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Research Areas

Political Economy; Political Behaviour; Public Policy

Affiliations

Current

Research Officer, Dept. of Psychological & Behavioural Science , 2021— London School of Economics & Political Science

Senior Research Fellow (Hon.), Institute for Global Prosperity, 2021— University College London

Research Advisor, Gallup International, 2022—

Visiting Positions

Visiting Researcher, Spring 2024 Harvard University

Visiting Scholar, Quality of Government Institute, 2020 **Gothenburg University**

Research Assistant Visit, Department of Political Science, Spring 2019 **Yale University**

Education

Ph.D. Economics (2021)

Swansea University

M.Sc. Financial Economics (2016)

Cardiff Business School

- with Distinction
- Top of the class & Best Dissertation Award

Visiting Student (2012-13)

Ghent University

— Joint with a full time internship in the **Press office of the European Commission**

B.Sc. Economics and Regional Development (2015)

Panteion University

— with Distinction. Top 5% of the class

Research

Publications

- [11] Origin of (A)symmetry: Evolution of Out-Party Distrust in the United States (2024) with B. Klein Teeselink Journal of Politics, Accepted
- [10] Les Misérables: An analysis of suffering and misery across the world (2023) Laffan K., Kudrna L., & Dolan P. Frontiers in Psychology, Vol 14, 1107939.

R. & R.

- [9] Weather to Protest: The Effect of Black Lives Matter Protests on the 2020 Presidential Election with B. Klein
 - \rightarrow R & R (2nd stage), **Political Behavior**
 - → Discussed in Media: Economist; The Nation; Daily Caller; Waging NonViolence
 - → Interviewed by: Social Change Lab

Book Chapters

[1] Regional job polarization in OECD countries, in "OECD Handbook on labour market transformations", Edward Elgar, Forthcoming (2024)

Under Review - Working Papers

- [8] Aborting the confirmation bias: Partisanship and abortion news in the wake of Roe w. Wade overturn with T. Walsh and P. Dolan
- [7] Sleeping with the enemy: How partisanship shapes dating choices with Y. Sleiman and P. Dolan → Pre-registered here
- [6] Partisanship, government responsibility and charitable donations with B. Klein Teeselink
 - → Under Review, American Economic Review: Insights
 - → Discussed in: Marginal Revolution
- [5] Who Needs Security in a Crisis? Evidence from an In-the-Field Choice Experiment in Lebanon with Y. Sleiman, E. Pietrostefani, H. Moore
 - → Under Review, World Development
- [4] Remnants of civil war: Immediate and long-term effects of electoral oppression with V. Logothetis
- [3] Shifting involvements or Shifting Identities? The effect of clergy scandals on affective polarisation with B. Klein Teeselink
- [2] Emotions mitigate partisan motivated reasoning with J. Perez
 - → Under Review, Nature Human Behavior
- [1] Motivated reasoning in coalition governments with G. Kavetsos and C. Krekel

Grants (Total: 13 projects of >£1,3 million)

Large grants	Amount	Funder	Role
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Social Economy - Regional Policies for Supporting Social Economy Enterprises (2023)	£340,900	Interreg	co-I
Develop a levelling-up dashboard for the UK (2022)	£60,000	ESRC	co-I
Assessing welfare disparities in EU Regions (2021)	£165,000	EEA Grants	PI
REFUGE-ED Effective practices for the integration of refugee children (2020-23)	£298,000	Horizon 2020	co-I
PARTICIPATION - Analysing & Preventing Extremism/Radicalisation (2020-23)	£145,000	Horizon 2020	co-I
Informality in times of economic instability in Lebanon (2020-23)	£250,012	Leverhulme Trust	co-I
Developing an economy for belonging in the UK (2020-22)	£62,000	ESRC	co-I
Small grants	Amount	Funder	Role
Shifting Involvements or Shifting Identities? (2023)	£9,700	BA/Leverhulme	co-I
Endogenous Preferences: Choice to Actions (2023)	£3,000	LSE RIIF	PI
Asymmetric Partisan Motivated Reasoning (2023)	£8,500	UEL SEED	co-I
Public Choice Fellows Grant (2019)	£1,500	Public Choice	PI
Oversees Institutional Visit Grant (2019)	£7,500	ESRC	PI
ESRC Doctoral Award (fees and stipend) (2016)	£75,000	ESRC	PI

Teaching

Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (HEA), 2024 (pending final portfolio examination)

London School of Economics

'Causal Inference for Behavioural Science', M.Sc. Behavioural Science (core): 2023/24, 2022/23

- Module Leader
- \rightarrow Redesigned the class curriculum and evaluation
- → Developed a new learning **platform** for students to learn and interact

'Data Science for Social Scientists', B.Sc. programme (3rd year core): 2021/22

— Teaching Assistant

Swansea University

- '**Advanced Macroeconomics**', B.Sc. programme (2nd year core): 2018/19, 2017/18, 2016/17 Teaching Assistant
- '**Advanced Microeconomics**', B.Sc. programme (2nd year core): 2018/19, 2017/18, 2016/17 Teaching Assistant
- 'MaSS- Mathematics and Statistics Support', B.Sc. programme: 2018/19, 2017/18
- Course Leader

Students Supervision

 $\it M.Sc$ dissertations (13 Students), M.Sc. Behavioural Science - LSE — 2022/23

→ Student with the Best Dissertation Award, 5 students in top 10%

M.Sc dissertations (2 Students), M.Sc. Behavioural Science - LSE — 2022/23

 \rightarrow Student with the Best Dissertation Award, Both students in the top 10%

M.Sc dissertations (15 Students), M.Sc. Global Prosperity - UCL — 2020-21

→ Student with Best Dissertation Award, 5 students in the top 10%

Impact

Policy

Greece

- [7] **Hellenic Gambling Commission** Designed a policy intervention for betting caps in online casinos (2022) → **Policy report resulted a new Law on online betting & addiction**
- [6] **Central Macedonia Regional Authority** Designed and developed a regional Observatory for poverty, social inequalities & social exclusion in the Region of Central Macedonia (2019-23) Total project: 3.000.000 Euros
 - → Provided access to food banks, education and child support to more >1.000 families
 - → 5 Rounds of Primary survey data collection on social exclusion
 - \rightarrow 5 Annual Policy reports on income and inequalities
- [5] Ministry of Migration and Asylum Consulted on evaluating the projects/actions of two large EU Funds (>600 millions) for "Security" and "Asylum, Support and Integration" between 2017-2023
 - → 2 Policy Reports produced
 - ightarrow 1 policy experiment currently implemented
- [4] Ministry of Labour & Social Affairs Consulted on designing the Strategic Framework for the design and implementation of the policy toolkit of the Next Generation EU National Recovery and Resilience Fund (RRF)
 - → Participated in the development of the PM Office
 - → 1 Policy Recommendations Report currently implemented
 - → 5 Policy Implementations Experiments currently implemented
- [3] Ministry of Interior Consulted on designing the new framework to evaluate the skills & competences of public sector employees (2023)
 - ightarrow 2 Policy Reports produced
 - → 1 policy experiment currently implemented

- [2] Ministry of Development & Investments Consulted on designing the new Strategic Plan & Framework for the evaluation of the public sector restructuring policies (2022)
 - → 1 Policy Recommendations report currently implemented
- [1] **Hellenic Federation of Enterprises** Consulted on designing 4 policy evaluation projects on digital transformation and sustainable development (2022)
 - ightarrow 1 Policy Recommendations report currently implemented

UK

- [3] **London Longitudinal Study** Co-designed a 10-year study examining the prosperity of over 4,000 households in 15 areas of east London
 - \rightarrow 5 Policy reports after each survey wave
 - → 1 Policy dashboard (under construction
- [2] **Camden Council, Lendlease & Camden Giving** Co-designed a study to measure inequalities and livelihoods in 1.200 households in Camden with regards to providing access to Universal Basic Services
- [1] East London reskilling pilot experiment An experimental project for the digital transformation of 200 low-income households in Poplar, Tower Hamlets, by providing each participant household family with free broadband Internet, a Google Chromebook device, and basic information and communications technology (ICT) training and support.

Departmental Service

Organised Dissertation workshops for M.Sc. & Ph.D. students on Data cleaning, Quantitative analysis and Data visualisations, London School of Economics & Political Science, 2021—

Mentor to M.Sc. students (circa 12 students), London School of Economics & Political Science, 2022—

Member of the Ethics committee for grant applications, University College London, 2020-21

Postgraduate Tutor (circa 25 students annually), University College London, 2020-21

Undergraduate Tutor (circa 10 students annually), Swansea University, 2016-19

Refereeing

Journals:

– American Political Science Review; Economic Journal; Electoral Studies; Environment and Development Economics; Journal of Politics; Nature Human Behaviour; Political Behaviour

Grants:

- Horizon 2020
- ESRC
- Erasmus +

RA supervision

Clemens Bauer-Mitterlehner (Current), Placement: Research Fellow in Economics - University College London

Mathew Sushil (2022-23), Placement: PhD in Economics and Public Policy - Imperial College London

Yara Sleiman (2020-22), Placement: PhD in Political Science - University College London

Giorgio Maarraoui (2020-22), Placement: PhD in Economics - Manchester University

Conferences, Seminars & Talks

Presenting

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2024 — LSE, SPSA, Bank of Greece, PSA
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2023 — LSE, UCL, IOEA (Invited), Oxford, Political Psychology Seminar (PSA)

2022 — LSE, UCL, ULB (Invited), IOEA, ISPP, Reading

2021 — LSE, ILO, RELIEF, UCL - Some events cancelled due to COVID-19

2020 — Panteion University, Public Choice Society Annual Conference, RELIEF Conference, Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB), International Economics Association Congress (July) - *Some events cancelled due to COVID-19*

2019 — Yale, Public Choice Society , Athens (AUEB), WISERD, World Interdisciplinary Network for Institutional Research, UCL, Oxford (Invited)

2018 — Swansea, Athens University of Economics and Business - AUEB, IOEA, Cardiff, SIOE, WISERD

Organising

'Assessing welfare disparities in EU Regions - workshop', March 2022

'Post-Covid Recovery and Employment - workshop', University College London, May 2021

Languages

Greek (native), English (fluent), French (very good)