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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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

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

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 Parteienwissenschaft*, 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. Berghahn." *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 und 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

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

GRANTS AND FUNDING

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

INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCES

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

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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

At Trinity College Dublin

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

At Swansea University

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

At Oxford University

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

To the department and school

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| • 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^AT_EX, NVivo, Stata, Jamovi (for quantitative methods teaching), Panopto, Slido

REFERENCES

Available upon request