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Academic Positions

since 2026	**Research Fellow** Department of Political Science, School of Government, University of Birmingham – TwiceAsGood Project
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

Education

2014–2021	**Ph.D., Political Science**, Johns Hopkins University *Title*: Parties' Group Appeals and Their Implications for Inter- and Intra-Party Behavior *Supervisors*: Richard S. Katz and Steven Teles
	M.A., Political Science, Johns Hopkins University
2012–2014	**M.A., Political Science**, *cum laude*, 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

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Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications

accepted for publication "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]

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

2026. "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). [Link]

Manuscripts Under Review

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]

"Defining and Classifying Group-Based Appeals: Toward a Unified Framework for Comparative Analysis." (with Lena Maria Huber). *Perspectives on 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/VKQSPO, 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." [HuggingFace]

2025. "mDeBERTa NLI Policy Detection." [HuggingFace]

2025. "mDeBERTaV3 Bilingual Token Classifier." [HuggingFace]

2025. "mDeBERTa Group-Category Classifier." [HuggingFace]

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]

"Gendered Mediation in Personalised Campaigns: Media Bias Across Four Countries." with Susan Banducci and Hyerin Seo

"Parties, Groups, and Ideology: Changing Constellations in Post-Industrial Democracies." with Tristan Klingelhöfer and Marius Sältzer

"Representative Claims and Group Appeals." with Lucy Kinski and Lena Maria Huber

"More Than Symbols: How Women's Representation Shapes Parties' Electoral Appeals to Female Voters." with Maarja Luhiste, Lena Maria Huber and Will Horne

"The Company They Keep: Group Appeals and Affective Polarization." with Jim Adams, Will Horne and Lena Maria Huber

"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." with Thomas Prosser

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 Funding **$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

Instructor of Record 2024–2025: Data Science: Visualisation and Analytics in R (VU Amsterdam); 2018, 2020: The Domestic Politics of Israel (Johns Hopkins)

Teaching Assistant / Junior Lecturer 2015–2020: Introduction to Comparative Politics; Contemporary International Politics; Democracy and Elections (Johns Hopkins); 2013–2014: Comparative Politics—Institutions and Processes (Hebrew University)

Workshops & Guest Lectures 2026: From Concept to Computation: Identifying Group Appeals in Text (COMPTEXT); 2024: Introduction to Visualization with R (COMPTEXT); Introduction to Automated Text Analysis (VU Amsterdam)

Supervision 2024: Primary and secondary supervisor of six MA theses, (VU Amsterdam)

Presentations

Invited Talks and Workshops

2025	**Citizens' Views on Representation**, University of Vienna
2025	**MSCA lunchtime conversation** - Democracy, values and identities in polarised spaces. An exchange between researchers, practitioners and policy makers. [Link]
2024	**Harnessing Large Language Models in Political Science Research**, Trinity College Dublin
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
2023	**Unelected Representatives and their Claims**, Trondheim, Norway
2022	**Political Communication Seminar**, Department of Communication Science, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
2022	**EPoW** – European Politics Online Workshop
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	**Parties, Information and the Public**, EPOP pre-conference, Glasgow
2019	**Fireside Chat Series**, Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University (with Richard S. Katz)
2015	**Frontiers of Political Science Workshop: Political Parties as Micro-Polities**, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina

Conferences

ECPR's 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

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 • Journal of European European Public Policy • 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) 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)