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## Academic Positions

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

## Affiliations

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since 2021	<b>Research Fellow</b> , <a href="#">Connected Politics Lab</a> School of Politics and International Relations, University College Dublin
2023–2025	<b>Research Associate</b> , <a href="#">Network Institute</a> Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

## Education

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

## Research

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### Projects

since 2025	<b>Principal Investigator</b> 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	<b>Principle Investigator</b> GAPREP. Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA). Funder: EU Horizon Europe (€205,000)
2024	<b>Consultant</b> to the <a href="#">EU&amp;I project</a> , Team Ireland
2021–2023	<b>Postdoctoral Research Fellow</b> Horizon2020 <a href="#">OPTED Project</a> WP6
2013–2016	<b>Team Member</b> of the Political Party Database Project (PPDP) PI: Gideon Rahat, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
2013–2014	<b>Research Assistant</b> 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, Fabianne 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

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### 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

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### 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

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#### 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	<b>Citizens' Views on Representation</b> , University of Vienna
2024	<b>Harnessing Large Language Models in Political Science Research</b> , Trinity College Dublin
2023	<b>Unelected Representatives and their Claims</b> , Trondheim Norway
2022	<b>EPoW</b> - European Politics Online Workshop
2020	<b>PhD Winter School</b> , Jean Monnet Centre for the New Political Economy of Europe, University College Dublin
2019	<b>Parties, Information and the Public</b> , 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	<b>OPINION</b> Joint Working Group Meeting, Salamanca, Spain
2024	<b>Political Communication Seminar</b> , Department of Communication Science, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
2023	Final <b>OPTED</b> Project Annual Meeting, Vienna
2022	Second <b>OPTED</b> Project Annual Meeting, Amsterdam
2021	First Annual <b>OPTED</b> General Assembly, Vienna
2019	<b>Teaching with Impact</b> , Israel Institute, New York
2015	<b>ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques</b> , Ljubljana, Slovenia
2015	<b>Frontiers of Political Science Workshop: Political Parties as Micro-Polities</b> , Duke University, Durham, North Carolina

## Professional Service

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### 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)