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Academic Positions

Department of Political Economy, King's College London

Assistant Professor in Political Behavior September 2022-Present

Nuffield College, University of Oxford

Associate Member in Political Science December 2020-Present

London School of Economics and Political Science

Affiliate US Centre January 2021-2023
Postdoctoral Fellow in European and International Politics and Policy 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

Publications

Pahontu, Raluca L (Forthcoming) The Democrat Disaster: Hurricane Exposure, Risk Aversion and Insurance Demand, *The Journal of Politics*

Pahontu, Raluca L and Poupakis, Stavros (2025) Resemblance and Discrimination in Elections, *The Journal of Politics*, 87(4):1639-1644

Pahontu, Raluca L, Hooijer, Gerda, Rueda, David (2024) Insuring Against Hunger? Long-Term Political Consequences of Exposure to the Dutch Famine, *Journal of Historical Political Economy*, 4(1):33-58

Green Jane and Pahontu Raluca L (2024) Mind the Gap: Why Wealthy Voters Support Brexit, *British Journal of Political Science*, 54(4):1067-1087

Blumenau Jack, Hicks Tim, Pahontu Raluca L (2023) Risk and Preferences for Government Healthcare Spending: Evidence from the UK COVID-19 Crisis, *British Journal of Political Science*, 53(3):1070-1080

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

Under Review

Risk and Housing Policy: A Self-Reinforcing Equilibrium? (with Tom O'Grady)

Teaching

King's College London

6SSPP401 The Political Economy of Risk	2023-24
5SSPP241 Statistics for Political Science II	2025-26; 2023-24; 2022-23
4SSPP111 Statistics for Political Science I	2023-24; 2022-23
4SSPP103 Comparing Political Systems	2022-23
6SSPP352 BA/BSc Political Economy Dissertation	2025-26; 2023-24; 2022-23
7SSPP102 MA Political Economy Dissertation	2025-26; 2023-24; 2022-23
7SSPN003 MA Public Policy Dissertation	2025-26; 2023-24; 2022-23

London School of Economics and Political Science

EU490 Evidence and Analysis in Policy-Making	2021-22; 2020-21
EU4A5 Public Opinion in Europe	2021-22; 2020-21
EU421 Policy-Making in the European Union	2021-22; 2020-21
EU495 Policy Incubator	2021-22; 2020-21
EU499 MSc Dissertation	2021-22; 2020-21

University of Oxford

Introduction to Political Science	2019-20
Causal Inference	2019-20; 2018-19
297 Comparative Political Economy	2018-19
201 Comparative Government	2017-18

Grants, Fellowships and Awards

Department of Political Economy Research Fund, 2.5k

Department of Political Economy Research Fund, 1.5k

LSE Covid Impact Fund, 2.1k

European Institute Seed Fund, 1.6k

Nuffield College Academic Fund, 5k

Research Training Support Grant, ESRC, 2.5k

Higher Education Academy Fellow, 2023

Max Weber Fellowship, European University Institute *declined*

Political Science Fellowship, St John's College, University of Oxford *declined*

Research Excellence Award, King's College London, 2024

Nuffield College PhD Fellowship, 2015-2020

British Academy Fellowship, 2014

Conference, Workshops and Invited Talks (since 2020)

2024: Department of Political Science (EUI), Department of Political Science (Hamburg), Politics of Economic Policy (UCL); 2023: Department of Political Science (Manchester), EPSA; 2022: Department of Political Science (UCL) | Debugging Inequality in Data Science (LSE) | The Politics of Economic Policy (UCL) | KPRW Workshop (KCL) | Inequality and Political Behaviour: Voters, Parties, and Policies Workshop (UCL); 2021: Department of Economics (York) | GEPOP Seminar (Gothenburg) | Historical Political Economy Workshop (Texas A&M) | 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 (Southampton) | Images as Data Workshop (UCD) | EPSA

Professional Service

Reviewer

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Electoral Studies, European Journal of Political Research, Journal of Common Market Studies, Political Science Research and Methods, The Journal of Politics, West European Politics

Organizer

2024: Fifth King's Public Policy and Regulation Workshop, King's College London
 2024: Second Comparative Politics and Political Economy Workshop, King's College London
 2023: Comparative Politics and Political Economy Workshop, King's College London
 2022: Comparative Political Economy London Workshop, KCL-LSE-UCL
 2020: Historical Drivers of Inequality, Institutions & Voting, EPSA
 2019: Crashing out of Politics: Inequality & Representation 90 years on, Oxford
 2019: Experiments & Quasi-Experiments in Political Economy, EPSA
 2018: Graduate Workshop, Oxford
 2015: Student Conference, University of Essex

Departmental Service

Political Economy Undergraduate Program Director, 2025
 Comparative Politics Research Cluster Lead, 2023, 2024
 Member, Education Committee, 2023, 2024, 2025
 Member, Research Committee, 2023, 2024
 Flexible and New Module Coordinator, 2023
 Search Committee for Assistant Professor in Political Economy and Assistant Professor in Political Science, 2023, 2024

PhD Supervisor

Luis Soto-Tamayo (2025, first job UCL)
 Miofang Guan (viva 2025)
 Jonathan Borland
 Joseph Toman

External

PhD External Examiner (UPF), External Examiner (Northeastern; Cardiff)