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Research Interests

Political Economy, Comparative Government, Quantitative Methods, Causal Inference

Academic Positions

Lecturer | Department of Political Economy, King's College London September 2022-Present
Associate Member | Nuffield College, University of Oxford December 2020-Present
Affiliate | US Centre, London School of Economics and Political Science January 2021-Present
Postdoctoral Fellow | London School of Economics and Political Science August 2020-2022

Education

DPhil Political Science | Nuffield College, University of Oxford 2017-2020
MPhil Politics (Comparative Government) | Nuffield College, University of Oxford 2015-2017
BA (Honours) Philosophy, Politics and Economics | University of Essex 2012-2015

Publication

Pahontu, Raluca L. (2022). Divisive Jobs: Three Facets of Risk, Precarity, and Redistribution, *Political Science Research and Methods*, 10:3, 507-523

Under Review

Resemblance and Discrimination in Elections (with [Stavros Poupakis](#))
Revise and Resubmit **The Journal of Politics**
Coverage: [LSE USAPP](#), [Marginal Revolution](#), [National Affairs](#)

The Democrat Disaster: Hurricane Exposure, Risk Aversion and Insurance Demand
Revise and Resubmit **The Journal of Politics**
Coverage: [Video](#), [LSE USAPP](#), [National Affairs](#)

Mind the Gap: Why Wealthy Voters Support Brexit (with [Jane Green](#))
Revise and Resubmit **British Journal of Political Science**
Coverage: [Podcast](#), [Video](#), [The Guardian](#), [NewStatesman](#), [UK in a Changing Europe](#)

Work in Progress

Insuring Against Hunger? Long-Term Political Consequences of Exposure to the Dutch Famine (with [David Rueda](#) and [Gerda Hooijer](#)) | [\[Paper\]](#)

Does Bicameralism Increase Spending? Evidence from Sweden

Externalities and Security in Local Elections

Risk and Health Policy Preferences: Evidence from the UK Covid19 Crisis (with [Jack Blumenau](#) and [Timothy Hicks](#))

Teaching

King's College London

5SSPP241 Statistics for Political Science II (Undergraduate) 2022-23

4SSPP103 Comparing Political Systems (Undergraduate) 2022-23

London School of Economics and Political Science

EU490 Evidence and Analysis in Policy-Making (Graduate) 2020-21; 2021-22

EU4A5 Public Opinion in Europe (Graduate) 2020-21; 2021-22

EU421 Policy-Making in the European Union (Graduate) 2020-21

EU495 Policy Incubator (Graduate) 2020-21; 2021-22

EU499 Dissertation (Graduate) 2020-21; 2021-22

University of Oxford

Lecturer in Politics (Undergraduate), Somerville College 2019-20

Teaching Assistant Causal Inference (Graduate) 2018-19; 2019-20

Tutor 297 Comparative Political Economy (Undergraduate) 2018-19

Tutor 201 Comparative Government (Undergraduate) 2017-18

Conference Presentations, Workshops and Invited Talks

2022: Department of Political Science (**UCL**) | Debugging Inequality in Data Science (**LSE**) | The Politics of Economic Policy (**UCL**) | King's Policy and Regulation Workshop (**KCL**) | Inequality and Political Behaviour: Voters, Parties, and Policies Workshop (**Oxford**)

2021: Department of Economics (**York**) | GEPOP Seminar (**Gothenburg**) | Historical Political Economy Workshop (Zoom) | EPSA

2020: Political Behaviour Seminar (**LSE**) | Political Behaviour Colloquium (**EUI**) | Quantitative Political Economy Seminar (**KCL**) | PSA-POLMETH (Manchester) | Systemic Risk Centre Seminar (**LSE**) | Early Career Researcher Workshop (Zoom) | Images as Data Workshop (**UCD**) | EPSA

2019: Inequality and Representation Workshop (**RAI**) | DPIR Colloquium (**Oxford**) | PPRN Workshop (**UCL**) | Somerville College Symposium | EPSA | EPOP | PSA

2018: PSPE Seminar (**LSE**) | Tackling Inequality: Experimental Advances on Taxation and Redistribution (**CESS**) | American Politics Seminar (**RAI**) | Taking Inequality Seriously Workshop (Sheffield) | Political Economy of Finance Conference (Oxford) | EPSA

Scholarships and Grants

LSE Covid Impact Fund for Research and KE, 2021 (£2,100)

European Institute Seed Fund, 2021 (£1,600)

Nuffield College and ESRC 2+2 studentship, 2015-2019 (£77,000)

Nuffield College Academic Fund (w/ David Rueda & Gerda Hooijer), 2019 (£5,000)

Research Training Support Grant, ESRC, 2017-2019 (£2,500)

Rothermere American Institute Academic Program Fund (w/ Tom Robinson), 2019 (£1,000)

DPIR, Norman Chester Fund and Nuffield College, 2018-2019 (£1,850)

British Academy Scholarship, 2014

Professional Service

Reviewer

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Electoral Studies, Journal of Common Market Studies | [Publons](#)

Organizer

Panel HISTORICAL DRIVERS OF INEQUALITY, INSTITUTIONS & VOTING, EPSA 2020 | [Programme](#)

Workshop CRASHING OUT OF POLITICS: INEQUALITY & REPRESENTATION 90 YEARS ON, RAI 2019 (co-organizer) | [Programme](#)

Panel EXPERIMENTS & QUASI-EXPERIMENTS IN POLITICAL ECONOMY, EPSA 2019 | [Programme](#)

Other Skills and Memberships

Software: Stata (fluent), R (fluent), \LaTeX (fluent)

Professional Affiliations: APSA, EPSA, PSA