

# Erik C. Piccoli

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## EDUCATION

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Doctor of Philosophy in Media and Communication University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Expected 2030
Master of Arts in European and Eurasian Studies The George Washington University, Elliott School of International Affairs	2025
Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication Louisiana State University, Manship School of Mass Communication	2022

## PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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Research Associate, Illiberalism Studies Program The George Washington University	2025–2026
Graduate Research Assistant, Illiberalism Studies Program The George Washington University	2023–2025

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer-reviewed journal articles

#### *Accepted*

Marchi, R., and **E. Piccoli**. “The geopolitical worldview of Aginter Presse: a state-backed anticommunist private network in the Cold War.” *European Politics and Society* (2026): 1–14.

Piccoli, E. “The Dugin Network: Transnational Liaisons in the West.” *Studies in East European Thought* 78 (2026): 335–354.

**Piccoli, E.**, J. Cerrone. “Framing and Coverage of Migration Politics in Populist Radical Right Social Media Discourse: Evidence from Italy, France, and Spain.” *European Politics and Society* 27, no. 2 (2025): 257–272.

Piccoli, E. “The American Friend: Transatlantic Illiberal Events and Prospects for Joint Ideological Development.” *Journal of Illiberalism Studies* 5, no. 3 (2025): 41–57.

Mourier, P., and **E. Piccoli**. “Hate without Borders: The Alt-Right and Transnational Liaisons.” *Journal of Illiberalism Studies* 5, no. 2 (2025): 1–16.

Piccoli, E. “Seeing the Present through the Past: The Russo-Ukrainian War and State Framing of World War Two.” *National Identities* (2024): 1–18.

#### *Under Review*

**Piccoli, E.**, and P. Picco. “Metapolitical Influencers and the Mainstreaming of Far-Right Frames: The Case of Eva Vlaardingerbroek.” *Identities*.

Piccoli, E. “Illiberalism on the Right: Mapping the Normative Drift of Center-Right Parties across Europe.” *Political Studies Review*.

### Popular press

**Piccoli, E.**, J. Cerrone. “Navigating the Italian Far Right’s Geopolitical Discourse.” *The Illiberalism Studies Program*, March 26, 2025.

Piccoli, E. “The Rise of the European Right: Plus Ça Change...?” *The National Interest*, July 19, 2024.  
Piccoli, E. “Only the Pragmatic Survive: The Meloni Government’s Struggle with Migration.” *The Illiberalism Studies Program*, September 19, 2023.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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Piccoli, E. (September 2025). “Framing and Coverage of Migration Politics in Populist Radical Right Social Media Discourse: Evidence from Italy, France, and Spain.” Italian Political Science Association Annual Conference, Naples, Italy.  
Piccoli, E. (September 2025). “The Dialectic of Reaction: Discursive Strategies and Issue Framing by Transatlantic Far Right Actors.” Université Libre de Bruxelles, Brussels, Belgium.

## GUEST LECTURES

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Piccoli, E. (April 2025). “Italian Religious Politics and the Cold War: Between Humanization and Demonization.” George Washington University.

## HONORS & AWARDS

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### *Graduate*

Maria H. Davis European Studies Endowment Fellow	2023–2025
Tourism, Travel and Transport Regulations and Policies Research Scholarship	2023–2024
ESIA Tuition Award	2023–2025

### *Undergraduate*

Society of Professional Journalists Region 12 Finalist	2019
Louisiana–Mississippi APBME Newscast Finalist	2019
Stephen Buttry Scholarship Fund	
Barbara Calvit Rogers Scholarship	
Dean’s List	2018–2019
Society of Professional Journalists Region 12 Finalist	2018
LA Tiger Legacy Excellence Award	2018–2022
Taylor Opportunity Program Scholarship	2018–2022

## SERVICE

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### *To the discipline*

Reviewer: *European Politics and Society; Studies in East European Thought*

## MEDIA APPEARANCES

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Interviewed by Laura Bettini on Radio 24 (March 1, 2026) about Congressional Republican reactions to the war with Iran.