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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*, *German Politics*, and *Political Science Quarterly*.
Winner of the 2025 *Brian Farrell Book Prize*, Political Studies Association of Ireland.

Journal articles

- Democratic dissatisfaction, the far right, and party brand activation: lessons from the breakthrough (and downfall) of the Dutch New Social Contract. *Political Research Exchange*, 8(1): 2641720, 2026 (with L. de Jonge).
- 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, 2025 (with L. Owen).
- 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).
- 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 Free Democratic Party and the 2025 federal election. From ‘voice of progress’ to just another right-wing party. In *The 2025 German federal election*, eds. R. Campbell and Louise Davidson-Schmich. Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 395–420, 2026.
- 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 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

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

GRANTS AND FUNDING

International Association for the Study of German Politics Value: £1,397	2025
UKRI Seedcorn Fund (PI) Value: £9,456.00	2023
John Fell Fund (Co-I) Value: £9,977.94, with G. Capoccia and F. Krawatzek	2021
International Association for the Study of German Politics Value: £1,000	2019
Research fund, DPIR Oxford Value: £809	2019
Completion grants (Nuffield College, DPIR Oxford) Overall value: £3,000	2016
Travel grants (Nuffield College, APSA) Several grants; overall value: £1,955	2015–2017

Nuffield–Yale Exchange Programme Funding for a visiting fellowship at Yale University	2015
DPhil Studentship Nuffield College and DPIR, Oxford University Tuition fees and maintenance costs for two years	2014–2016
PhD Studentship, London School of Economics and Political Science Tuition fees and maintenance costs for four years (declined)	2014
PhD Studentship, European University Institute Tuition fees and maintenance costs for four years (declined)	2014
Studentship Nuffield College, Oxford University Value: £20,000	2012
Scholarship Program for Outstanding Students, Konrad Adenauer Foundation Value: c. £6,373, contributing to maintenance costs	2011–2014

INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCES

CES, APSA (scheduled), ECPR (scheduled), PSAI (scheduled), CEU (scheduled)	2026
PSA, British-German Association, CES, University of Oslo, Dublin City University, PSAI, University of Southampton, IASGP	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

Inspiring Educator Award Trinity College Dublin	2026
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

Democratic Resilience Convenor, seminars	Since 2026 MSc module
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 Convenor, lectures	2024–2026 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: 2 ongoing (joint supervision)
- Supervised MPhil dissertations (30,000 words): 8 completed
- Supervised MA and MSc dissertations (12,000 words): 10 completed
- Supervised BA dissertations (8,000 words): 13 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

- Capstone Coordinator, Department of Political Science, Trinity College Dublin Since 2026
- Director Study Abroad, School of Social Sciences and Philosophy, Trinity College Dublin Since 2025
- Incoming Visiting Students Coordinator, Department of Political Science, Trinity College Dublin 2026
- Associate Director MSc in International Politics, Department of Political Science, Trinity College Dublin 2024–2025
- 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, Swansea and Trinity

To the profession

- External examiner at Birkbeck, University of London Since 2024
- Co-convenor of the PSA's German Politics Specialist Group Since 2023
- Committee, Jack Walker Best Article Award, APSA, Section on Political Organizations and Parties 2025
- Program Committee, Council for European Studies, 32nd international conference of Europeanists 2025
- Mentor on EPOP mentoring scheme 2024–2025
- External program reviewer at Birkbeck, University of London 2023
- Reviewer for American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, World Politics, Perspectives on Politics, Political Research Quarterly, Journal of European Public Policy, Political Studies, Political Research Exchange, Politics, Italian Political Science Review, Party Politics, Politics and Religion, Political Studies Review, European Politics and Society, Journal of Contemporary European Studies, Communication Theory, German Politics, German Politics & Society, British Educational Research, Princeton University Press, Oxford University Press, Routledge: Studies in Religion and Politics, Palgrave Macmillan, Sage
- Media and blogs: E.g. RTE, Wall Street Journal, France 24, RFI, 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, Italian (reading)
- Software: $\text{\LaTeX}$, NVivo, Stata, Jamovi (for quantitative methods teaching), Panopto, Slido

REFERENCES

Available upon request