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Academic Positions

since 2026	Research Fellow Department of Political Science, School of Government, University of Birmingham
2023–2025	Marie Curie Research Associate Department of Communication Science, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
2021–2023	Postdoctoral Research Fellow School of Politics and International Relations, University College Dublin

Affiliations

since 2021	Research Fellow , Connected Politics Lab School of Politics and International Relations, University College Dublin
2023–2025	Research Associate , Network Institute Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Education

2014–2021	Ph.D., Political Science , Johns Hopkins University <i>Title:</i> Parties' Group Appeals and Their Implications for Inter- and Intra-Party Behavior <i>Supervisors:</i> Richard S. Katz and Steven Teles M.A., Political Science , Johns Hopkins University
2012–2014	M.A., Political Science , <i>cum laude</i> , Hebrew University of Jerusalem
2008–2012	B.A., Political Science and General Studies , Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Research

Projects

since 2025	Principal Investigator CONSTRUCT. CO-PIs: Marius Sältzer, University of Oldenburg and Tristan Klingelhöfer, Hebrew University. Funder: The Lower Saxony Ministry of Science and Culture (MWK), Volkswagen Foundation (€532,090)
2023–2025	Principle Investigator GAPREP . Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA). Funder: EU Horizon Europe (€205,000)
2024	Consultant to the EU&I project , Team Ireland
2021–2023	Postdoctoral Research Fellow Horizon2020 OPTED Project WP6
2013–2016	Team Member of the Political Party Database Project (PPDP) PI: Gideon Rahat, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
2013–2014	Research Assistant to “Draw Your Country” project PI: Reuven Y. Hazan, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications

- 2025.** “Equivalence and Validity in Multilingual Computational Text Analysis: A Validation Framework.” *Computational Communication Research* 7(1). (with Fabienne Lind, Martijn Schoonvelde, Christian Baden, Christian Pipal, and Mariken A.C.G. van der Velden) [[Link](#)]
- 2024.** “Is Matilda Playing it? Gender in Computational Text Analysis Methods.” *Computational Communication Research* 6(1): 1-26 (with Mariken A.C.G. van der Velden). [[Link](#)]
- 2022.** “Parties’ Group Appeals Across Time, Countries, and Communication Channels—Examining Appeals to Social Groups via the Parties’ Group Appeals Dataset.” *Party Politics* 29(6): 1130-1146. [[Link](#)]
- 2021.** “What Determines Parties’ Choice of Incumbent-Renomination Methods? the Case of the UK Labour Party, 1979–2019.” *Representation* 58(4): 585-601. [[Link](#)]

Book Chapters

- Forthcoming.** “Candidate Selection and Political Representation.” *The Elgar Encyclopedia of Political Representation*, edited by André Freire A., Önnudóttir E., Pedrazzani, A., and Schmitt H. (with Gideon Rahat). Expected: March 2026. [[Link](#)]

Manuscripts Under Review

- R&R** “Who Do Parties Speak To? Introducing the PSoGA: A New Comprehensive Database of Parties’ Social Group Appeals.” (with Lena Maria Huber and Will Horne) *British Journal of Political Science*. [[OSF pre-print](#)]
- R&R** “The growing importance of new cleavages and policy outcomes.” (with Thomas Prosser) *Parliamentary Affairs*.
- R&R** “Challenges for multilingual computational text analysis researchers: Evidence from a Survey of Social Scientists.” (with Martijn Schoonvelde, Christian Baden, Fabienne Lind, Christian Pipal, Guy Shababo, Mariken A.C.G. van der Velden, and Avital Zalik) *Acta Politica*. [[OSF pre-print](#)]
- “Social investment and realigning ideologies and parties - a state-of-the-field review of changes in the demand and supply of social policies in Europe.” *European Political Science Review*. (with Thomas Prosser).
- “Toward a Unified Concept of Group-Based Appeals in Party Politics: Concepts, Definitions, and Research Directions.” (with Lena Maria Huber). *Politics*. [[OSF pre-print](#)]

Published Datasets

2025. “ManifestoVault V1.0: Annotated full-text general election manifestos at the natural-sentence level of three European countries 1970-2025.” (with Lena Maria Huber and Will Horne) <https://doi.org/10.34894/VKQSP0>, DataverseNL, V5.
2022. “PGAD: Parties’ Group Appeals Dataset.” <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/NZQGST>, Harvard Dataverse, V1.

Published Reports, Invited Blog Posts and Book Reviews

2022. Report: “Integrated standards and context-sensitive recommendations for the validation of multilingual computational text analysis.” (with Christian Baden, Fabienne Lind, Christian Pipal, Martijn Schoonvelde, Guy Shababo, Mariken A.C.G. van der Velden). *OPTED Project*. [[Link](#)]
2022. Book Review: “Policy-making in coalition governments. The Cycle of Coalition. How Parties and Voters Interact Under Coalition Governance, by David Fortunato, Cambridge University Press 2021.” *European Political Science* 21: 657-659. [[Link](#)]
2021. Book Review: “The Reshaping of West European Party Politics: Agenda-Setting and Party Competition in Comparative Perspective, by Christoffer Green-Pedersen, Oxford University Press 2019.” *Representation* 59(2): 357-363. [[Link](#)]
2021. Blog Post: “What determines parties’ choice of incumbent-renomination methods? The case of Labour, 1979-2019.” *LSE British Politics and Policy*. [[Link](#)]
2021. Blog Post: “The State of Israeli Politics: Elections and Group Appeals.” *Political Studies Association*. [[Link](#)]

2019. Blog Post: “What do parties say and who do they say it to? Election campaigns as more than just policy appeals.” *LSE Department of Government*. [\[Link\]](#)

Software and Large Language Models

2025. “mDeBERTA NLI Stance Detection.” (with Will Horne and Lena Maria Huber) [\[HuggingFace Link\]](#)

2025. “mDeBERTa NLI Policy Detection.” (with Will Horne and Lena Maria Huber) [\[HuggingFace Link\]](#)

2025. “mDeBERTaV3 Bilingual Token Classifier.” (with Will Horne and Lena Maria Huber) [\[HuggingFace Link\]](#)

2025. “mDeBERTa Group-Category Classifier.” (with Will Horne and Lena Maria Huber) [\[HuggingFace Link\]](#)

Working Papers

“Using LLMs to detect group appeals in election manifestos of parties.” (with Will Horne and Lena Maria Huber). [\[OSF pre-print\]](#)

“Political Parties and Representational Claims—A political representation approach to group appeals.” (with Lena Maria Huber) [OSF pre-print](#).

“Representative Claims and Group Appeals.” (with Lucy Kinsky and Lena Maria Huber).

“More Than Symbols: How Women’s Representation Shapes Parties’ Electoral Appeals to Female Voters.” (Maarja Lühiste, Lena Maria Huber and Will Horne)

Funding and Awards

Grants and Fellowships (Total: €1,295,330)

2025–2029	Volkswagen Foundation Research Grant CONSTRUCT project: €532,090
2023–2025	Postdoctoral Fellowship Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Horizon Europe, Grant number 101107835: €205,000
2023	Research Funding SPIRe, University College Dublin: €750
2014–2021	Doctoral Fellowship , Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University: Graduate Stipend \$196,000 ; Tuition \$394,000
2020	Dean’s Prize Fellowship Johns Hopkins University: \$6,500
2019	Research Grant Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University: \$1,500
2018–2019	Travel and Conference Attendance Grants : \$2,835 + €500 + £100
2018	Research Grants Leonard and Helen R. Stulman Jewish Studies Program, Johns Hopkins University: \$2,500 + \$2,487
2018	Research Grant Warren E. Miller Fund in Electoral Politics, American Political Science Association’s Centennial Centre for Political Science and Public Affairs, Grant number 1980198: \$2,505
2018	Dean’s Teaching Fellowship Johns Hopkins University: \$11,500

Awards

2022	Seal of Excellence : MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship, European Commission Horizon Europe. Proposal number 101061600 (Reserve list)
2021	Seal of Excellence : MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship Seal of Excellence, European Commission Horizon2020. Proposal number 101028341

Teaching

Undergraduate Level - Instructor of Record

Fall 2025. **Data Science: Visualisation and Analytics in R**. Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.

Fall 2024. **Data Science: Visualisation and Analytics in R**. Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.

Fall 2020. **The Domestic Politics of Israel**. Johns Hopkins University.

Fall 2018. **The Domestic Politics of Israel**. Johns Hopkins University.

Teaching Assistant/Junior Lecturer

Spring 2020. **Introduction to Comparative Politics**. Johns Hopkins University.

Fall 2017. **Contemporary International Politics**. Johns Hopkins University.

Fall 2016. **Democracy and Elections**. Johns Hopkins University.

Spring 2015. **Contemporary International Politics**. Johns Hopkins University.

Fall 2014 **Introduction to Government**. Interdisciplinary Centre (IDC) Herzliya.

Fall 2013; Fall 2014. **Comparative Politics—Institutions and Processes**. Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Guest Lectures and Workshops

Spring 2024 Workshop: **Introduction to Visualization with R**. COMPTExT Annual Conference.

Spring 2024 BA Honors Class: **Introduction to Automated Text Analysis**. Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.

Supervision

Spring 2024 **MA Theses**

Primary supervisor of three students, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.

Secondary supervisor of three students, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.

Presentations

Invited Talks

2025 **MSCA lunchtime conversation** - Democracy, values and identities in polarised spaces.
An exchange between researchers, practitioners and policy makers. [\[Link\]](#)

2024 **Connected Politics Lab Seminar**, University College Dublin

2024 **Political Behavior Lab Seminar**, School of Political Science, University of Haifa

2023 **MZES Colloquium of Research**, University of Mannheim

2022 **Political Communication Seminar**, Department of Communication Science, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

2021 **Comparative Politics Seminar**, SPIRe, University College Dublin

2021 **Re:Presentations**, Online Seminar Series on Political Representation

2021 **Politics on Wednesday Seminar**, School of Politics, Philosophy, Language and Communications, East Anglia University

2019 **Fireside Chat Series**, Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University (with Richard S. Katz)

Invited Workshops

2025	Citizens' Views on Representation , University of Vienna
2024	Harnessing Large Language Models in Political Science Research , Trinity College Dublin
2023	Unelected Representatives and their Claims , Trondheim Norway
2022	EPoW - European Politics Online Workshop
2020	PhD Winter School , Jean Monnet Centre for the New Political Economy of Europe, University College Dublin
2019	Parties, Information and the Public , Elections, Public Opinion and Parties pre-conference workshop, Glasgow

Conferences

European Consortium of Political Research (**ECPR**) European Conference on Politics and Gender (ECPG) (2026)

The **COMPTEXT** Association, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 (2026)

Political Studies Association of Ireland (**PSAI**), 2021, 2022, 2024, 2025

European Political Science Association (**EPSA**), 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

The **COMPTEXT** Association, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

American Political Science Association (**APSA**), 2019, 2024

European Consortium of Political Research (**ECPR**) General Conference, 2021, 2024

European Consortium of Political Research (**ECPR**) Joint Sessions, 2023

Elections, Public Opinion and Parties (**EPOP**), 2019, 2021, 2022

International Communication Association (**ICA**), 2022

UK Political Psychology, 2022

Midwestern Political Science Association (**MPSA**), 2018, 2019, 2021

Other Collaborative Events

2024	OPINION Joint Working Group Meeting, Salamanca, Spain
2024	Political Communication Seminar , Department of Communication Science, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
2023	Final OPTED Project Annual Meeting, Vienna
2022	Second OPTED Project Annual Meeting, Amsterdam
2021	First Annual OPTED General Assembly, Vienna
2019	Teaching with Impact , Israel Institute, New York
2015	ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques , Ljubljana, Slovenia
2015	Frontiers of Political Science Workshop: Political Parties as Micro-Polities , Duke University, Durham, North Carolina

Professional Service

Committees

EPSS Diversity Committee, since July 2025

Network Institute Research Team, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, 2024-2025

EPSA Diversity Committee, 2025

Postdoc search, SPIRe, University College Dublin, 2022

Conference, Workshop and Panel Organizer

8th COMPTExT Annual Conference, University of Birmingham 2026

4th Interdisciplinary Workshop on the Digital Society (IWDS): Societally Engaged AI, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam 2025

6th COMPTExT Annual Conference, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam 2024

4th COMPTExT Annual Conference, University College Dublin 2022

EPSA Annual Conference, Diversity Panel on Academics with Disabilities 2021, 2022

Reviewer

Grants:

APSA Summer Centennial Center Research Grants 2025

IWDS Research Vouchers, [Network Institute](#), Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam 2024

Journals: American Journal of Political Science • British Journal of Political Science • Comparative Political Studies • Computational Communication Research • Electoral Studies • Frontiers in Political Science • European Journal of Political Research • European Political Science • Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties • Parliamentary Affairs • Party Politics • Political Behavior • Political Studies • Politics • Representation • South European Society and Politics • West European Politics

Other Service

Guest Speaker: SPIRe PhD Forum: Career Development, University College Dublin 2021, 2023

Expert Contributor: Chapel Hill Expert Survey (CHES) on party positions for political parties in Israel, 2022, 2023

Graduate Student Representative: Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University, 2017-2018

First-Year Undergraduate Advisor: Department of Political Science, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2013–2014

Professional Association Memberships

European Political Science Society • Political Studies Association of Ireland • American Political Science Association • COMPTExT Association

Programming and Skills

Programming: R • Python • Qualtrics

Methods: Statistical modeling • NLP • Survey studies

Language Proficiency

Hebrew (native) • English (fluent) • Russian (conversational)