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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 politics change when the composition of the electorate changes.

**EDUCATION**

- 2016 - Present:** PhD in Political Science, LSE
- 2020 (Jan-Mar):** Visiting Researcher, Stockholm University, Demography Unit (SUDA)
- 2020 (Apr-July):** Visiting Research Fellow, Waseda University, Graduate School of Political Science
- 2015 - 2016:** MRes in Political Science, LSE
- 2013 - 2014:** MSc Public Opinion and Polling, University of Essex
- 2010 - 2013:** BA Politics with Human Rights, University of Essex

**TEACHING**

- 2019:** GTA, *Intermediate Quantitative Analysis* (Master course), LSE Department of Methodology
- Summer 2017 & 2018:** Class Teacher, *International Migration and Public Policy*, LSE Summer School
- 2016-2017 & 2017-2018:** GTA, *Research Design in Political Science* (Undergraduate course), LSE Government Department

**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
- Migrants and the Economic Value of Family*  
With Selina Hofstetter and Ben Wilson

- CONFERENCES** *Who pays the price for unpopular economic policies? Responses to changes in retirement age in the United Kingdom.* Presented at ECPR 2019, EPSA 2018 and APSA 2018
- 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
- 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:** The Baroness Birk Award, 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- 2019:** Sir Patrick Gillam Scholarship Fund, PhD Fieldwork Scholarship
- 2018, 2019:** London School of Economics, PhD Seminar Fund
- 2018:** London School of Economics, Research Infrastructure and Investment Fund
- 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
- PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**
- 2016-present:** Subwarden at LSE Butler's Wharf, pastoral care and student welfare
- 2018:** RCUK Policy Internship Scheme with the Home Office, within the Migration and Border Analysis team
- 2015-2016:** Research assistant for the *International Centre for Electoral Psychology*
- 2014-2015:** Research assistant for the project *Less Hate, More Speech.*
- 2014:** Research assistant for the project *Multiculturalism and British Neighbourhoods.*
- COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**
- Member of the *European Political Science Association (EPSA)*, the *American Political Science Association (APSA)* and the *University Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES)*
- Peer-reviewer for *Social Inclusion*, Open Access Journal ISSN: 2183-2803.
- Co-founder of the *Very Applied Methods*, a student-led initiative meant to improve the methods and programming training at LSE. This is a cooperation between the European Institute, the Government and the Methodology Department at LSE.

Co-organiser of the Political Behaviour Seminar Series (2016-2019 LSE, Government department).

Student representatives on the Government Department's Teaching Committee (2017-2019 LSE).

**LANGUAGES  
AND  
SKILLS**

English (proficient), Romanian (native), Spanish (intermediate), French (beginner), Japanese (beginner)

R, Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Qualtrics

**REFERENCES**

**Michael Bruter**, Professor of Political Science and European Politics  
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**Joachim Wehner**, Associate Professor in Public Policy  
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**Thomas Leeper**, Research Scientist, Core Data Science at Facebook  
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