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DESCRIPTION I am a PhD candidate in the Government Department at the London School of Economics, having previously graduated from University of Essex. My research interests include political behaviour, experimental survey methods and causal analysis based on observational data. My PhD thesis looks at factors which drive voting behaviour within and across various sectors of the British electorate. My research is motivated by an interest in understanding (1) what are the electoral costs of unpopular economic policies and (2) how do British politics change when the composition of the electorate changes.

EDUCATION

- 2016 - Present:** PhD in Political Science, LSE
Supervisors: Michael Bruter, Joachim Wehner and Thomas Leeper
- 2015 - 2016:** MRes in Political Science, LSE
Supervisor: Michael Bruter
- 2013 - 2014:** MSc Public Opinion and Polling, University of Essex
Supervisor: John Bartle
- 2010 - 2013:** BA Politics with Human Rights, University of Essex
Supervisor: Rob Johns

TEACHING

- 2016-2017 & 2017-2018:** GTA, *Research Design in Political Science* (2nd & 3rd year Undergraduate course), LSE
Course convenor: Thomas Leeper
- Summer 2017 & 2018:** Class Teacher, *International Migration and Public Policy*, LSE Summer School
Course convenors: Eiko Thielemann and Patrick McGovern

ONGOING PROJECTS

- Who pays the price for unpopular economic policies? Responses to changes in retirement age in the United Kingdom*

- Migration and Election Outcomes: Evidence from London*
With Joachim Wehner

- The Race for Highly-Skilled Workers: Returns to Human Capital and the Incorporation of Highly Skilled Workers in the Public and Private Sector in Canada*
With Neli Demireva and Wouter Zwysen

- Is timing of the essence? Causal effects of naturalisation in Sweden*
With Selina Hofstetter

Torturing the truth out of respondents: Survey experiments gauging US public support for enhanced interrogation.
with Rob Johns and Graeme Davies

CONFERENCES *Who pays the price for unpopular economic policies? Responses to changes in retirement age in the United Kingdom.* Presented at EPSA in June 2018 and APSA in August-September 2018

Ethnic Minorities in Britain and their Immigration Preferences. Presented at the ECPR Graduate Student Conference, 2016

Why do we observe high variations in the levels of responsiveness across different democratic electoral systems?. Presented at the third Department of Government Annual Student Conference in April 2014

Torturing the truth out of respondents: Survey experiments gauging US public support for enhanced interrogation. Presented at the Elections, Public Opinion and Parties (EPOP) Conference in 2013

**FURTHER
TRAINING**

2018: Methods of Modern Causal Analysis Based on Observational Data
ECPR Winter School of Methods

2014: *Data Analysis and Statistical Graphics with R and Mathematics for Social Scientists*
Essex Summer School in Social Sciences and Data Analysis

**AWARDS
AND
GRANTS**

2015-2019: Economic and Social Research Council, Doctoral Training Fund

2017-2019: Economic and Social Research Council, Advanced Quantitative Methods enhanced stipend

2018: RCUK Policy Internship Scheme with the Home Office, within the Migration and Border Analysis team

2018: London School of Economics, Research Infrastructure and Investment Fund

2018: London School of Economics, PhD Seminar Fund

**OTHER
ACTIVITIES**

Member of the *European Political Science Association.*

Member of the *American Political Science Association.*

Co-founder of the *Replication Project*, a student-led initiative meant to improve the (applied) methods and programming training at LSE, by replicating top journals papers using methods like text analysis, GIS mapping or causal inference.

Co-organiser of the Political Behaviour Seminar Series (LSE, Government department).

Student representatives on the Government Department's Teaching Committee (LSE).