Davis** Op-Ed: "Charlie Hebdo and the murders in France – Islam is not the problem”

- **Dan Kelemen** with Matthias Matthijs in Foreign Affairs: Europe Reborn: How to Save the European Union from Irrelevance
Dilafruz Nazarova featured on Rutgers Continuing Education News Center about developing online courses

Success of the YOUTH AND THE ALLURE OF TERRORISM: IDENTITY, RECRUITMENT AND PUBLIC DIPLOMACY conference

Roy Licklider briefed analysts of the Defense Intelligence Agency and members of the Joint Staff-Special Operations on Syria

An APSA Dissertation Award Named After Stephen Eric Bronner
Shatema Threadcraft won the APSA's 2015 Okin-Young Award in Feminist Political Theory for her article, "Intimate Injustice, Political Obligation and the Dark Ghetto"

Faculty and students attend the European Conference on Politics and Gender in Uppsala, Sweden

Doug Pierce awarded Distinguished Junior Scholars Award by the Political Psychology section of APSA

Mona Krook named Chancellor's Scholar
**NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY**

- **Cathy Wineinger** has won the Roberta S. Sigel award for her paper "Constructing Women's Interests: Motherhood, Fiscal Conservatism, and Republican Women in the 113th Congress."

- Rutgers Ph.D. **Brittany Stalsburg**'s Article "Voting For Hillary Clinton Because She's A Woman Is A Perfectly Valid (Not To Mention Smart) Political Decision — And Here's Why"

- **Manus Midlarsky** gave a presentation titled "Understanding Putin: Loss, Mortality, and Stalin's Precedent" in the Crisis Diplomacy Series at Princeton University on March 31.
**NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY**

- **Tatsiana Kulakevich** won the Special Study award to attend summer school in Budapest, Hungary, and European Studies travel award to attend Midwest Political Science Association conference.

- **Juliana Restrepo** and **Mona Krook** won the best paper presented at 2014 Meeting Award from the Women and Politics of APSA for their paper "Mapping Violence Against Women in Politics: Aggression, Harassment, and Discrimination Against Female Politicians."

- **Caitlin Scuderi** received an award from the Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute that is funded through a grant from the National Science Foundation.

- **Sarah Weirich** won a Dissertation Writing Workshop award from the American Institute for Maghrib Studies at UC-Berkeley, as well as a travel grant from The Project on Middle East Political Science at George Washington University to do research in Tunisia this winter.

- **Kira Jumet** accepted an offer for a tenure track position as Assistant Professor in the Government Department at Hamilton College starting fall 2016.
*FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS*

- **Dan Kelemen**'s book, Lessons from Europe? What Americans can Learn from European Public Policies was selected by Foreign Affairs Magazine as one of the "Best Books of 2014 on Western Europe."

- **Dan Kelemen** and **Terence Teo** have won the award for Best European Union Studies Association (EUSA) Conference Paper 2013, for their paper, "Law and the Eurozone Crisis: Law, Focal Points and Fiscal Discipline."

- Professors **Eric Davis** and **Jean-Marc Coicaud** of Rutgers-Newark have received funding for a 2 day international conference, "Youth and the Allure of Terrorism: Identity, Recruitment and Public Diplomacy," held on October 19th and 20th on the New Brunswick campus. This award comes from the Office of New Brunswick Chancellor, Dr. Richard Edwards, and is part of President Robert Barchi's "Initiatives for the First 100 Days of the Strategic Plan."
European States and Their Muslim Citizens
The Impact of Institutions on Perceptions and Boundaries
Edited by John R. Bowen, Christophe Bertossi, Jan Willem Duivendak, and Mona Lena Krook
BOOK PUBLICATION

Questioning the State in the 21st Century

“Forward or Backward? Attempts by American Social Movements to Probe The Boundaries of Representative Democracy”

(Chapter by Tibor Purger)
BOOK PUBLICATION

Reading Publics
New York City's Public Libraries, 1754-1911
Tom Glynn
BOOK PUBLICATION

POLITICAL RELIGION
AND RELIGIOUS POLITICS
Navigating Identities in the United States

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THE SPIRIT OF REVOLUTION
BEYOND THE DEAD ENDS OF MAN
Backion Out or Backing In? Commitment and Consistency in Audience Costs Theory

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Audience costs theory posits that domestic publcs punish leaders for making an external threat and then backing down. One key mechanism driving this punishment involves the value the public places on consistency between their leaders' statements and actions. If true, this mechanism should operate not only when leaders fail to implement threats, but also when they fail to honor promises to stay out of a conflict. We use a survey experiment to examine domestic responses to the president's decision to "back down" from public threats and "back into" foreign conflicts. We find the president loses support in both cases, but suffers more for "backing out" than "backing in." These differential consequences are partially explained by asymmetries in the public's treatment of new information. Our findings strongly suggest that concerns over consistency undergird audience costs theory and that punishment for inconsistency will be incurred, regardless of the leader's initial policy course.

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Counterfactuals, Causal Inference, and Historical Analysis

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I focus primarily on the utility of counterfactual analysis for helping to validate causal inferences in historical analysis. How can we use what did not happen but which easily could have happened to understand what did happen? With an infinite number of things that might have happened, and with temptations to construct “counterfactuals of convenience” to bolster one’s preferred historical interpretations or political preferences, we need a set of rules or best practices for evaluating the scientific legitimacy of counterfactuals. Building on earlier work in several disciplines, I develop a set of criteria for the conduct of counterfactual analysis in historical case studies. The best counterfactuals begin with clearly specified plausible worlds involving small and easily imaginable changes from the real world. They make relatively short-term predictions based on empirically validated theoretical generalizations and on secondary counterfactuals that are mutually consistent. These counterfactuals are also sensitive to strategic behavior that might return history to its original course, and they are explicitly tested against competing counterfactuals.