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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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### Assistant Professor in Political Science and Qualitative Methods

Trinity College Dublin, Department of Political Science Since 2024

### Assistant Professor (Lecturer) in Politics

Swansea University, Department of Politics, Philosophy, and IR 2022–2024

- Associate Member at Oxford University's Department of Politics and IR, 2022 – 2023

### Departmental Lecturer in Comparative Politics

Oxford University, Department of Politics and IR and Magdalen College 2018 – 2022

### Stipendiary Lecturer in Politics

Pembroke College, Oxford University 2016 – 2018

## EDUCATION

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### PhD (DPhil) in Politics

Oxford University (Nuffield College) 2014 – 2017

- Winner APSA's Walter Dean Burnham Prize for the best dissertation in Politics & History
- Oxford University's nominee for the PSA's Lord Bryce Prize
- Visiting Researcher at Yale University (09/2015–03/2016) and University of Vienna (12/2016–02/2017)

### MPhil in Politics (Comparative Government)

Oxford University (Nuffield College), Distinction 2012 – 2014

### BA in Political Science

Freie Universität Berlin, First Class (German grade: 1.2) 2009 – 2012

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Book

- Parties Under Pressure: The Politics of Factions and Party Adaptation*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2024, reviewed in *Party Politics* and *German Politics*.

### Journal articles

- The populist radical right as memory entrepreneur? The prominence, sentiment, and interpretations of history in the German parliament. *British Journal of Political Science*, 54(4): 1296–1317, 2024 (with F. Krawatzek).
- Designing Politics and IR Assessments in the Era of AI. An Empirical Investigation into ChatGPT's Output Across Bloom's Revised Taxonomy. *Journal of Political Science Education*, 21(2): 290–309, 2024 (with L. Owen).
- Political parties and interest incorporation: A new typology of intra-party groups. *Political Studies Review*, 22(1): 193–206, 2024.
- Analyzing failed institutional change attempts. *Political Research Quarterly*, 75(1): 203–215, 2022 (with S. Issar).
- Denominational conflicts and party breakthrough: The negative case of the All-German People's Party. *Social Science History*, 46(3): 505–529, 2022.
- Kanzlerwahlverein* no more? Failed internal coalition building and the CDU/CSU's 2021 campaign. *German Politics & Society*, 40(3): 88–109, 2022.
- Two of the same kind? The rise of the AfD and its implications for the CDU/CSU. *German Politics & Society*, 36(1): 84–104, 2018.
- Geteilte Einheit. Faktionalismus in Christdemokratischen Parteien Westeuropas. *MIP Zeitschrift für Parteiwissenschaft*, 20(1): 79–88, 2014 (not peer-reviewed).

## Book chapters

- The CDU: Representation and representation deficits within a people's party. In *Parteien und Soziale Ungleichheit*, ed. E. Wiesendahl. Springer, pp. 89–121, 2017 (in German).
- The electoral potential of right- and left-wing extremist parties: Unideological protest vote? In *Extremismus in Deutschland*, eds. G. Hirscher & E. Jesse. Nomos, pp. 397–434, 2013 (with V. Neu, in German).

## Methods teaching publications

- "Introduction to Process Tracing," *Sage Research Methods Video*, 2023, available [here](#).
- "Introduction to Archival Research," *Sage Research Methods Video*, 2023, available [here](#).

## Book reviews

- "Germany and the Confessional Divide. Religious Tensions and Political Culture, 1871 – 1989, eds. Mark Edward Ruff and Thomas Großbölting. Berghan." *German Politics & Society* 41(3): 113-7.
- "Der Kompass der CDU" by P. Hemmelmann and "SPD. Eine Partei zwischen Burnout und Euphorie" by S. Gaschke. In *Jahrbuch Extremismus and Demokratie*, eds. U. Backes et al. Nomos, 2018.

## Other publications

- Authenticity Over Imitation. Lessons from the 2025 German Election. *Political Insight*, 16(1): 4-7, 2025 (with H. Pautz, C. Sullivan-Thomsett and J. Callahan).

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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Please feel free to contact me if you are interested in my ongoing work.

## GRANTS AND FUNDING

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|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| <b>UKRI Seedcorn Fund (PI)</b>  | 2023      |
| Value: £9,456.00  |           |
| <b>John Fell Fund (Co-I)</b>  | 2021      |
| Value: £9,977.94, with G. Capoccia and F. Krawatzek                             |           |
| <b>International Association for the Study of German Politics</b>               | 2019      |
| Value: £1,000   |           |
| <b>Research fund, DPIR Oxford</b>   | 2019      |
| Value: £809   |           |
| <b>Completion grants (Nuffield College, DPIR Oxford)</b>                        | 2016      |
| Overall value: £3,000   |           |
| <b>Travel grants (Nuffield College, APSA)</b>                                   | 2015–2017 |
| Several grants; overall value: £1,955   |           |
| <b>Nuffield–Yale Exchange Programme</b>   | 2015      |
| Funding for a visiting fellowship at Yale University                            |           |
| <b>DPhil Studentship Nuffield College and DPIR, Oxford University</b>           | 2014–2016 |
| Tuition fees and maintenance costs for two years                                |           |
| <b>PhD Studentship, London School of Economics and Political Science</b>        | 2014      |
| Tuition fees and maintenance costs for four years (declined)                    |           |
| <b>PhD Studentship, European University Institute</b>                           | 2014      |
| Tuition fees and maintenance costs for four years (declined)                    |           |
| <b>Studentship Nuffield College, Oxford University</b>                          | 2012      |
| Value: £20,000  |           |
| <b>Scholarship Program for Outstanding Students, Konrad Adenauer Foundation</b> | 2011–2014 |
| Value: c. £6,373, contributing to maintenance costs                             |           |

## INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCES

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|---|------|
| PSA, British-German Association, CES (scheduled), APSA (scheduled)  | 2025 |
| PSA, CES, APSA, University of Groningen, Swansea Teaching & Learning Conference, University of Leeds, IASGP   | 2024 |
| PSA, CES, Swansea Teaching & Learning Conference, ECPR, PSA German Politics Specialized Group Workshop  | 2023 |
| PSA, Swansea Teaching & Learning Conference, APSA, IASGP  | 2022 |
| ECPR Joint Session, AICGS (Johns Hopkins University), Nuffield Politics Seminar (with S. Issar), PSA, Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Barclay's Economic Research Unit, APSA (i-poster) | 2021 |
| ECPR, Lancaster University, Oxford Politics Colloquium, APSA (i-poster)   | 2020 |
| APSA, Oxford German Society   | 2019 |
| ECPR, German Association for Political Science (DVPW), Exeter University  | 2018 |
| ECPR, PSA, Cambridge Modern European History Workshop   | 2017 |
| APSA, Sciences Po Paris Workshop on Institutional Change, CES Graduate Workshop on Comparative-Historical Analysis  | 2016 |
| APSA, ECPR, Nuffield College Graduate Conference, Progressive Zentrum Berlin  | 2015 |
| Center for Socio-Legal Studies Discussion Group Oxford  | 2014 |

## TEACHING QUALIFICATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, AND TRAINING

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| <b>Fellow of the Higher Education Academy</b>                          | 2021 |
| Advance Higher Education   |      |
| <b>PGCert in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education</b>             | 2020 |
| University of Oxford, Distinction, accredited at Descriptor 2 of UKPSF |      |
| <b>Shortlist Outstanding Tutor Award</b>                               | 2018 |
| Shortlisted by Oxford's Student Union across entire university         |      |
| <b>SEDA PDF Supporting Learning Award</b>                              | 2017 |
| University of Oxford, accredited at Descriptor 1 of UKPSF              |      |
| <b>Advanced Teaching Workshop Series</b>                               | 2015 |
| Yale University  |      |

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### At Trinity College Dublin

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| <b>Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods</b> | Since 2025                      |
| Convenor, lectures, workshops                       | MSc and PhD module              |
| <b>Topics in Far-Right Politics</b>                 | Since 2025                      |
| Convenor, seminars                                  | 4 <sup>th</sup> -year UG module |
| <b>Qualitative Research Methods</b>                 | Since 2025                      |
| Convenor, lectures                                  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> -year UG module |
| <b>Comparative Politics A</b>                       | Since 2024                      |
| Convenor, lectures                                  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -year UG module |

## At Swansea University

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| <b>Analyzing Politics and IR: Introduction to quantitative and qualitative methods</b> | 2023–2024                       |
| Convenor, lectures, workshops  | MA module                       |
| <b>Parliamentary Studies Project</b>   | 2022–2024                       |
| Convenor, classes, supervision meetings  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> -year UG module |
| <b>Parliamentary Studies</b>   | 2022–2024                       |
| Convenor, integrated lectures and seminars   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> -year UG module |
| <b>Researching Politics 1: Political parties in European democracies</b>               | 2022–2024                       |
| Topic tutor, classes   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> -year UG module |
| <b>Disinformation, Ideology and Bias: Researching and examining political data</b>     | 2023                            |
| Lectures   | 1 <sup>st</sup> -year UG module |

## At Oxford University

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|---|--------------------------------|
| <b>Qualitative Methods</b>  | 2017 – 2021                    |
| Convenor (2021), lectures (2021), seminars (2021), workshops (since 2017) | MPhil and PhD module           |
| <b>Comparative Research Designs</b>                                       | 2018 – 2021                    |
| Seminars  | MPhil and PhD module           |
| <b>Comparative Government</b>   | 2018 – 2020                    |
| Tutorials   | MPhil module                   |
| <b>Comparative Political Economy</b>                                      | 2018 – 2020                    |
| Lectures (2018 – 2020)  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> -year UG paper |
| <b>Political Sociology</b>  | 2017 – 2021                    |
| Tutorials (2017 – 2021), classes (2019 – 2022)                            | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -year UG paper |
| <b>Introduction to the Practice of Politics</b>                           | 2017 – 2022                    |
| Classes (2017 – 2022), tutorials (2017 – 2022), lectures (2019 – 2022)    | 1 <sup>st</sup> -year UG paper |
| <b>Politics in Europe</b>   | 2016 – 2022                    |
| Tutorials (2016 – 2021), lectures (2018 – 2022), convenor (2021 – 2022)   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> -year UG paper |
| <b>Comparative Government</b>   | 2014 – 2022                    |
| Classes (2014 – 2021), tutorials (2015 – 2021), lectures (2018 – 2022)    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -year UG paper |

## Supervision

- Supervised PhD theses: 1 ongoing (joint supervision)
- Supervised MPhil dissertations (30,000 words): 8 completed
- Supervised MA and MSc dissertations (15,000 words): 6 completed, 2 ongoing
- Supervised BA dissertations (8,000 words): 7 completed
- Sub-fields: Comparative and European politics, qualitative and mixed-methods research, party politics, populism and radicalism, nationalism, politics and religion, gender and politics, regime stability

## SELECTED SERVICES AND SKILLS

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### To the department and school

- Associate Director MSc in International Politics, Trinity College Dublin Since 2024
- Co-Head Comparative Politics and Policy research group, Swansea University 2022–2024
- Politics Student Engagement Lead, Swansea University 2022–2024
- Co-convenor Social Sciences Community Seminar Series, Swansea University 2022–2024

- Co-Convenor Oxford Politics Colloquium, DPIR, Oxford University 2021 – 2022
- Chair Government & Sociology Panel, DPIR, Oxford University 2020 – 2021
- Co-organizing politics tutor, Magdalen College, Oxford University 2018 – 2021
- Co-organizer politics series, Pembroke College, Oxford University 2016 – 2018
- Admissions, open days, and widening access activities at Oxford and Swansea

## To the profession

- External examiner at Birkbeck, University of London since 2024
- Mentor on EPOP mentoring scheme since 2024
- Co-convenor of the PSA's German Politics Specialist Group Since 2023
- External program reviewer at Birkbeck, University of London 2023
- Committee, Jack Walker Best Article Award, APSA, Section on Political Organizations and Parties 2025
- Reviewer for American Political Science Review, Perspectives on Politics, Political Research Quarterly, Italian Political Science Review, Party Politics, Politics and Religion, Political Studies Review, Political Research Exchange, Journal of Contemporary European Studies, Communication Theory, German Politics & Society, British Educational Research, Oxford University Press, Routledge: Studies in Religion and Politics, Palgrave Macmillan, Sage
- Media and blogs: E.g. RTE, Wall Street Journal, France 24, Euronews, CTV News, Deutsche Welle, BBC online, Sydney Morning Herald, Reuters, PSA blog, AICGS Advisor, OxPol, Aus der Wissenschaft für die Politik

## Selected skills

- Languages: German (native), French (fluent), Italian (reading)
- Software: L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, NVivo, Stata, Jamovi (for quantitative methods teaching), Panopto, Slido

## REFERENCES

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Available upon request