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Her dissertation (“The Power of Financiers: The Political Economy of Exchange Rate Policy in Eastern Europe”) explores how financial institutions influence the decisions of governments with regards to exchange rate policies in the post-communist societies. The project’s central claim is that exchange rate regime choices depend on: (1) the ownership structure and institutional variation of national financial systems in EE countries, shaped by privatization and liberalization of foreign entry; and, (2) the different preferences and strategies of incumbent domestic (state-owned and private) and foreign banks in exchange rate policies. Therefore, in this research the connection between financial interests and exchange rate regime choices is modified by domestic financial structures. The dissertation combines statistical (cross-national and time series) data analysis, and comparative case studies of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Poland, and Estonia. These four country studies illustrate a novel four-fold typology of financial systems in EE: capture, collusion, consensus, and competition.

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