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BIO

Anna Grzymala-Busse is the Michelle and Kevin Douglas Professor of International Studies in the Department of Political Science, the Director of the Europe Center, and Senior Fellow at the Freeman Spogli Institute. Her research focuses on the historical development of the state and its transformation, political parties, religion and politics, and post-communist politics. Other areas of interest include populism, informal institutions, and causal mechanisms.

She is the author of four books: *Redeeming the Communist Past: The Regeneration of Communist Successor Parties*; *Rebuilding Leviathan: Party Competition and State Development in Post-Communist Europe*; *Nations Under God: How Churches Use Moral Authority to Influence Politics and Sacred Foundations: the Religious and Medieval Roots of the European State*. She is also a recipient of the Carnegie and Guggenheim Fellowships.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, Political Science
- Senior Fellow, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies
- Hoover Senior Fellow (By courtesy), Hoover Institution

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Director, The Europe Center, (2018- present)

PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Program in International Relations

LINKS

- My Website: <https://amgbusse.stanford.edu/>

Teaching

COURSES

2025-26

- Citizenship in the 21st Century: COLLEGE 102 (Win)
- The Erosion of Democracy: POLISCI 140P, REES 240P (Win)
- Theories in Comparative Politics: POLISCI 440A (Aut)

2024-25

- The Erosion of Democracy: POLISCI 140P, REES 240P (Win)

2023-24

- The Erosion of Democracy: POLISCI 140P, REES 240P (Aut)
- The Eurasian World From Plato to NATO: History, Politics, and Culture: HISTORY 127, POLISCI 142, REES 117, REES 217, SLAVIC 117 (Spr)
- Theories in Comparative Politics: POLISCI 440A (Aut)

2022-23

- Paths to the Modern World: The West in Comparative Perspective: POLISCI 246A, POLISCI 446A (Win)
- Populism and the Erosion of Democracy: POLISCI 140P (Win)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Paige Hill, Emily Russell

Doctoral Dissertation Advisor (AC)

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Doctoral Dissertation Co-Advisor (AC)

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Doctoral (Program)

Shirin Abrishami Kashani, Dominic Bustillos, Sebastian Lucek, Vladimir Novikov, Naomi Tilles

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Fictive Politics** *ANNUAL REVIEW OF POLITICAL SCIENCE*
Matsuzaki, R., Drixler, F., Grzymala-Busse, A.
2026; 29 (1): 289-307
- **Poland's Ambivalent Support for Ukraine** *CURRENT HISTORY*
Grzymala-Busse, A.
2026; 125 (869): 93-97
- **Political parties and religion in post-communist Poland (Book Review)** *PARTY POLITICS*
Book Review Authored by: Grzymala-Busse, A.
2026
- **How green is my party? Programmatic stances towards environmental protection in Europe** *PARTY POLITICS*
Grzymala-Busse, A., Jabkowski, P., Baranowski, M.
2025
- **HISTORICAL STATE FORMATION WITHIN AND BEYOND EUROPE** *WORLD POLITICS*
Blaydes, L., Grzymala-Busse, A.
2025; 77 (1)
- **Can Colonial Institutions Be Good for Democracy? A Review of Sean Gailmard's <i>Agents of Empire</i>** *POLITICAL SCIENCE QUARTERLY*
Grzymala-Busse, A.
2025

- **HOW UKRAINE DIVIDES POSTCOMMUNIST EUROPE** *JOURNAL OF DEMOCRACY*
Grzymala-Busse, A.
2024; 35 (1)
- **The Catholic Church and European State Formation, AD 1000-1500. (Book Review)** *JOURNAL OF CHURCH AND STATE*
Book Review Authored by: Grzymala-Busse, A., Moller, J., Doucette, J.
2023
- **Historical State Formation Within and Beyond Europe** *WORLD POLITICS*
Blaydes, L., Grzymala-Busse, A.
2023; 75 (5)
- **Tilly Goes to Church: The Religious and Medieval Roots of European State Fragmentation** *AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE REVIEW*
Grzymala-Busse, A.
2023
- **The New Party Challenge (Book Review)** *PARTY POLITICS*
Book Review Authored by: Grzymala-Busse, A.
2022
- **Weasel Words and the Analysis of "Postcommunist" Politics: A Symposium** *EAST EUROPEAN POLITICS AND SOCIETIES*
Bernhard, M., Ganev, V. I., Grzymala-Busse, A., Hanson, S. E., Herrera, Y. M., Kofanov, D., Shirikov, A.
2020
- **Consequences of Authoritarian Party Exit and Reinvention for Democratic Competition** *COMPARATIVE POLITICAL STUDIES*
Grzymala-Busse, A.
2020
- **Beyond War and Contracts: The Medieval and Religious Roots of the European State** *ANNUAL REVIEW OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, VOL 23*
Grzymala-Busse, A.
edited by Levi, M., Rosenblum, N. L.
2020; 23: 19–36
- **How Dictatorships Work (Book Review)** *FOREIGN AFFAIRS*
Book Review Authored by: Grzymala-Busse, A.
2020; 99 (1): 173–76
- **THE FAILURE OF EUROPE'S MAINSTREAM PARTIES** *JOURNAL OF DEMOCRACY*
Grzymala-Busse, A.
2019; 30 (4): 35–47
- **Conclusion: The Global Forces of Populism** *POLITY*
Grzymala-Busse, A.
2019; 51 (4): 718–23
- **How Populists Rule: The Consequences for Democratic Governance** *POLITY*
Grzymala-Busse, A.
2019; 51 (4): 707–17
- **Symposium on Global Populisms and the European Experience Introduction** *POLITY*
Grzymala-Busse, A.
2019; 51 (4): 631–40
- **Hoist on their own petards? The reinvention and collapse of authoritarian successor parties** *PARTY POLITICS*
Grzymala-Busse, A.
2019; 25 (4): 569–82
- **Poland's Path to Illiberalism** *CURRENT HISTORY*
Grzymala-Busse, A.
2018; 117 (797): 96–101

- **Religion, Politics, and Values in Poland: Continuity and Change since 1989 (Book Review)** *JOURNAL OF RELIGION IN EUROPE*
Book Review Authored by: Grzymala-Busse, A.
2018; 11 (2-3): 278–79
- **Post-Communist Mafia State: The Case of Hungary (Book Review)** *SLAVIC REVIEW*
Book Review Authored by: Grzymala-Busse, A.
2017; 76 (3): 882-884
- **CRITICAL FORUM ON GLOBAL POPULISMS Introduction** *SLAVIC REVIEW*
Grzymala-Busse, A.
2017; 76: S1-S2
- **Global Populisms and Their Impact** *SLAVIC REVIEW*
Grzymala-Busse, A.
2017; 76: S3-+