



## Rising Star Award 2020

Winner: Veronica Anghel

Laudation provided by Thomas Saalfeld, Chair of the Jury

Dr Veronica Anghel produced an outstanding doctoral dissertation on “*The Formation and Life of Coalition Governments in Romania*” at the University of Bucharest (Jointly supervised with the University of Bordeaux) in 2018.

In the two years since the award of her doctorate, she has already established a strong record of publications in international peer-reviewed academic journals and in highly visible edited books published with very reputed publishers. In these publications she has quickly extended her areas of scholarly expertise and output beyond topics covered in her doctoral work on coalition governments in Romania to include questions of East-West relations in the enlarged European Union.

Having completed her doctoral work, she won several prestigious prizes and fellowships. This includes the University of Bucharest’s prize for the best thesis presented in 2018, the Robert Elgie Editorial Fellowship of Government and Opposition, a post-doctoral research fellowship at the Institute for Human Sciences Vienna, an Adjunct and Research Fellowship at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies Bologna, a Fulbright Research Fellowship at Stanford University and a Max Weber Fellowship at the European University Institute Florence.

Beyond her accomplishments as a scholar, she has been involved in high-level policy consultancy working, amongst others, as a junior foreign affairs adviser to the Presidential administration of Romania and a diplomatic adviser to the Romanian Senate.

Moreover, she has contributed significantly to the refinement of innovative teaching methods during her stay at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

The jury found her to be a rising star because she has begun to produce research output of considerable quality and is simultaneously a well-rounded scholar with excellent academic networks engaging beyond the academy and contributing to the development of innovative teaching methods in political science.