

Publications

This is a non-comprehensive list of published work by [Craig Willy](#) for various media, think-tanks, and associations. Some links may have changed since they were listed below.

Academic articles

- With Filipe Nobre Faria, “Techno-natalism: Geopolitical and socioeconomic implications of emerging reproductive technologies in a world of sub-replacement fertility,” *Politics and the Life Sciences* 44: 260-279 (2025). <https://doi.org/10.1017/pls.2025.10005>

Think-tank papers

- *Horizon: Competitiveness | How FP10 can unlock Europe’s collective intelligence for science, competitiveness and strategic autonomy*, [Policy Paper](#) on the future of EU research policy for the Wilfred Martens Centre for European Studies (WMCES)

Recent articles

- [“Singapore-on-the-Senne: 4 ways Brussels can learn from Asia’s richest state,”](#) *The Brussels Times*, 11 March 2026.
- [“The demographic roots of American power,”](#) *Palladium*, 10 May 2024.
- [“Towards an EU Biotech Act,”](#) Acumen PA, 28 March 2024.
- [“Why public affairs consulting is a great way to kick-start your EU career,”](#) Acumen PA, 21 March, 2024.
- [“Biotechnology: Is the EU about to up its game?,”](#) Acumen PA, 6 October 2023.

Council of European Municipalities and Regions

News, analytical, and promotional articles written for the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR), an association representing local and regional governments in over 40 countries. All articles are translated into French and I was often responsible for translating or proofing the French version.

I was also responsible for co-drafting op-eds on behalf of CEMR’s president and secretary-general. These were published in various media including *Le Courier des Maires*, *La Libre Belgique*, *EUobserver*, and *EurActiv*.

- [“How to support Ukraine. Moldova and Georgia on their path to joining the European Union?,”](#) 30 September 2022.

- [“In a world of crises, local governments reflect on how to anticipate the next mega-shocks.”](#) 28 September 2022.
- [“AI and local adaptation: an essential antidote to climate chaos.”](#) 7 June, 2022.
- [Empowering Local and Regional Europe since 1951](#), 2021.
- [“EU Parliament adopts position on circular economy: key takeaways for local governments.”](#) 12 February 2021.
- [“Commissioner Sinkevičius and MEP Maydell: towns can thrive in a sustainable Europe.”](#) 3 February 2021
- [“500 local leaders reflect on the future of Europe in a century of transformation.”](#) 1 February 2021.
- [“70 years blazing trails for local Europe.”](#) 14 January 2021.
- [“The Legacy of Valéry Giscard d’Estaing.”](#) 3 December 2020.
- [“Local action towards circular societies: The view from Flanders.”](#) 27 November 2020.
- [“How to revitalise Europe’s countryside.”](#) 10 November 2020.
- [“Some first estimates of COVID-19’s devastating impact on local finances.”](#) 26 June 2020.
- [“Governments at all levels move to support Europe’s tourist destinations.”](#) 18 June 2020.
- [“EU summit: The two-trillion-euro questions for towns and regions.”](#) 16 June 2020.
- [“Safely collecting household waste in the age of COVID-19.”](#) 8 April 2020.
- [“The EU’s calendar of action on circular economy and waste.”](#) 30 March 2020.
- [“The EU and the coronavirus pandemic: The response so far.”](#) 26 March 2020.
- [“How are our associations facing the COVID-19 outbreak?”](#) 24 March 2020.
- [“The Just Transition Fund: Welcome support for municipalities and regions, but will it be enough?”](#) 14 January 2020.
- [“Von der Leyen’s confirmation speech: 7 opportunities and threats for local government.”](#) 27 November 2019.
- [“From mayors to MEPs: new study reveals women’s representation across Europe.”](#) 5 November 2019.

Bertelsmann Foundation

The Bertelsmann Foundation is Germany’s largest think tank. I have written articles for the blogging platform *Future Challenges* ([complete list here](#)) and for other projects such as the *Sustainable Governance Indicators*, the *Transformation Index*, and the GID VEZ data visualization tool. During my time working as a consultant at the European Commission, I continued to write articles for Bertelsmann under the pen name “Frank Beauchamp.”

- [“Closing the Gap Between Science and Politics: A European View.”](#) *The Global Policy Journal*, 5 December 2022.
- [“What will be Europe’s next move against Viktor Orbán’s Hungary?”](#) *VoxEurope*, 30 August 2022 [\[DE\]](#) [\[FR\]](#) [\[IT\]](#)
- [“Italy: Crime falls, but populists play on fears.”](#) *EUobserver*, 28 August 2019
- [“Avoiding a repeat performance of the financial crisis?”](#) *VoxEurop*, 14 July 2019

- [“Can Japan Maintain Its Economic Fortunes?”](#) *Fair Observer*, 24 June 2019
- [“Dark Days for Democracy?”](#) *Global Policy Journal*, 8 January 2019
- [“Brussels Caught in Italian Catch-22.”](#) *VoxEurop*, 19 December 2018
- [“Erdoğan’s extended clampdown.”](#) *VoxEurop*, 29 October 2018
- [“Breaking BRICS.”](#) *Global Policy Journal*, 23 July 2018
- [“Europe’s tech race - trying to keep pace with US and China.”](#) *EUobserver*, 22 June 22 2018.
- [“Bulgaria’s EU Presidency: Normalizing Nationalism?”](#) *Social Europe*, 27 November 2017.
- [“Estonian Presidency of the EU: A model country takes the helm.”](#) *VoxEurop*, 30 June 2017.
- [“French Presidential Election: Towards a political revolution?”](#) *VoxEurop*, 18 April 2017.
- [“Visegrád Countries: Not ready to ‘Make Europe Great Again’ - just yet.”](#) *VoxEurop*, March 2, 2017.
- [“Uncertainties multiply in EU’s Russia policy.”](#) *EUobserver*, 19 December 2016.
- [“Lessons from Brexit that can strengthen the EU.”](#) *VoxEurop*, 11 October 2016.
- [“A Culture Clash Within Britain.”](#) *Sustainable Governance Indicators*, July 8, 2016. First published by the [Social Europe](#).
- [“Crack Down on Tax Dodgers.”](#) *Sustainable Governance Indicators*, 25 May 2016. First published by the [Global Policy Journal](#).
- [“Quixotic Quests for European Integration.”](#) *Sustainable Governance Indicators*, 27 February 2016. First published by the [Fair Observer](#).
- [“Towards a Putinisation of Central Europe?”](#) *EUobserver*, 18 January 2016.
- [“Among wealthy nations, Nordic countries are leading the pack on sustainable development.”](#) World Bank Governance for Development blog, 17 November 2015.
- [“Denmark: Still Worth Getting To.”](#) *Sustainable Governance Indicators*, 26 August 2015. First published on the [OECD Education blog](#).
- [“Facing Putin: From EU Sanctions to a European Army?”](#) *Sustainable Governance Indicators*, 18 May 2015. Also published by [VoxEurop \[FR\]](#)
- [“Preventing Terrorism in the Capital of Europe.”](#) *Sustainable Governance Indicators*, 26 March 2015. First published on the [LSE’s EUROPP blog](#).
- [“Can Japan come back from the ‘Lonely Death’?”](#) *Sustainable Governance Indicators*, 9 January 2015.
- [“South Korea: Headwinds and crosswinds.”](#) *Asia Sentinel*, 5 November 2014.
- [“In Search of ‘Social Europe’.”](#) *Sustainable Governance Indicators*, 30 September 2014. First published on the [OECD Insights blog](#).
- [“Progress and Roll-Back of Europeanization.”](#) *Sustainable Governance Indicators*, 9 July 2014. First published on the [LSE’s EUROPP blog](#).
- [“Towards Political Participation and Social Justice?”](#) *Sustainable Governance Indicators*, 11 April 2014.
- [“Towards Atlantic Laissez-Faire or Asian Nation-Statism?”](#) *Sustainable Governance Indicators*, 11 November 2013. Also published on the [LSE’s EUROPP blog](#).

- [“Towards Gerontocracy?”](#) *Sustainable Governance Indicators*, 22 August 2013. First published by [EurActiv Slovakia \[SK\]](#) and the [LSE's EUROPP blog](#).
- [“Eurozone Imbalances: Why have France and Germany had different responses to the euro crisis?”](#) *Global Economic Dynamics*, 2 July 2013. [\[DE\]](#)
- [“Fiscal Crisis: Tax the Rich, Give to the Poor.”](#) *Sustainable Governance Indicators*, 12 April 2013. Also published on the [LSE's EUROPP blog](#).
- [“Europe and the Czech Republic: Virtuous Czechs.”](#) *Sustainable Governance Indicators*, 18 February 2013. This article was also published in the [Visegrad Revue](#).
- [“Franco-German Relations: An Unlikely Couple.”](#) *Sustainable Governance Indicators*, 11 December 2013.
- [“Debt in Europe, Japan and the U.S.: Who's the worst?”](#) *Sustainable Governance Indicators*, 8 September 2012. First published by [the OECD's Better Life Index blog](#).
- [“Data Blogs: Seeing reality through graphs and charts.”](#) *Sustainable Governance Indicators*, 10 July 2012.

German Press Agency (DPA)

Between August 2013 and March 2015, I worked for the German Press Agency as an English-language European affairs correspondent in Brussels. I primarily covered economic issues, including trade negotiations such as TTIP, eurozone reform, financial regulation, and social affairs.

Our analytical articles were highly detailed, being aimed at policymakers and stakeholders. I conducted numerous interviews with experts, diplomats, and MEPs of all political groups. These included Viviane Reding, Olli Rehn, Syed Kamall, Vladimir Chizhov, and other senior officials.

A selection of my articles for DPA can be found [here](#).

EurActiv

EurActiv is a multilingual network of EU policy news sites, with offices in over a dozen countries across Europe. I worked as a journalist at EurActiv.com's Brussels between February 2011 and May 2012. These included news stories, interviews, and lengthier analytical pieces like the ones listed below.

- [“The Polish EU Presidency: Budget and solidarity.”](#) *EurActiv*, 10 June 2011. [\[FR\]](#)
- [“The EU's role in global governance.”](#) *EurActiv*, 4 April 2011. [\[FR\]](#) [\[IT\]](#)

Book chapters

- “Generation Screwed: Why there are no jobs for young people,” in Bertelsmann Foundation (ed.), *Help Wanted* (Gütersloh, Germany: Bertelsmann Foundation, 2013). [\[electronic version\]](#)

- “Oligarchy and Populism: Latin America of the 1970s versus Europe Today,” in Bertelsmann Foundation (ed.), *Latin America and Europe in Conversation* (Gütersloh, Germany: Bertelsmann Foundation, 2013). [\[electronic version\]](#)
- “Russia’s inevitable European integration,” in Jon Helevig and Alexandre Latsa (eds.), *Putin’s New Russia* (Washington, DC: Kontinent USA, 2012). [\[EN\]](#) [\[RU\]](#)

Book reviews

- [“Le protectionnisme: la grande idée oubliée de l’Amérique.”](#) *Marianne*, 2 February 2014. Review of Michael Lind, *Land of Promise: An Economic History of the United States* (2013).

Other Publications

- With Professor Bouke de Vries, [“Filosofieprofs: ‘Reproductieve genetica is niet extreemrechts of racistisch’.”](#) *De Morgen*, 17 June 2025.
- [“Ce cred eu despre România.”](#) *Dilema Veche*, 16 August 2015. [\[EN\]](#)
- [“TTIP: A foot in the door in Washington?”](#) *The Parliament Magazine*, 19 May 2015.
- [“Extremiştii, extremismele, extremele Europei.”](#) *Q Magazine*, 11 April 2014. [FR: [“Quelle Europe pour les nationalistes ?”](#)]
- “Do we have to tax Google to save the media? A look at the data,” *Brussels Europe Press Club Magazine*, June 2013. [print only]
- [“Germany’s Choice: Will the Euro Crisis destroy the European Social Model?.”](#) Heinrich Böll Foundation, 6 September 2012. [\[DE\]](#)
- [“L’Europe élargie contre la ‘désintégration européenne’.”](#), *Nouvelle Europe*, 8 July 2011.