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Areas of Specialization

My research focuses on EU integration dynamics, policy/institutional change, democratization and Europeanization. I study institutional/policy change, rule of law promotion and judicial reforms in the EU. I am also interested in how actors frame policy problems and how they struggle to influence public policy solutions. My current research is focused on the contestation of liberal democracy and the rule of law in the EU.

Topics of current interest:

- Contestation of liberal democracy with a focus on actors (think tanks and parties)
- The impact of dissensus over liberal democracy on the functioning of the EU institutions and EU's capacity to act
- The EU's rule of law policy and instruments and their domestic impacts
- Judicial reforms and judges mobilisations
- EU institutions (European Parliament, Commission, Council and European Council)
- Dynamics of policy/institutional change
- Democratization and Europeanization
- The circulation of liberal/anti-liberal ideas in the EU

Current Position

Since October 2022:

Professor in Political Science, Université libre de Bruxelles, Faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences

Since October 2023: visiting professor at the College of Europe in Bruges

Since October 2023: member of the PhD School in Political Science, Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucharest

Academic Appointments

2019 – 2023	President of the Institute for European Studies of the Université libre de Bruxelles
2014-2019	Director of the Institute for European Studies, Université libre de Bruxelles
2015-2022	Associate Professor in Political Science, ULB
2009-2015	Professor Assistant in Political Science, Université libre de Bruxelles
2010-2012	Vice-president of the Department of Political Science, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, ULB
2010-2014	Deputy Director of the <i>Centre d'étude de la vie politique</i> (CEVIPOL), ULB
2009-2013	President of the Jury of the doctoral training in political science, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, ULB
2009-2018	Academic Coordinator of the Master in Political Science (60 credits), ULB
2014-2020	Academic Coordinator of the Executive Master program in EU studies (MEUS), IEE-ULB
2018-2019	Academic Coordinator of the Specialized Interdisciplinary Master in EU studies, ULB
2009-2013	Academic Coordinator of the Joint Master program in Political Science Politics and Societies in Central and Eastern Europe, ULB

Education and Professional Qualifications:

- 1997-2001: BA in Political Science, Faculty of Political Science and Administrative Studies, University of Bucharest, Romania (La Plus Grande Distinction)
- 2001-2003 Master in European Studies, Institute for European Studies, Université libre de Bruxelles, Belgium (Distinction)
- 2003-2004: Master in Political Science (*Diplôme d'études approfondies en science politique*), Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Université libre de Bruxelles, Belgium
- 2004-2008: PhD Candidate in Political Science, Université libre de Bruxelles
- 2008: Doctor in Political and Social Sciences, PhD entitled: *La carrière publique de la consolidation des garanties d'indépendance de la justice. Un phénomène social et politique dans la Roumanie postcommuniste*, Under the supervision of prof. Jean-Michel De Waele
- 2008-2009: Post-doctoral Fellow at the University of Bologna and the *Istituto di Ricerca sui Sistemi Giudiziari*

Research Grants

- 2024 **ULB Mini Arc Research Grant** (with Paul Dermine) entitled "Is the EU's fiscal capacity transforming its member states? Insights from the Recovery Resilience Facility and Cohesion Policy?"
- 2022 Principal investigator of the project **Horizon Europe Doctoral network Marie Skłodowska Curie GEM-DIAMOND** funded by the European Commission, a multiannual international research effort on Globalization, Europe and Multilateralism (GEM) on the EU's capacity to act given the challenges facing Democratic Institutions, the rise of Alternative MOdels and mounting Normative Dissensus (DIAMOND, 48 months, 3.993.645, 59 euros). The project brings together 17 PhD students.
- 2022 Principal investigator of the **Horizon Europe** collaborative research project **RED SPINEL** (36 months, 3.2 million euros)
- 2018 **Jean Monnet Module Rule of law and mutual trust in global and European governance**, 2018-2021 (budget € 27.000)
- 2018 **Jean Monnet Network OpenEUDebate** (ULB WP lead, coordinator Autonoma de Madrid).
- 2015-2018 **Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence** – Institute for European Studies.
- 2018 ULB Fonds d'encouragement à la recherche (FER) "Conflicts of Sovereignty in the Post-Crisis EU" (with Nathalie Brack and Amandine Crespy), budget € 12.000.
- 2018 Fondation Wiener Anspach "Conflicts of Sovereignty in the Post-Crisis EU" (ULB-Cambridge, with Nathalie Brack and Amandine Crespy)
- 2015-2019 Work package (WP) leader and scientific contributor in the **H2020 research project ENLIGHTEN: European Legitimacy in Governing through Hard Times: the Role of European Networks**. IEE-ULB Budget: € 700.000
- 2015-2019 Université libre de Bruxelles Grant/ARC: **Governing values, governing through values, governed by values? The European Union as a risk polity**. (Academic coordinators: Ramona Coman, François Foret, François Heinderyckx, Budget € 699.630 euros)
- 2014- Université libre de Bruxelles/Fonds d'encouragement à la recherche – principal investigator for the individual research projet "Governance and Public Policy Instruments The EU's approach to democracy and the rule of law " (€ 18.000)
- 2013- Fonds National de la Recherche Scientifique (FNRS - Belgium) to produce a research entitled *Quo vadis Judicial Reforms in Central and Eastern Europe?* (€ 6.500)
- 2013 Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, ULB for translation of Political Science in Motion (Book co-edited with Jean-Frederic Morin) (€ 2.500)

Editorial Board Membership

- 2022 Studia Politica. Romanian Political Science Review.
- 2013 - *Droit et société*, correspondent for Romania
- 2003-2015 Coordinator of the Series *European Studies* of the Publisher Editions Institutul European, Romania
- 20014-2015 Coordinator of the Series *Justice, Politics and Society* of the Publisher Editions Institutul European, Romania

Professional Evaluation Committees

2023 ERC Consolidator Grant, Member of the SH2 Panel
2021 ERC Consolidator Grant Panel, Deputy chair and member of the Peer Review Panel SH2
2019 ERC Consolidator Grant Panel 2019, Member of the ERC Peer Review Panel SH2
2018 Copenhagen Business School
2015 Sciences Po, Paris: member of Students' selection committee

Reviewer for the following journals (several times)

Cambridge Review of International Affairs, West European Politics, Journal of Common Market Studies, European Journal of Political Research, European Political Science Review, Globalization, European Politics and Societies, Political Studies, European Journal of International Relations, New Political Economy, Review of International Political Economy, Journal of Borderlands Studies, Public Administration, Europe-Asia Studies, Journal of European Integration, Journal of European Contemporary Research, Droit et Société, Romanian Review of Political Science, European Political Science Review, Politique européenne, Polish Political Science Review, Problems of Post-Communism, Political Studies. Evaluator for book projects: Palgrave Publishing; Hart.

2013 ULB: ULB internal evaluator for Erasmus Mundus Grants

PhD Committees, PhD and Post-doctoral supervisions: 5 PhD defended under my supervision: 5 ongoing PhDs ; 31 participations as member of PhD juries; Supervisor of 10 post-doctoral researchers

Teaching at the Université libre de Bruxelles and the Institute for European Studies

2015 – present: Rule of law and mutual trust in global and European governance (2018 - with prof. Anne Weyembergh/Cecilia Rizcallah) – TRAN-O-610

2009-to present: Decision-making in the European Union – POLI-D-409

2009 – present: Seminar on Theory, Methodology and Research in Political Science, PhD doctoral training, (2009 – to present, with prof. Christian Olsson)

2024: Séminaire de préparation au mémoire – POLI-D-404

2018 - 2020: The rule of law in the EU: actors, challenges and tools

2015-2016: Europe's area of freedom, security and justice: actors, challenges and outcomes (2015 - ; with prof. Anne Weyembergh)

2009-2018: Methodology in Political Science

2016-2017: Reporting on EU affairs (with Christoph Leclercq EurActiv founder, IEE-ULB)

2009-2010 : Exercices sur des questions d'actualité politique

2009-2015: Politics and Society in Central and Eastern Europe

Memberships in Associations: Association Française de Science Politique; Association Belge de Science Politique; Member of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) (current), the ECPR Standing Group on Southeast Europe; Member of the Council for European Studies (current); Member of the IPSA and the Research Committee on the Quality of Democracy (IPSA RC 34)

Language:

Romanian (native language); French (DALF, level C2); English (C1); Dutch (B2); Italian (basic)

Publications

Books – single author

COMAN, R. (2022). *The Politics of the Rule of Law in the EU Polity*, Palgrave Studies in European Union Politics

COMAN, R. (2009). *Réformer la justice dans un pays post-communiste. Le cas de la Roumanie*, Editions de l'Université, Bruxelles.

COMAN, R. (2005). *Européanisation et coopération paneuropéenne des partis politiques. Une perspective roumaine*, Editions de l'Université de Bucarest, Bucarest, Collection Le temps present.

Books – co-edited

- COMAN, R. COSTA, O. and SIERENS, V. (eds), [*EU Council Presidencies in Times of Crises*](#), Palgrave, 2024.
- RONE, J., BRACK, N., COMAN, R. & CRESPIY, A. (eds), [*Sovereignty in conflict. Political, constitutional and economic dilemmas in the EU*](#), Palgrave, 2023.
- BICKERTON, Ch., BRACK, N., COMAN, R. & CRESPIY, A. (eds), [*Conflicts of sovereignty in contemporary Europe: a framework of analysis*](#), Comparative European Politics, 2022.
- BRACK, N., COMAN, R. & CRESPIY, A. (eds), *Understanding Conflicts of Sovereignty in the EU*, Routledge, London, New York, 2021.
- COMAN, R., CRESPIY, A. & SCHMIDT, V. (eds.) *Governance and Politics in the Post-Crisis European Union*, Cambridge University Press, 2020.
- COMAN, R., FROMONT, L. & WEYEMBERGH, A. (eds, 2019), *Les solidarités européennes. Entre enjeux, tensions et reconfigurations*, Larcier.
- BRACK, N., COMAN, R. & CRESPIY, A. (eds). (2019), *Conflicts of Sovereignty in the EU*, Special issue *Journal of European Integration* 41 (7), published also by Routledge in 2021.
- COMAN, Ramona and TOMINI, Luca (eds.) *The State of Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe*, Routledge <https://www.routledge.com/products/9781138939769> (130 pages), 2017.
- COMAN, Ramona, CRESPIY, Amandine, LOUAULT, Frederic, PILET, Jean-Benoit, VAN HAUTE, Emilie, MORIN, Jean-Frédéric (2016) *Méthodes de la science politique. De la question de départ à l'analyse des données*, De Boeck.
- COMAN, Ramona and MORIN, Jean-Frédéric (eds), *Political Science in Motion*, Editions de l'Université de Bruxelles (220 pages), 2016.
- COMAN, Ramona, KOSTERA, Th. & TOMINI, L. (eds.), *Europeanization and European Integration. From incremental to structural change*, Palgrave MacMillan, 2014.
- COMAN, Ramona & TOMINI, L. (eds.). *Comparative perspective on the state of democracy in Central and Eastern Europe*, special issue *Europe-Asia Studies*, 2014.
- BRACK, Nathalie, COMAN, Ramona, STANCULESCU, Cristina, RYTTELMEYER, Yann-Sven, *Despre Parlamentul European, democratizare și democrație*, Editura Institutul European, Iasi, Roumanie, 2012 (192p).
- COMAN, Ramona, DALLARA, Cristina (eds.), "Handbook on Judicial Politics", Editura Institutul European, Collection "Justice, politique, société", Iasi, Roumanie, 2010, 326p.
- LACROIX, Justine, COMAN, Ramona (eds.), *Les résistances à l'Europe. Cultures nationales, idéologies et stratégies d'acteurs*, Bruxelles, Editions de l'Université, 2007, 286 p.
- COMAN, Ramona, DE WAELE, Jean-Michel (eds.), *Judicial Reforms in Central and Eastern European Countries*, Brugge, Editions Vanden Broele, 2007, 284 p.
- COMAN, Ramona, DOBRE, Ana Maria (eds.), *Politici publice romanesti in perspectiva europeana/Politiques publiques roumaines en perspective européenne*, Iasi, Editions Institutul European, 2007, 232 p.
- COMAN, Ramona, DOBRE, Ana Maria (eds.), *Romania si integrarea europeana/La Roumanie et l'intégration européenne*, Iasi, Editions Institutul European, 2005, 351p.

Articles in peer-reviewed academic journals

- Coman, R. and Puleo, L. (accepted for publication August 2024), "EU Regulatory polity 3.0 for compliance with the rule of law: when depoliticising goals lead to uneven politicisation", *European Journal of Risk Regulation*.
- Coman, R. and Puleo, L. (accepted for publication August 2024), "Opposition and Acts of Resistance by Judges

and their Professional Associations in Hungary, Poland and Romania, *East European Politics*.

- Coman, R. and Buzogany, A. (2024), "The European Union's Response to the Rule of Law Crisis and the Making of the New Conditionality Regime", *Journal of Common Market Studies*, Annual Review, forthcoming.
- Coman, R. (2024), "Backsliding Populist Governments in the Council: The Case of the Hungarian Fidesz", *Politics and Governance*, Volume 12, Article 8161.
- Coman, R. (2024). "How does the EU seek to encourage change in national justice systems? A framework of coordinative and coercive Europeanization at work." *Comp Eur Polit* (2024). <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41295-024-00391-7>
- Puleo, L. and Coman, R. (2024) "[Explaining judges' opposition when judicial independence is undermined: insights from Poland, Romania, and Hungary](#)", *Democratization*, 31:1, 47-69, DOI: [10.1080/13510347.2023.2255833](https://doi.org/10.1080/13510347.2023.2255833)
- Coman, R. (2022) "[Antagonistic understandings of sovereignty in the 2015 Polish constitutional crisis](#)", *Comparative European Politics*.
- Coman, R. (2022), "[Conflicts of Sovereignty in Contemporary Europe: A Framework of Analysis](#)", *Comparative European Politics* (avec Christopher Bickerton, Nathalie Brack et Amandine Crespy).
- Coman, R. (2022), "Institutionalization, Professionalization and Internationalization of Romanian Political Science", *Studia Politica, Romanian Political Science Review*, (avec Aron Buzogany et Francisco De Araujo Vasquez)
- Coman, R. (2021), "Le clash des paradigmes? Quand l'état de droit se heurte à l'essor des idées anti-libérales", *Cahier de Droit Européen*, 1, 81-108
- Coman, R. (2021), "[Anti-liberal ideas and institutional change in Central and Eastern Europe](#)", *European Politics and Societies*, 2021 (avec Clara Volintiru).
- Coman, R. (2021), "[The shaping power of anti-liberal ideas](#)", *European Politics and Societies*, (avec Valentin Behr et Jan Beyer)
- Coman, R. (2021) "[The EU-Turkey deal in the 2015 European 'refugee crisis': When intergovernmentalism cast a shadow on the EU's normative power](#)", *Acta Politica* (avec Seda Gurkan)
- Coman, R. (2020), "[The rotating presidency of the EU Council as a two-level game, or how the "Brussels model neutralises domestic political factors: the case of Romania"](#)", *East European Politics*.
- Coman, R. "[Transnational Economists in the Eurozone crisis: Professional Structures, Networks and Ideas](#)", *New Political Economy*, 2019.
- Coman, R., "[Contesting EU authority in the name of European identity: the new clothes of the sovereignty discourse in Central Europe](#)", *Journal of European Integration*, 2019, 41 (7), 855-870 (co-author Cécile Leconte)
- Coman, R. "[Unpacking old and new conflicts of sovereignty in the European polity](#)", *Journal of European Integration*, 2019, 41 (7), 817-832 (co-author Brack, N. and Crespy, A)
- Coman, R. "[Why and how do think tanks expand their networks in times of crisis? The case of Bruegel and the Centre for European Policy Studies](#)", *Journal of European Public Policy*, 2019, 26(2): 286-301
- Coman, R. "[How have EU 'fire-fighters' sought to douse the flames of the eurozone's fast- and slow-burning crises? The 2013 structural funds reform](#) », *The British Journal of Politics and International Relations*, 2018, Vol. 20(3), 540-554
- Coman, R. "Gouverner par la conditionnalité ou la flexibilité? La réforme de la politique de cohésion de l'Union européenne (2014-2020)", *Gouvernement et action publique* 2018/3 (N° 3), p. 35-55. DOI [10.3917/gap.183.0035](https://doi.org/10.3917/gap.183.0035) (co-author Fanny Sbaraglia)
- Coman, R. "[The legitimacy gaps of the European Semester. Who decides, what and how](#)", *L'Europe en formation*, 2017/2, 383-384, 47-60
- Coman, R. "[Values and power conflicts in framing borders and borderlands: the 2013 reform of EU Schengen governance](#)", *Journal of Borderland Studies*, 2017, 1-14.

- Coman, R. "Judicial Globalization, Europeanization and (G)localization: Evidence from the Balkans", *Southeastern Europe*, 2016, 40, 293-316 (with Jacques Commaille).
- Coman, R. "Strengthening the Rule of Law at the Supranational Level: the Rise and Consolidation of a European Network", *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*, 2015, 24: 1, 171-188 <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/14782804.2015.1057482>
- Coman, R. "The normative power of the EU and Contentious Europeanization: The case of judicial politics", *Journal of European Integration*, 2014, 36:6, 533-548.
- Coman, R. "Quo vadis judicial reforms? The quest for judicial independence in Central and Eastern Europe", *Europe-Asia Studies*, 2014, 66:6, 892-924.
- Coman, R. "Comparative Perspective on the State of Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe", *Europe-Asia Studies*, 2014, 66:6, 853-858 (avec L. Tomini).
- Coman, R. "A Critical Assessment of the Concept of Europeanization in Light of the State of the Union", *Studia Politica. Romanian Political Science Review*, Vol. XIV, n° 1, 2014, pp. 9-29 (avec A. Crespy).
- Coman, R. "Mechanisms of Europeanization and compliance in Judicial Politics. Understanding the Past and Anticipating the Future", *Polish Political Science Review. Polski Przegląd Politologiczny*, 1, 1, 2013, pp. 65-83.
- Coman, R. « L'état de la démocratie en Roumanie. Difficultés nationales, solutions européennes », *Studia Politica. Romanian Political Science Review*, 3, 2012, pp. 381-397 (with C. Stanculescu).
- Coman, R. "Les nouveaux Etats membres et les vieux malentendus de l'intégration européenne », *Politique européenne*, Vol. 38, 2012, pp. 38-60.
- Coman, R. « Des squelettes dans le placard », *Revue française de Science politique*, vol. 61, n° 6, 2011, pp. 1151-1154.
- Coman, R. « Etudier le communisme et le postcommunisme en histoire et en sciences politiques : acteurs politiques et sociaux en Europe centrale et orientale avant et après 1989 », *Transitions*, Vol. XLVII, n° 2, 2008, pp. 5-13 (with Michel Christian).
- Coman, R. « La consolidation des garanties d'indépendance de la justice dans la Roumanie postcommuniste. Acteurs et processus », *Transitions*, Vol. XLVII, n° 2, 2006.
- Coman, R. « Les défis de l'eupéanisation dans la réforme du système judiciaire roumain post-communiste. Entre inertie et transformation », *Revue française de science politique*, Vol. 56, n° 6, 2006, pp. 999-1029.
- Coman, R. « Towards Regulation Lobbying in Romania », *Perspectives on European Politics and Society*, Vol. 7, n° 2, 2006, pp.155-169.
- Coman, R. "Les nouveaux européens aux urnes », *Romanian Political Science Review. Studia Politica*, Vol. 4, n° 3, 2004, pp. 529-540 (with JM De Waele).
- Coman, R. « Eupéanisation et coopération paneuropéenne des partis. Une perspective roumaine », *Studia Politica - Romanian Political Science Review*, n° 3, 2003, Bucarest, Editions Meridiane, pp. 649-679.
- Coman, R. « La coopération paneuropéenne des partis politiques », *Studia Politica - Romanian Political Science Review*, n° 1, 2002, Bucarest, Editions Meridiane, pp. 203-212.
- Coman, R. « Eupéanisation et coopération paneuropéenne des partis. Une perspective roumaine », *Transitions*, Vol. XLIII, n° 1, 2002, pp. 181-208.
- Coman, R. « The Amendment of the Labour Code in Romania. Employer's associations and trade unions: from organisational fragmentation to interest aggregation », *Annales de l'Université de Bucarest, Série Science politique*, An IV, 2005 (avec Ninucia Maria Pilat).
- Coman, R. « Révision constitutionnelle et intégration européenne. La révision de la Constitution de Roumanie de 2003 », *Annales de l'Université de Bucarest, Série Science politique*, An VII, 2005.

Chapters in books

- Coman, R. and Thinus, P. (2024), "Key Political and Legal Debates on Article 7 TEU in Times of Dissensus over the Rule of Law" in Fasone, C, Dirri, A. and Guera, Y., *EU Rule of Law Procedures at the Test Bench. Managing Dissensus in the European Constitutional Landscape*, Palgrave.
- Coman, R. and Thinus, P., "Article 7 TEU on the Agenda of the Council's Rotating Presidency: Still a Nuclear Option of Rather a Talking Shop?" in Coman, R., Costa, O. and Sierens V. (2024). *EU Council Presidencies in Times of Crises*, Palgrave 2024
- Coman, R., Costa, O. and Sierens, V. "Introduction: The Council Presidency in EU Studies: What Have We Learned and What Has Changed in the Decade of Crises?" in Coman, R., Costa, O. and Sierens V. (2024). *EU Council Presidencies in Times of Crises*, Palgrave 2024.
- Coman, R., Costa, O. and Sierens, V. "Conclusion. The Rotating Presidency of the Council: A Major Actor of the EU Here to Stay" in Coman, R., Costa, O. and Sierens V. (2024). *EU Council Presidencies in Times of Crises*, Palgrave 2024
- COMAN, R. and PULEO, L. (2023) "Governance" in Graso, M. and Giugni, M. (eds), *Elgar Encyclopedia of Political Sociology*, Elgar.
- RONE, J., BRACK, N., COMAN, R. & CRESPIY, A. (eds), [Sovereignty in conflict. Political, constitutional and economic dilemmas in the EU](#), Palgrave, 2023.
- COMAN, R. and KENEALY, D. "EU Member States", in Daniel Kenealy, Amelia Hadfield, Richard Corbett, and John Peterson (eds), [The European Union: How Does it Work?](#) (6th edition), Oxford University Press, 2022.
- BRACK, N., COMAN, R. and CRESPIY, A., "Sovereignty Conflicts in the EU", in Brack, N. and Gürkan, S. (eds) (2021), *European Integration Theories and the EU's Crises*, Routledge.
- ANDGULADZE, A., BEYER, J. COMAN, R. and VANDER MEULEN, J., (2021), "[Patterns of Politicisation in the 2019 European Elections: Salience, Polarisation, and Conflict Over EU Integration in \(Eastern/Western\) Media Coverage](#)" in Haapala, T. and Oleart, A. *Trracing the Politicisation of the EU. The Future of European Debates before and after the 2019 Elections*, Palgrave.
- COMAN, R. and TULMETS, E. (2021), "Policy Transfer within the European Union and Beyond: Europeanization in times of stability and crises", in Osmany Porto de Oliveira (ed), *Handbook of Policy Transfer Research*, Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd.
- SIERENS, V. and COMAN, R. and (2020), "Causality", in Morin, J.F., Olsson, Ch. and Atikan, E.O (eds), *Research methods in Social Sciences, An A-Z of Key Concepts*, Oxford University Press.
- COMAN, R. (2020), 'Configuring the rule of law in the EU polity. Between supranationality and sovereignty', in Telo, M. and A. Weyembergh, *Supranational Governance at Stake The EU's External Competences caught between Complexity and Fragmentation*, Routledge.
- COMAN, R., CRESPIY A & SCHMIDT, V. (2020), "The European Union as a Political Regime, a Set of Policies and a Community after the Great Recession", in COMAN, R., CRESPIY, A. & SCHMIDT, V. (eds.), *Governance and Politics in the Post-Crisis European Union*, Cambridge University Press.
- COMAN, R. (2020), "Democracy and the Rule of Law: How can the EU uphold its values?", in COMAN, R., CRESPIY, A. & SCHMIDT, V. (eds.), *Governance and Politics in the Post-Crisis European Union*, Cambridge University Press.
- COMAN, Ramona (2019), "Solidarité conditionnée ou absence de solidarité vis-à-vis des réfugiés. Le positionnement des gouvernements est-européens", in Coman, R., Fromont, L. et Weyembergh, A. (eds.), *Les solidarités européennes. Entre enjeux, tensions et reconfigurations*, Larcier.
- COMAN, Ramona, FROMONT, Louise et WEYEMBERGH, Anne, "Introduction. Les solidarités européennes, entre enjeux, tensions et reconfigurations", in Coman, R., Fromont, L. et Weyembergh, A. (eds.), *Les solidarités européennes. Entre enjeux, tensions et reconfigurations*, Larcier.
- COMAN, Ramona (2019), "La défense de l'Etat de droit dans l'Union européenne. Un long processus de mise à l'agenda ou comment éviter l'activation de l'Article 7", dans Bribosia, E. Weyembergh, A. Joncheray, N. et Navasartian, A. (eds), *L'Europe au kaléidoscope – Liber Amicorum Marianne Dony*, Bruxelles, Éditions de

l'Université, 131-151;

- COMAN, Ramona (2019), "The Coordination of Macroeconomic Policies in the Aftermath of the Eurozone Crisis : Shaping Policies Through Executive Politics", dans De Waele, JM, Grevi, G., Ponjaert, F. and Weyembergh, A. (eds), *Rethinking the European Union and its Global Role from the 20th to the 21st Century. Liber Amicorum Mario Telo*, Editions de l'Université, Bruxelles, pp.183-200.
- COMAN, Ramona (2018), "Etude comparée des processus de démocratisation", dans *Politique Comparée* édité par Jean-Michel De Waele et Yves Déloye, Larquier, pp. 259-289.
- COMAN, Ramona (2018), "Values in EU Governance: How and Why do Political and Social Actors Stand for the Rule of Law?", in Foret, F. and Caligaro, O. (eds), *European Values. Challenges and Opportunities for European governance*, Routledge.
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- COMAN, Ramona (2017) « Central and Eastern Europe: the EU's struggle for rule of law pre- and post-accession », in Ariadna Ripoll Servent and Florian Trauner (eds) *The Routledge Handbook of Justice and Home Affairs Research*, Routledge.
- COMAN, Ramona (2017), "Rule of law promotion: US and EU experiences in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Ukraine", in *Public Policy Transfer Micro-Dynamics and Macro-Effects*, Magdaléna Hadjiisky, Leslie A. Pal, Christopher Walker (eds), pp. 151-173.
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- COMAN, Ramona and PONJAERT, Frederik (2015), "Drivers of Interregional Cooperation: The Rise and Consolidation of a European Rule of Law Regime", in Louise Fawcett, Mario Telò and Frederik Ponjaert (eds.) *Interregionalism and the European Union. A Post-Revisionist Approach to Europe's Place in a changing World*, Ashgate.
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