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Curriculum Vitae

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Politics and policies of the EU
Social policy, welfare state reform, futures of work, education
Qualitative research methods

EDUCATION

Université libre de Bruxelles PhD Political and Social Sciences	2022 – Present
College of Europe M.A. European Political and Governance Studies	2021 – 2022
Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne Master (Research) Political Science	2019 – 2021
Rijksuniversiteit Groningen B.A. International Relations and International Organization	2014 – 2017

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Doctoral Fellow CEVIPOL/IEE, Université libre de Bruxelles – Brussels, Belgium	Oct 2022 – Present
Research Assistant Centre Européen de Sociologie et de Science Politique, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne – Paris, France	Aug 2021 – Jan 2022
Project Manager European Democracy Lab / eusg – Berlin, Germany	Oct 2017 – Jun 2019

Campaign Manager

Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands (SPD) – Mainz, Germany

Jun 2017 – Sep 2017

Research Assistant

Centre for International Relations Research,
Rijksuniversiteit Groningen – Groningen, the Netherlands

Jul 2016 – Apr 2017

PUBLICATIONS

Kenn, B. (2025). EU Social Policy in 2024: Parliamentary Politics for Social Europe. *Journal of Common Market Studies*, 0(0). <https://doi.org/10.1111/jcms.70032>

Crespy, A., **Kenn, B.**, Marengo, M., & Spasova, S. (2025). The EU Compromise Machine and the Politicisation of Social Policy: Lessons from Platform Work. *Journal of European Social Policy*, 0(0). <https://doi.org/10.1177/09589287251345912>

Crespy, A., Gaffney, S., **Kenn, B.**, & Shahini, V. (2025). Beyond market vs. social citizenship: Economic imperatives and the building of a pan-European labour market. *European Journal of Social Security*, 0(0). <https://doi.org/10.1177/13882627251349094>

Crespy, A. and **Kenn, B.** (2025). Ideational Drivers of Welfare State Reform in the European Union, in B. Ebbinghaus and M. Nelson (eds.) *Handbook on Welfare State Reform*, Edward Elgar Publishing.

Kenn, B. (2023). Unger (Mathilde) – La justice sociale dans l'Union européenne. Citoyenneté et droits au-delà de l'État. – Paris, Classiques Garnier, 2022. 308 p. *Revue française de science politique*, 73, 146-147. <https://doi.org/10.3917/rfsp.731.0146>

FELLOWSHIPS & BURSARIES

Doctoral Fellowship (2022–2026), *Université libre de Bruxelles*

Scholarship for the College of Europe (2021–2022), *Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung*

Scholarship for graduate studies in Paris and Bruges (2019–2022), *Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung*

Victoria Scholarship for participation in a German-Australian high school exchange (2011), *GDANSA e.V.*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & RESEARCH TRAINING

General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) (2025), *ECPR, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki – Thessaloniki, Greece*

30th Conference of Europeanists (2024), *Council of European Studies (CES)*, *Université Lumière Lyon II – Lyon, France*
IDEAS 24 Inequality and the European Union (2024), *Université libre de Bruxelles, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, University of Warwick – Brussels, Belgium*
Methods School in Critical Discourse Analysis (2024), *ECPR, KU Leuven – Leuven, Belgium*
29th Conference of Europeanists (2023), *CES, University of Iceland – Reykjavik, Iceland*
Winter School on Social Europe after the Pandemic: Rights and Policies (2022), *EUSOCIAL-CIT, Università degli studi di Milano Statale – Milan, Italy*

SELECTED PRESS AND BLOGS

L’Avenir (2025) *Allemagne : l’ombre de l’extrême droite plane sur des élections indécises* [Interview]
Social Europe (2024) *The EU’s ‘People, Skills, Preparedness’ agenda: A risky shift in social policy* [with Amandine Crespy]
Le Soir (2024) *Carta Academica – Commission européenne : un nouveau portefeuille pour une nouvelle orientation ?* [with Amandine Crespy]
Der (europäische) Förderalist (2024) *Fachkräfte, Kompetenzen und Vorsorge“: ein sozialpolitischer Paradigmenwechsel in Brüssel* [with Amandine Crespy]
IEE 60 years in 6000 characters (2024) *Will Social Europe finally happen?*
REGIOPARL Blog (2019) *Are European and regional elections really subordinate to national politics?*
Perspectives Daily (2019) *Die EU steht vor der Wahl. 10 Europäerinnen und Europäer sagen jetzt, wohin wir steuern müssen* [with Marie Rosenkranz]
VPRO Tegenlicht (2016) *Links heeft geen antwoord op rechts* [Interview]

SKILLS

Languages: German (native), English (C2), French (C1), Dutch (B2), Italian (B1)

Methods: Interviews, discourse analysis, content and text analysis

Software: Office Suite, Adobe Creative Cloud, TXM, NVivo

REFERENCES

Prof. Dr. Amandine Crespy, *Université libre de Bruxelles*

Prof. Dr. Martin Westlake, *College of Europe*

Prof. Dr. Antoine Vauchez, *Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne*