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Academic Positions

2024–	*Assistant Professor* (permanent position)
	University College Dublin, School of Politics and International Relations
	Affiliations:
	– Connected_Politics Lab
	– Geary Institute for Public Policy
	– UCD Energy Institute
2020–2023	*Assistant Professor and Ad Astra Fellow*
	University College Dublin, School of Politics and International Relations
2019–2020	*Senior Researcher*
	University of Zurich, Department of Political Science

Education

2021–2022	*ProfCert in University Teaching & Learning*, University College Dublin
2015–2019	*PhD in Political Science*, Trinity College Dublin
2017–2018	*Postgraduate Certificate in Statistics*, Trinity College Dublin
2014–2015	*MSc in Politics and Public Policy*, Trinity College Dublin
2011–2014	*BA in Political Science and Sociology*, University of Bonn

Research

Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications

Forthcoming. "Campaign Communication and Legislative Leadership." *Political Science Research and Methods* (with Naofumi Fujimura). [PDF]

2023. "Nostalgia in European Party Politics: A Text-Based Measurement Approach." *British Journal of Political Science* online first (with Sven-Oliver Proksch). [PDF]

2023. "Relationship Between Journal Impact Factor and the Thoroughness and Helpfulness of Peer Reviews." *PLOS Biology* 21(8): e3002238 (with Anna Severin, Michaela Strinzel, Matthias Egger, Tiago Barros, Alexander Sokolov, and Julia Vilstrup Mouatt). [PDF] [Nature Q&A]

2023. "Reactions to Experts in Deliberative Democracy: The 2016–2018 Irish Citizens' Assembly." *Irish Political Studies* 38(4): 467–488 (with Garrett Kennedy and Tomás Maher). [PDF]

2023. "Evidence for the Irrelevance of Irrelevant Events." *Political Science Research and Methods* 11(2): 311–327 (with Liam Kneafsey). [PDF]

2023. "Leader of the Pack? Changes in 'Wolf Warrior Diplomacy' After a Politburo Collective Study Session." *The China Quarterly* 254: 484–493 (with Samuel Brazys and Alexander Dukalskis). [PDF]

2023. "How *Slack* Facilitates Communication and Collaboration in Seminars and Project-Based Courses." *Journal of Educational Technology Systems* 51(3): 303–316. [PDF]

2022. "Issue Ownership and Agenda Setting in the 2019 Swiss National Elections." *Swiss Political Science Review* 28(2): 190–208 (with Fabrizio Gilardi, Theresa Gessler, and Maël Kubli). [PDF]

2022. "The Temporal Focus of Campaign Communication." *The Journal of Politics* 84(1): 585–590. [PDF]

→ *Best Paper Award, Manifesto Corpus Conference (2018)*

2022. "Social Media and Political Agenda Setting." *Political Communication* 39(1): 39–60 (with Fabrizio Gilardi, Theresa Gessler, and Maël Kubli). [PDF]

2022. "Voter Expectations of Government Formation in Coalition Systems: The Importance of the Information Context." *European Journal of Political Research* 61(1): 111–133 (with Shaun Bowler and Gail McElroy). [PDF]

2022. "Building Research Infrastructures to Study Digital Technology and Politics: Lessons from Switzerland." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 55(2): 354–359 (with Fabrizio Gilardi, Lucien Baumgartner, Clau Dermont, Karsten Donnay, Theresa Gessler, Maël Kubli, and Lucas Leemann). [PDF]

2021. "Gender, Candidate Emotional Expression, and Voter Reactions During Televised Debates." *American Political Science Review* 115(4): 1242–1257 (with Constantine Boussalis, Travis G. Coan, and Mirya R. Holman). [PDF]

→ *Walter Lippmann Best Article of the Year Award, APSA Political Communication Section (2022)*

2021. "Are Irish Voters Moving to the Left?" *Irish Political Studies* 36(4): 535–555 (with Aidan Regan). [PDF]

→ *Best Paper Award, PSAI Annual Conference (Elizabeth Meehan Prize, 2021)*

2021. "The Incumbency Advantage in Second-Order PR Elections: Evidence from the Irish Context, 1942–2019." *Electoral Studies* 71: 102331 (with Michael Jankowski). [PDF]

2021. "Social Media and Policy Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic in Switzerland." *Swiss Political Science Review* 27(2): 243–256 (with Fabrizio Gilardi, Theresa Gessler, and Maël Kubli). [PDF]

2020. "Media Coverage of Campaign Promises Throughout the Electoral Cycle." *Political Communication* 37(5): 696–718. [PDF]

2020. "The Electoral Cycle Effect in Parliamentary Democracies." *Political Science Research and Methods* 8(4): 795–802 (with Tom Louwerse). [PDF]

2020. "Campaigns and the Selection of Policy-Seeking Representatives." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 45(3): 397–431 (with Shaun Bowler and Gail McElroy). [PDF]

2019. "Do Voters Really Prefer More Choice? Determinants of Support for Personalised Electoral Systems." *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties* 29(2): 262–281 (with Michael Jankowski). [PDF]

2018. "quanteda: An R Package for the Quantitative Analysis of Textual Data." *Journal of Open Source Software* 3(30): 774 (with Kenneth Benoit, Kohei Watanabe, Haiyan Wang, Paul Nulty, Adam Obeng, and Akitaka Matsuo). [PDF]

→ *Winner of the Society for Political Methodology Statistical Software Award (2020)*

2018. "Voter Preferences and Party Loyalty under Cumulative Voting: Political Behaviour after Electoral Reform in Bremen and Hamburg." *Electoral Studies* 51: 93–102 (with Shaun Bowler and Gail McElroy). [PDF]

2018. "Assessing the Influence of Neutral Grounds on Match Outcomes." *International Journal of Performance Analysis in Sport* 18(6): 892–905 (with Liam Kneafsey). [PDF]

Revise & Resubmit

Discourse Wars and 'Mask Diplomacy': China's Global Image Management in Times of Crisis (with Samuel Brazys and Alexander Dukalskis), *revise & resubmit*. [PDF]

Legislating Landlords: Private Interests, Issue Emphasis, and Policy Positions (with Jihed Ncib), *revise & resubmit*.

Under Review

Mapping Digital Campaign Strategies: How Political Candidates Use Social Media to Communicate Constituency Connection and Policy Stance (with James P Cross, Derek Greene, and Martijn Schoonvelde).

Working Papers

Catalysts for Change? Mapping Policy Recommendations in Academic Publications on Climate Change and Net Zero Energy Systems (with Brian Boyle and Yen-Chieh Liao).

Do Legislators Learn how to be Legislators? The Life Cycle to Parliamentary Rhetoric (with Shaun Bowler, Gail McElroy, and Jihed Ncib).

Book Project

Text Analysis Using R (with Kenneth Benoit). [Draft Version]

Other Publications

2023. *Quanteda Tutorials* (with Kohei Watanabe). URL: tutorials.quanteda.io.

Datasets

2023. *PolNos: Political Nostalgia in Party Manifestos.* Harvard Dataverse, V1 (with Sven-Oliver Proksch).
URL: https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/L198GI.

2024. *Irish Demographic Polling Datasets* (with Thomas Pluck and Paula Montano).
URL: github.com/Irish-Dem-Polling/datasets.
Dashboard: irishdempolling.shinyapps.io/dashboard.

2022. *Irish Polling Indicator Datasets: Stable Version.* Harvard Dataverse, V1 (with Tom Louwerse).
URL: https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/BY5GXC.

Funding and Awards

Grants and Fellowships

Total amount of funding: ≈€690,000; *External funding*: ≈€550,000

2023–2024	*Analysing Grant Peer Review Reports Using Machine Learning*: €276,099	
	Swiss National Science Foundation	
2022–2026	*Next Generation Energy Systems (NexSys)*: €183,018	
	(Total project funding: €16,000,000)	
	Science Foundation Ireland Strategic Partnership Programme	
2022	*College Strategic Funding Scheme*: €3,000	
	University College Dublin, College of Social Sciences and Law	
2021	*Funding for International Research Projects*: €12,490	
	Enterprise Ireland (Co-PI, with Marco Bastos)	
2020–2024	*Ad Astra PhD Studentship and Ad Astra Start Up Grant*: €113,000	
	University College Dublin	
2016–2019	*Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship*: €72,000	
	Irish Research Council	
2019	*Graduate Campus Grant for workshop organisation*: €5,500	
	University of Zurich	
2017–2019	*Travel grants*: €4,850	
	Alan Turing Institute, London School of Economics and Political Science, Kobe University, University of Zurich, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin	

2018	*EUROLAB Grant*: €1,300	
	GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences	
2017	*Postgraduate Research Fellowship*: €1,000	
	Trinity Research in Social Science, Trinity College Dublin	
2015–2016	*Postgraduate Ussher Fellowship*: €18,700	
	Trinity College Dublin	
2011–2015	*Undergraduate and Graduate Fellowship*	
	Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes	

Academic Honours and Awards

2023	*Member of the Young Academy Ireland*
2023	*University Teaching Excellence Award*, University College Dublin
2022	*College Teaching Excellence Award*, UCD College of Social Sciences and Law
2022	*Teaching and Learning Prize*, Political Studies Association of Ireland
2022	*Walter Lippmann Best Article of the Year Award*, APSA Political Communication Section
2021	*Rising Star Award*: Honourable Mention & Runner-Up, European Consortium of Political Research
2021	*Elizabeth Meehan Best Paper Prize*, Political Studies Association of Ireland
2020	*Statistical Software Award*, Society for Political Methodology
2018	*Best Paper Award*, Manifesto Corpus Conference, WZB Berlin Social Science Center
2018	*Dermot McAleese Award for Teaching Excellence*, Trinity College Dublin

TEACHING

Undergraduate Level

Parties and Party Competition (University College Dublin: Spring 2020, Autumn 2021, Spring 2023)

Representation and Party Competition (University of Zurich: Autumn 2019, Spring 2020)

Hope [Discovery Module, coordinated by Imelda Maher, UCD Sutherland School of Law] (University College Dublin: Spring 2023, Spring 2024)

Postgraduate Level

Quantitative Text Analysis (University of Zurich: Spring 2019, Autumn 2019; University College Dublin: Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024)

Introduction to Statistics (University College Dublin: Autumn 2020, Autumn 2021, Autumn 2022)

Connected_Politics (University College Dublin: Spring 2021, Spring 2022)

Political Representation and Policy Preferences (University of Zurich: Autumn 2019, Spring 2020).

Workshop Instructor

Quantitative Text Analysis for Beginners: University of Bergen (2023; 2019); UCD Geary Institute for Public Policy (2022); University of Lucerne (2021); University of Hamburg (2021); Scottish Graduate School of Social Science (2020); University of Bremen (2020, 2018); COMPTEXT (2020: Innsbruck; 2019: Tokyo); Swiss National Science Foundation (2019); University of Düsseldorf (2019); Trinity College Dublin (2018); WZB Berlin (2018)

Creating Academic Personal Websites: Geneva Graduate Institute (2022); University of Lucerne (2022); University College Dublin (2020)

Data Wrangling and Visualisation: University College Dublin (2020); Trinity College Dublin (2017)

Reproducible Research with Git and GitHub: University College Dublin (2023, 2020)

Supervision and Mentoring

Undergraduate Students: primary supervisor of 8 BA theses

MA/MSc Students: primary supervisor of 20 master's theses

PhD Supervision:

Mafalda Zúquete (primary supervisor, since 2023)

Sarah A. King (primary supervisor, since 2022)

Jihed Ncib (primary supervisor, since 2021)

Hung H.V. Nguyen (University of Bremen, external supervisor, since 2020)

Postdoctoral Researchers:

Alberto de León (since 2023)

Yen-Chieh (David) Liao (since 2023)

Brian Boyle (01/2023–07/2023); now Lecturer with tenure at Newcastle University

PhD Examination (External):

Martin Rachuj (University of Greifswald, 2022)

PhD Examination (Internal):

Natalia Umansky (University College Dublin, 2022)

Tony Casey (University College Dublin, 2022)

PhD Research Studies Panels (RSP):

Julia Cañas Martinez, Linette Lim, Paula Montano, Conor Twomey

PhD Stage Transfer Assessment Panels (STA):

Salsabil Abdalbaki, Iñigo Almada, Carl Smith

Teaching and Supervision Qualifications

Research Supervisor Support and Development Programme (RSSDp), University College Dublin, 2023

Professional Certificate in University Teaching & Learning, University College Dublin, 2021–2022

Certificate in Academic Teaching & Supporting Learning, Centre for Academic Practice and eLearning, Trinity College Dublin, 2016

PRESENTATIONS

Conferences and Workshops

2024	Launch Event of the UCD Centre for Democracy, Dublin; COMPTEXT Conference, Amsterdam (scheduled); Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association, Cologne (scheduled)
2023	Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association, Glasgow; The Political Studies Association of Ireland Annual Conference, Belfast; Workshop 'Election Campaigns and Democratic Norms', Dublin
2022	Workshop 'The Language of Polarisation', Berlin; COMPTEXT Conference, Dublin; Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association, Prague; Annual Conference of the EPOP Specialist Group, Newcastle; The Political Studies Association of Ireland Annual Conference, Waterford; Workshop 'Democratic Representation in Comparative Perspectives', Academia Sinica, Taiwan

2021	Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association; Convention of the German Political Science Association; The Political Studies Association of Ireland Annual Conference, Dublin
2020	Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association; The Political Studies Association of Ireland Annual Conference; Digital Democracy Workshop, Zurich
2019	Dreiländertagung, Zurich; Manifesto Project User Conference, Berlin; Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago; Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association, Belfast; Party Congress Research Group Workshop, Glasgow; POLTEXT Symposium, Tokyo; Zurich Text as Data, Zurich; The Political Studies Association of Ireland Annual Conference, Maynooth
2018	Manifesto Corpus Conference, WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Berlin; The Political Studies Association of Ireland Annual Conference, Limerick; Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association, Vienna; Annual Conference of the European Consortium of Political Research, Hamburg
2017	Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association, Milan; Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments, Basel; The Political Studies Association of Ireland Annual Conference, Dublin

Invited Talks

2024	Innovative Education Conference, University of Rhode Island (scheduled); Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Maynooth University (scheduled); Faculty of Arts, University of Groningen (scheduled)
2023	Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford; CoSSL Graduate and Postdoctoral Researcher Summer School, University College Dublin; National Open Science Research Festival, Dublin; Energy Institute/NexSys Seminar, University College Dublin
2022	Swiss National Science Foundation, Bern; Festschrift for Michael Laver, Prague
2021	UCD Energy Institute, University College Dublin; UCD Behavioural Science Centre, University College Dublin; Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Limerick
2020	Department of Political Science, University College London; Department of Political Science, Trinity College Dublin
2019	Institute Web Science and Technologies, University of Koblenz and Landau; Zurich R User Group, Zurich

Visiting Positions

since 7/2020	University of Zurich, Digital Democracy Lab
8/2019–9/2019	Kobe University, Graduate School of Law
6/2019–7/2019	Trinity College Dublin, Department of Political Science
5/2018–6/2018	EUROLAB at GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Cologne

Service

University Service

University College Dublin

since 2023	*School Director of Research, Impact and Innovation*
since 2023	*Member*, Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) Committee
since 2022	*Programme Director*, MSc/GradDip Politics and Data Science
2022–2023	*Programme Director*, PhD Quantitative and Computational Social Science

2021–2023	*Convenor of the SPIRe PhD Forum*, School of Politics and International Relations
2023	*Hiring Committee for Postdoctoral Researcher*, School of Economics & NexSys
2023	*Hiring Committee for Assistant Professor (open field)*, School of Economics
2020–2022	*Connected_Politics Lab Seminar Series Convenor*, College of Social Sciences and Law

University of Zurich

| 2019 | *Pre-Publication Seminar Convenor*, University of Zurich |

Trinity College Dublin

| 2016–2018 | *PhD Representative*, Trinity Research in Social Sciences (TRiSS) |

since 2022	*Member*, Consortium of National Election Studies (CNES)
since 2020	*Maintainer*, Irish Polling Indicator (with Tom Louwerse)
since 2018	*Senior Training Advisor*, Quanteda Initiative CIC
2020–2023	*Treasurer and Member of the Executive Committee*, Political Studies Association of Ireland
2022	*Member of the Organising Committee*, Interdisciplinary COMPTEXT Conference
2021	*Conference Co-Convenor*, Political Studies Association of Ireland Annual Conference
2019	*Conference Co-Convenor*, Zurich Text as Data

Reviewer

Journals: American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; British Journal of Political Science ($\times$6); Comparative Political Studies ($\times$2); Computational Communication Research; Electoral Studies ($\times$3); EPJ Data Science; European Journal of Political Research ($\times$3); European Journal of Political Economy; European Political Science Review; European Politics and Society; International Communication Gazette; International Journal of Public Opinion Research; International Migration Review; International Political Science Review; Journal of Computational Social Science; Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties; Journal of Global Security Studies; Journal of International Development; Journal of Politics ($\times$4); Journal of Public Policy; Legislative Studies Quarterly ($\times$2); Nature Human Behaviour; Nature Scientific Data; Party Politics; Political Analysis ($\times$2); Political Communication ($\times$3); Political Science Research and Methods ($\times$2); Political Studies; Politics and Governance; Representation ($\times$2); Research & Politics; Scandinavian Political Studies; Social Problems; Swiss Political Science Review; West European Politics

Funding Agencies: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

Project Advisory Groups

Representing the Future in an Ageing Europe: The Politics of Demographic Change (PI: Jana Birke Belschner; since 2024)

PARTYCLIM: Political Parties and Climate Change: Positions, Polarisation and Policy Relevance (PI: Fay Farstad; since 2024)

Expert Judgement

Democratic Accountability and Linkages Project (DALP); Expert Survey on the Power and Influence of Prime Ministers; Negative Campaigning Comparative Expert Survey; Populism and Political Parties Expert Survey

Outreach Activities

| Media coverage | ABC (Australian Broadcasting Corporation); Irish Examiner; Nature; RTÉ Radio 1; Sunday Business Post |
| Blog posts | ECPR's The Loop; EPOP Blog; LSE EUROPP; Stukroodvlees.nl; The Conversation |

Skills

Languages

German (native), English (fluent)

Computing Knowledge

R, Stata, Python, LaTeX, Git, GitHub

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