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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- since 2020 *Assistant Professor and Ad Astra Fellow*
University College Dublin, School of Politics and International Relations
Affiliations:
– Connected_Politics Lab
– Geary Institute for Public Policy
– UCD Energy Institute
- 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

2023. “Reactions to Experts in Deliberative Democracy: The 2016–2018 Irish Citizens’ Assembly.” *Irish Political Studies* online first (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. “How Slack Facilitates Communication and Collaboration in Seminars and Project-Based Courses.” *Journal of Educational Technology Systems* 51(3): 303–316. [\[PDF\]](#)
2022. “Leader of the Pack? Changes in ‘Wolf Warrior Diplomacy’ After a Politburo Collective Study Session.” *The China Quarterly* online first (with Samuel Brazys and Alexander Dukalskis). [\[PDF\]](#)
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 Switzer-

- land.” *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). [\[PDF\]](#)

Book Project

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

Papers Under Review

Nostalgia in European Party Politics: A Text-Based Measurement Approach (*revised & resubmitted*; with Sven-Oliver Proksch).

Journal Impact Factor and Peer Review Thoroughness and Helpfulness: A Supervised Machine Learning Study (*revised & resubmitted*; with Anna Severin, Michaela Strinzel, Matthias Egger, Tiago Barros, Alexander Sokolov, and Julia Vilstrup Mouatt). [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Nature Q&A\]](#)

Discourse Wars and ‘Mask Diplomacy’: China’s Global Image Management in Times of Crisis (with Samuel Brazys and Alexander Dukalskis). [\[PDF\]](#)

Mapping Digital Campaign Strategies: How Political Candidates Use Social Media to Communicate Who

They are and What Policies They Stand For (with James P Cross, Derek Greene, and Martijn Schoonvelde).

Working Papers

Campaign Communication and Legislative Leadership Posts (with Naofumi Fujimura).

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

Ongoing Projects

Policymakers' Awareness of Scientific Solutions Towards Carbon Neutrality (with Brian Boyle).

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

Other Publications

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

Datasets

2023. *Irish Demographic Polling Datasets* (with Thomas Pluck and Paula Montano).

URL: github.com/Irish-Dem-Polling/datasets.

2022. *Irish Polling Indicator Datasets: Stable Version*. Harvard Dataverse (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	<i>Analysing Grant Peer Review Reports Using Machine Learning</i> : €276,099 Swiss National Science Foundation
2022–2026	<i>Next Generation Energy Systems (NexSys)</i> : €183,018 (Total project funding: €16,000,000) Science Foundation Ireland Strategic Partnership Programme
2022	<i>College Strategic Funding Scheme</i> : €3,000 University College Dublin, College of Social Sciences and Law
2021	<i>Funding for International Research Projects</i> : €12,490 Enterprise Ireland (Co-PI, with Marco Bastos)
2020–2024	<i>Ad Astra PhD Studentship and Ad Astra Start Up Grant</i> : €113,000 University College Dublin
2016–2019	<i>Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship</i> : €72,000 Irish Research Council
2019	<i>Graduate Campus Grant for workshop organisation</i> : €5,500 University of Zurich
2017–2019	<i>Travel grants</i> : €4,850 Alan Turing Institute, London School of Economics and Political Science, Kobe University, University of Zurich, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin
2018	<i>EUROLAB Grant</i> : €1,300 GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences
2017	<i>Postgraduate Research Fellowship</i> : €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

Prizes, Honours, Awards

- 2023 *Member of the Young Academy Ireland* (founded at the initiative of Royal Irish Academy)
- 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)

Postgraduate Level

- Introduction to Statistics* (University College Dublin: Autumn 2020, Autumn 2021, Autumn 2022)
- Quantitative Text Analysis* (University of Zurich: Spring 2019, Autumn 2019; University College Dublin: Spring 2022, Spring 2023)
- 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); COMPTXT (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 (2020)

Supervision

- Undergraduate students**: primary supervisor of 8 BA theses

MA/MSc students: primary supervisor of 16 master's theses

PhD supervision:

Sarah A. King, University College Dublin (primary supervisor, since 2022)

Jihed Ncib, University College Dublin (primary supervisor, since 2021)

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

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 Qualifications

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

- 2022 The Political Studies Association of Ireland Annual Conference, Waterford
- 2022 Annual Conference of the EPOP Specialist Group, Newcastle
- 2022 Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association, Prague
- 2022 COMPTTEXT Conference, Dublin
- 2021 The Political Studies Association of Ireland Annual Conference, Dublin
- 2021 Convention of the German Political Science Association
- 2021 Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association
- 2020 The Political Studies Association of Ireland Annual Conference
- 2020 Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association
- 2019 The Political Studies Association of Ireland Annual Conference, Maynooth
- 2019 POLTEXT Symposium, Tokyo
- 2019 Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association, Belfast
- 2019 Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago
- 2019 Dreiländertagung, Zurich
- 2018 The Political Studies Association of Ireland Annual Conference, Limerick
- 2018 Annual Conference of the European Consortium of Political Research, Hamburg
- 2018 Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association, Vienna
- 2017 The Political Studies Association of Ireland Annual Conference, Dublin
- 2017 Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association, Milan

Workshops

- 2022 Democratic Representation in Comparative Perspectives, Academia Sinica, Taiwan

- 2022 Workshop on ‘The Language of Polarisation’, Berlin
- 2020 Digital Democracy Workshop, Zurich
- 2019 Zurich Text as Data, Zurich
- 2019 Party Congress Research Group Workshop, Glasgow
- 2019 Quantitative Text Analysis Dublin (QTA-DUB) Workshop, Dublin
- 2019 Manifesto Project User Conference, Berlin
- 2018 Manifesto Corpus Conference, WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Berlin
- 2017 Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments, Basel

Invited Talks

- 2023 Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford
- 2022 Festschrift for Michael Laver, Prague
- 2022 Swiss National Science Foundation, Bern
- 2021 Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Limerick
- 2021 UCD Energy Institute, University College Dublin
- 2020 UCD Behavioural Science Centre, University College Dublin
- 2020 Department of Political Science, Trinity College Dublin
- 2020 Department of Political Science, University College London
- 2019 Zurich R User Group
- 2019 Institute Web Science and Technologies, University of Koblenz and Landau

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/Departmental Service

- since 2022 *Programme Director*
University College Dublin, PhD Quantitative and Computational Social Science
- since 2022 *Programme Director*
University College Dublin, MSc/GradDip Politics and Data Science
- since 2021 *Founder and Convenor of the SPIRe PhD Forum*
University College Dublin, School of Politics and International Relations
- 2023 *Hiring Committee for Postdoctoral Researcher*
University College Dublin, School of Economics & NexSys
- 2023 *Hiring Committee for Assistant Professor (open field)*
University College Dublin, School of Economics
- 2020–2022 *Connected_Politics Lab Seminar Series Convenor*
University College Dublin, College of Social Sciences and Law
- 2019 *Pre-Publication Seminar Convenor*
University of Zurich, Department of Political Science
- 2016–2018 *PhD Representative*
Trinity College Dublin, Trinity Research in Social Science (TRiSS)

Discipline Service

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

Reviewer

Journals: American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; British Journal of Political Science (×5); Comparative Political Studies (×2); Computational Communication Research; Electoral Studies (×2); EPJ Data Science; European Journal of Political Research (×3); European Journal of Political Economy; European Political Science Review; European Politics and Society; International Communication Gazette; 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 Politics (×3); Journal of Public Policy; Legislative Studies Quarterly; Party Politics; Political Analysis; Political Communication (×3); Political Science Research and Methods; Political Studies; Politics and Governance; Representation (×2); Research & Politics; Scandinavian Political Studies; Scientific Data; Social Problems; Swiss Political Science Review; West European Politics

Funding Agencies: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

Expert Judgement

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

SKILLS

Languages

German (native), English (fluent)

Computing Knowledge

R, Stata, Python, L^AT_EX, Git, GitHub

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