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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

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
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

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*. [PSoGA Database] [Replication Materials]
- 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

2026. “PSoGA: Sentence-Level and Manifesto-Level Social Group Appeals in Party Election Manifestos across Eight European Democracies, 1970 & 2025.” (with Lena Maria Huber and Will Horne) <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/FVI3QW>, Harvard Dataverse.
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.
2022. “PGAD: Parties’ Group Appeals Dataset.” <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/NZQGST>, Harvard Dataverse.

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

2026. “GroupAppeals: A Python Package for Analyzing Social Group Appeals in Political Textsn.” (with Will Horne and Lena Maria Huber) [[GitHub](#)]

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

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

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

2025. “mDeBERTa Group-Category Classifier.” (with Will Horne and Lena Maria Huber) [[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 \$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 and Supervision

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 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
• COMPTTEXT Association

Programming and Skills

Programming: R • Python • Qualtrics

Methods: Statistical modeling • NLP • Survey studies

Language Proficiency

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