

# Kiril Kolev

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## Education

**PhD in Comparative Politics (2011)**, Duke University, Durham, NC  
Dissertation Title: “The Contingent Effect of Electoral Formula on Election Quality”

**B.A. in Economics (2004)**, Cum Laude, Whittier College, Whittier, CA  
Omicron Delta Epsilon International Economics Honor Society Inductee

## Academic Experience

**Assistant Professor of Politics and International Relations (2011-Present)**  
Hendrix College, Department of Politics and International Relations, Conway, AR

Courses Taught (Fall 2011-Present):

- Theories of Comparative Politics (1)
- Research Methods (2)
- Issues in Politics: Democratization (1)
- Political Economy (1)

## Teaching Interests

**Comparative Politics:** Comparative Politics, Democratic Institutions, Democratic Transitions, Elections and Electoral Systems;

**International Relations:** Introduction to International Relations, International Political Economy, International Organizations and Domestic Politics;

**Methodology:** Social Science Methodology, Qualitative Research Methods, Introduction to Statistics for Political Scientists;

## Service

**Member**, Sabbatical Replacement Faculty Search Committee, Politics and International Relations, 2011-2012

**Member**, Hendrix College Hays Scholarship Selection Committee, 2011-2012

**Tester**, Moodle Rooms Online Class Management System (Hendrix College), 2011-2012

**Senior Thesis Reader**, Politics and International Relations 2011-2012

## Awards and Fellowships

**Duke University:** Graduate fellowship to pursue graduate studies, 2005-2010;  
**Duke University:** Summer Research Fellowship for PhD Students in Humanities and Social Sciences, 2010;  
**Duke University Center for European Studies:** Summer Travel Award, Summer 2005 for fieldwork research in Central and Eastern Europe;  
**Whittier College:** Full Academic Merit-Based Scholarship, 2001-2004;

## Publications

Kolev, Kiril (with Judith Kelley), 2012. "Case Summaries" in Judith Kelley, "Monitoring Democracy: When International Election Monitoring Works and Why It Often Fails," Princeton, New Jersey, Princeton University Press.

Kitschelt, H., K. Kolev, et al. (2009). "Measuring Democratic Accountability: An Initial Report on an Emerging Data Set." *Revista de Ciencia Política* 29(3): 741-773.

## Conference Papers

### **Varying the Un-Variable: Social Structure, Electoral Formulas and Ballot-Rigging**

*Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, September 2011*  
*Co-Authored with Fabrice Lehoucq, UNC-Greensboro*

### **Ethno-Cultural Diversity, Electoral Institutions, and Election-Related Problems**

*Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 2010*

### ***Clientelism and Ethno-Cultural Politics***

*Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 2010; Co-authored with Yi-ting Wang, Duke University;*

### **The Contingent Effect of Institutions: Electoral Formulas, Societal Diversity and Election Quality, A Cross-National Study of 1,200 Elections since 1975**

*Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL*  
*April 2010*

### **National Profiles of Democratic Accountability: Tradeoffs and Complementarities between Democratic Accountability Linkages**

*Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, Canada*  
*September 2009; Co-authored with Kent Freeze and Yi-Ting Wang, Duke University*

### **Democratic Indexes for Intermediate Regimes**

*Paper presented at the Comparative Datasets Conference at Duke University, Durham, NC*  
*April 2009;*

## Research Interests

**Substantive Interests:** Electoral Systems, Electoral Behavior, Institutional Design and Reform, Institutional Effects, Democratization, Politics of Developing Nations, Research Methods;

**Regional Interests:** Theory-driven selection of regional cases, primarily African states in transition and Central and Eastern Europe;

## Research Experience

**Associate in Research**, Duke Law School/UNC Law School, August 2010 - Present

- Develop training programs for faculty interested in empirical research methods.
- Assist in data acquisition and performing statistical analyses;
- Participate in faculty discussions of empirical research projects;

**Research Assistant**, Project on International Elections Monitoring, 2007 - 2010

- Involved in the creation of a new dataset that includes evaluations of elections quality by international organization on every national-level election across the world since 1975. Under the supervision of Professor Judith Kelley, Duke University.
- Coded reports, formatted and merged data from outside sources, performed statistical analysis and case study research.
- Supervised and instructed undergraduate research assistants as needed.
- Designed and updated project website, <http://www.duke.edu/web/diem>.

**Research Assistant**, Duke University Accountability and Linkages Project, 2005 - 2009

- Involved in the creation of a new dataset that studies the leadership accountability in politics with multi-party elections around the world. Under the supervision of Professor Herbert Kitschelt, Duke University.
- Involved in the creation of the survey questions for the project.
- Served as country manager that supervises the implementation of the survey in Australia, Bulgaria, Hungary, Ireland, Macedonia, New Zealand, South Africa, Serbia and Sweden.
- Collected and formatted data.
- Designed and updated project website, <http://www.duke.edu/web/democracy>.

## Professional References

**Herbert Kitschelt**, George V. Allen Professor of International Relations, Duke University

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