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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

- 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 2018, APSA 2018 and ECPR 2019

*Migration and Election Outcomes: Evidence from London.* Presented at EPSA 2019

*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 EPOP 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

**2019:** Sir Patrick Gillam Scholarship Fund, PhD Fieldwork Scholarship

**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).