

# Gabriela Greilinger, BA M.E.S. MSc

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Currently located in Richardson, Texas

## Personal skills

- detail orientated
- self-management
- stress-resistant
- self-motivated
- well-organised
- problem-solving
- punctual
- flexible
- communicative
- analytical skills
- critical thinking
- creative

## Languages

**German**  
*Native*

**Hungarian**  
*Bilingual professional*

**English**  
*Full professional proficiency*

**French**  
*Professional working proficiency*

**Spanish**  
*Limited working proficiency*

**Arabic**  
*Elementary proficiency*

## English Language Certificates

- IELTS Cambridge Academic English (2016)  
Overall Score: 7.5
- Duolingo English Test (2022)  
Score: 140

## Software Skills

- SPSS
- CMS (Wordpress)
- Microsoft Office
- Adobe

## Professional Experience

**Co-Founder, Director | Quo Vademus | <https://quo-vademus.org> | April 2020 – present**

A platform for the youth and public engagement in politics and current affairs. 'From the youth, for the youth.'

Registered as a non-profit association under Austrian Federal Law, based in Vienna.

- Reviewing, editing, and publishing submitted articles
- Researching and writing articles with a focus on democracy and populism in Central and Eastern Europe as well as on issues relating to US politics
- Recruiting and onboarding new contributing writers
- Campaign management to increase the organisation's reach

**Community Engagement Manager | Der STANDARD | Vienna | March 2021 – October 2022**

- User-Research: Conducting semi-structured interviews on why people participate in online discourses
- Data analysis and development of a strategy for increased user engagement
- Online moderation: monitoring and strengthening critical discourses on politics and daily news, gaining insights into public opinion on polarising issues such as migration, climate crisis, and gender equality
- Project management: Project lead of a Climate project to engage users to discuss climate related topics
- OKR Coordinator for the Audience Development & UGC Division

**Associate Fellow | Austrian Institute for European & Security Policy | Vienna | Sept. 2020–March 2021**

- Conducted research on EU politics, migration, democracy, security, and EU neighbourhood relations and prepared literature reviews
- Supported event management and wrote briefings on events relevant to the Institute's research focus
- Compiled the weekly news update on most pressing issues relating to European politics and security

**Policy Analyst - Schuman Trainee | European Parliament | Brussels | October 2019 – March 2020**

*DG for External Policies, Transatlantic Unit – Transatlantic relations, United Nations and G8/G7*

- Conducted research and policy analysis on political developments in the US, particularly relating to Donald Trump's presidency, and the potential repercussions on EU-US relations
- Drafted and co-authored internal briefings and analyses for committees and relevant staff members on the EU's transatlantic relations as well as EU-UN relations
- Participation in external and internal conferences and meetings relating to EU-US relations
- Compiled, wrote, and edited feedback notes on events and meetings

**Political Affairs Intern | United Nations Secretariat | New York City | February 2019 – May 2019**

*Department of Peacekeeping Operations, Office of the Special Coordinator on improving the UN response to sexual exploitation and abuse*

- Liaised with permanent missions of UN member states, mobilised political will of Heads of State/Governments in support of the SG's Circle of Leadership Initiative
- Conducted media analysis, in-depth background research and drafted concept notes
- Analysed data from internal surveys and prepared presentations on the data
- Prepared and participated in meetings, took minutes of these and shared with relevant staff members

**Program Intern | Fund for Global Human Rights | Washington D.C. | October 2018 – December 2018**

*Enabling Environment Initiative for Civil Society*

- Focused on the global trend of closing civic space and supported the team in finding innovative response strategies
- Researched and prepared briefing notes on closing civic space around the world and strategies of resilience and resistance
- Compiled, edited and formatted the monthly report regarding the organisation's programmatic work
- Represented the Fund at external events and meetings on topics relevant to human rights

## Volunteering

**Program Coordinator | International Security and Conflict Analysis Network | Vienna | May 2020 – February 2021**

- Coordinated task between team members and the organisation's programmatic activities, prepared monthly events and developed the annual strategy
- Ensured the functioning structure of iSCAN, drafted official documents such as the Strategy Booklet
- Recruited new team members, developed and maintained good relationships with partners





“Life begins at the end of your comfort zone.”

### Academic Interests

- Populism
- Democratisation
- Democratic backsliding
- Polarisation
- Social Justice, equality
- Political Psychology
- Conspiracy theories and fake news
- Political ideology
- Central and Eastern Europe (CEE)
- EU politics and external relations

### United Nations Certificates

UN Certificate of Appreciation for completing the UN internship program at the UN HQ in New York

Preventing Conflict using a Human Rights Based Approach

Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse by UN Personnel

Anti-Corruption: Introduction + Advanced course

UN Peacekeeping Operations: An Introduction

### Other

- Certificate in International Organisation management, University of Geneva
- Driving license (B)
- First Aid course

### Education

**MSc Political Science | European politics and external relations | GPA 3.9**

*University of Amsterdam* September 2017 – June 2018

- Courses: Transnational politics; EU politics and external relations; EU-Middle East relations; EU, state-building, and conflict resolution
- Negotiation and conflict resolution workshop (January 2018), Harvard Method

**Master's Preparatory Course | Comprehensive introduction to research methodology and design**

*University of Amsterdam* August 2017

- Introduction to qualitative and quantitative research methods
- SPSS and data analysis

**(M.E.S.) Master of European Studies | Excellent academic record | GPA 3.87**

*University of Vienna, Postgraduate Center*

October 2016 – September 2017

- Coursework amongst others in: Human rights law, migration, history of international relations, EU law, economic policy, and security policy

**BA Hungarian Studies | Passed with distinction | Minor in Political Science | GPA 3.9**

*University of Vienna*

October 2013 – February 2017

- Austrian-Hungarian summer school, Szombathely (2015, 2016, 2017)
- Exchange semester with the CEEPUS student grant at the University of Szeged, Hungary (September 2015 - January 2016)
- Students' representative, 2015 – 2017, Department of Finno-Ugric Studies

### Relevant Academic Work

**Shaping conceptions of 'normal'? - Normative Power Europe and EU sanctions. The cases of Russia and Syria.**

Master's thesis within the program Political Science, exploring whether and how sanctions can be used as a powerful means to communicate norms and lead to a behavioural change in the sanctioned party. Looking at the two cases of Russia and Syria, I used a qualitative approach and conducted several semi-structured interviews with EU officials and scholars who work on sanctions.

**Euroscepticism on the rise among the Hungarian government party - A case study of Viktor Orbán's Eurosceptic rhetoric.**

Master's thesis within the program 'Master of European Studies'. Using a single case study, it examined Hungary's democratic backsliding and the governing party's Eurosceptic rhetoric by analysing a specific report and an interview given by Orbán.

### Essays

- The EU and conflict resolution: Between the role as 'normative power' and its imposition of sanctions. The case of Syria
- 'It's the economy, stupid!': The EU's support to the MENA region after the Arab uprisings - between neoliberal reforms and promotion of 'deep democracy'. The case of Egypt
- 'The European Union's Eastern Partnership: A demonstration of normative power or 'empire by example'? The case of Ukraine
- EU-ME relations in the light of EU border control: Externalisation, vested interests and bargaining power
- Populism - Danger or opportunity for democracy?

### Term Papers

- EU conflict resolution in Ukraine (Presentation)
- A critical discussion of EU – MENA relations regarding migration (Term paper)
- International terrorism (Term paper and presentation)
- Institutional balance in the EU legislative procedure (Term paper and presentation)
- The EU Financial crisis. The case of Ireland (Term Paper and presentation)