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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 engages with empirical research methods and causal inference methods to answer the broader research question *How does political accountability change when the demographic composition of the population changes?* 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 - 2021:** JSPS Pre/Post-doctoral Fellowship, Waseda University, School of Political Science and Economics
- 2020:** Visiting Researcher, Stockholm University, Demography Unit (SUDA)
- 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, Department of International Relations
- 2016-2017 & 2017-2018:** GTA, *Research Design in Political Science* (Undergraduate course), LSE, Department of Government

ONGOING PROJECTS

- Accountability and time lags: The electoral consequences of pension reform in the UK*
- Naturalisation Trends in post-Brexit Britain - a new citizen profile*
- Migration and Election Outcomes: Evidence from London*
With Joachim Wehner
- Migrants and the Economic Value of Family*
With Selina Hofstetter and Ben Wilson
- Age and electoral participation: The effect of lowering voting age in Japan*
With Airo Hino and Jaehyun Song

**CONFERENCES
AND
SELECTED
TALKS**

Accountability and time lags: The electoral consequences of pension reform in the UK. Presented at ECPR 2019, EPSA 2018, LSE's Political Behaviour Seminar 2018 and APSA 2018

Migration and Election Outcomes: Evidence from London. Presented at Stockholm University's SUDA Demographic Colloquium Series 2020, EPSA 2019 and LSE's Political Science and Political Economy Seminar 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**

2020: FY2020 Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Pre/Post-doctoral Fellowship for Research in Japan (Short-term)

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

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

2019: The Baroness Birk Award, 2nd 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 *International Political Science Association (IPSA)*, *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).

Postgraduate student representative, University of Essex, Government Department (2013-2014);

Course Representative for BA Politics with Human Rights students, University of Essex (2012-2013)

Big Essex Award (May 2013) - showcasing achievements of students involved in extra-curricular activities. It is awarded to people who dedicate their time in university not only to studies, but also to work and volunteer activities across campus.

Mentor and Head of the Mentoring Scheme, University of Essex, Human Rights Department (2011-2013)

LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

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

R, Stata, L^AT_EX, 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
and Senior Visiting Fellow, Department of Methodology, LSE
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