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Research Interests

Main Interests: Political Economy, Comparative Government

Related Interests: Labour and Public Economics, Applied Econometrics

Education

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

Working Paper

Employed in Conflict: Explaining Social Policy Preferences of a Tripartite Labour Market
[\[Paper\]](#) | [\[Replication Code\]](#)

Work in Progress

An Endogenous Human Capital Theory of a Conservative Vote
The Democrat Disaster: Natural Hazard Exposure, Risk Aversion and Insurance Demand
Winning Tactics: Cues of Intra-Party Competition and Vote Choice (with [Stavros Poupakis](#))

Scholarships and Awards

Nuffield College/University of Oxford Social Sciences Doctoral Training Centre (DTC) ESRC 2+2 studentship, 2015-2019
Quantitative Methods Graduate Scholarship, DPIP, University of Oxford, 2018-2019
The Oscar Arias Prize for the Best Undergraduate Dissertation, Department of Government, University of Essex, 2015
Going beyond the curriculum in Quantitative Methods, Sage Publications INC & the Department of Government, University of Essex, 2015
Best Paper in Methods, Department of Government, University of Essex, 2015
British Academy Scholarship (Essex Summer School in Social Sciences Data Analysis), 2014

Included on the Dean's List of Excellence, University of Essex, 2014

Distinction Awarded by the Board of Examiners, University of Essex, 2013

Best First Year Student, Department of Government, University of Essex, 2013

Teaching

201 Comparative Government, University of Oxford (Undergraduate)

297 Comparative Political Economy (Undergraduate)

Causal Inference, University of Oxford (Graduate)

Professional Service (last 24 months)

Research Assistant

Yale University – Professor Allan Dafoe (2018) ;

University of Oxford – Professor Elias Dinas (2017), Professor Catherine de Vries (2016)

Short Term Consultant, World Bank, 2016

Project: Politically Connected Businesses in Post-Soviet Countries – with Simon Commander

Conference Presentations, Workshops and Invited Talks

Department of Government, London School of Economics (November 2018)

Rothermere American Institute, Oxford (November 2018)

Taking Inequality Seriously: Economy and Society in the Age of Inequalities, PSA Workshop, Sheffield, UK (November 2018)

Political Economy of Finance Conference, Oxford (October 2018)

EPSA, Vienna (June 2018)

CPE Graduate Work Colloquium, Nuffield College (January 2018, November 2018)

DPIR Graduate Student Workshop, Nuffield College (2017, 2018)

Department of Government Student Conference, University of Essex (2014, 2015)

Other Skills

IT Skills: Stata (fluent), R (fluent), \LaTeX (fluent)

Language Skills: French (Working Proficiency), Romanian (Native), Arabic (Elementary Proficiency)

Professional Affiliations

American Political Science Association (APSA), European Political Science Association (EPSA)
Political Science Association (PSA)

References

Available upon request.

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