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## Research Interests

International Relations, Comparative Politics, Conflict Processes, Human Rights, Authoritarianism, Democratization, Maximum Likelihood, Spatial Econometrics.

## Employment

- 2021 – present Assistant Professor, School of Law and Government, Dublin City University.  
2018 – 2021 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Trinity College Dublin.

## Education

- 2014 – 2018 PhD in Government, University of Essex (July 2018)  
2012 – 2013 MSc (with Distinction) International Public Policy, University College London.  
2008 – 2011 BA in European Administration, Babes-Bolyai University.

## Research

### *Peer Reviewed Publications*

6. 2023. Copy thy neighbour: Spatial interdependence in the democracy-repression nexus - *Online First at Journal of Human Rights*.
5. 2023. Democratization boost or bust? Voter turnout after democratic transitions - *Online First at Comparative Political Studies*.
4. 2023. Going, going, gone? Varieties of dissent and leader exit (with Kristian Skrede Gleditsch and Marius Radean) - *Journal of Peace Research*, 60(5): 729-744.
3. 2020. How do inclusionary and exclusionary autocracies affect ordinary people? (with Anja Neundorff and Johannes Gerschewski). *Comparative Political Studies*, 53(12): 1890-1925.
2. 2019. Do they know something we don't? Diffusion of repression in authoritarian regimes. *Journal of Peace Research*, 56(5): 667-681.
1. 2019. Fait accompli, or live to fight another day? Deterring and surviving coups in authoritarian regimes, 1950-2007. *Research&Politics*, 6(1).

*Public Scholarship & Non-Peer Reviewed*

4. 2023. People love to vote in a new democracy – and then they rapidly lose interest. *The Conversation*, 20th December.
3. 2020. Militaries and COVID-19: Implications for Human Rights and Democracy (with Katariina Mustasilta). *Political Violence @ a Glance*, 19th May.
2. 2020. The (Non)Democratic Effects of COVID19. Which regimes will recover?. *Political Violence @ a Glance*, 16th April.
1. 2014. Peace and Power Sharing in Sudan. *Conflict Studies Quarterly*, 8, July, 17-25.

*Under Review*

1. Winds of change: Democratic transitions and long-term democratic support (with Anja Neundorf).
2. Lock in or delay democracy? Transitions, autocratic elites and human rights treaty commitment.
3. Autocratic Revolving Doors.
4. Citizens' Conflict Exposure Has Lasting, but Mixed Effects on Their Support for Democracy (with Manuel Vogt).
5. Authoritarian imprinting: The long-term impact of authoritarian education on democratic support (with Anja Neundorf, Natasha Ezrow, Johannes Gerschewski and Rosalind Shorrocks).

*Work in Progress*

1. Purges or reshuffles? Elite management strategies and autocratic survival (with Alex Baturo) - *working paper*.
2. Voting for Democracy? Candidates' autocratic past and voter perceptions (with Michael Albertus) - *pre-analysis plan*.
3. Secret police collaborators and electoral punishment in new democracies: Evidence from Poland (with Monika Nalepa) - *in progress*.

## Teaching Experience

**Instructor/Lecturer**, School of Law and Government, Dublin City University, August 2021 - present.

- International Relations Theory (MA).
- Political Ideologies (3rd year undergraduate)
- Introduction to Research Design and Methods (2nd year undergraduate).
- Applied Comparative Research (2nd year undergraduate).

**Instructor/Lecturer**, Department of Political Science, Trinity College Dublin, August 2018 - July 2021.

- International Politics (MSc).
- Human Rights (4th year undergraduate)
- Autocracy (4th year undergraduate).
- Democracy and Development (Corruption) (3rd year undergraduate).

**Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of Government, University of Essex, October 2015 – April 2018.

- Scientific Reasoning for Social Sciences.
- Comparative Political Analysis.
- Conflict and Cooperation.
- Introduction to OLS.
- Authoritarianism and Corruption.

**Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Essex Summer School in Social Science Analysis, University of Essex, July 2015 - August 2018.

- Panel Data Analysis for Comparative Research (July 2018).
- Spatial Econometrics (August 2017).
- Survival Analysis and Event History Modelling (July 2017).
- Beyond OLS: Count and Duration Models (July 2016).
- Applying Regression (July 2015).

## Selected Funding Awards

Support Grant for ERC StG Application, Enterprise Ireland, 2023, \$15,000.

Visiting Research Fellowship, Carlo Alberto College, Turin, Italy, May-June 2023, \$4,500. (declined).

Research Mobility Fund, European Consortium of Innovative Universities, 2022, \$3,850.

Charlemont Grant, Royal Irish Academy, 2022, \$3,000.

"Novel Research in People Power, Peace Processes, and Democratization", United States Institute of Peace, 2020-2021, \$31,000.

Arts and Social Sciences Benefactions Fund, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, 2019-2021, \$3,500.

Visiting Professorship Fund, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, 2019, \$1,000.

University of Essex Doctoral Scholarship, 2014-2017, \$55,000.

Visiting Researcher Fellowship, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), Oslo, Norway, May 2017, \$1,500.

International Studies Association conference travel grant, March 2016, \$400.

Peace and Conflict Research Workshop Grant, Uppsala University, Sweden, December 2015, \$4,500.

American Political Science Association conference travel grant, September 2015, \$400.

Olympia Summer Seminar participation scholarship, July 2012, \$800.

North American European Summer Academy scholarship, July 2010, \$1,200.

Student Excellence Scholarship, Faculty of European Studies, University of Babes-Bolyai, 2008-2011, \$1,000.

## Research Visits and Stays

University of Oslo, Norway, April 2023.

University of Chicago, USA, October 2022.

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain, June 2022.

Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), Oslo, Norway, May 2017.

## Policy Consultancy Work

**December 2023 – present.**    **Research Consultant**, National Democratic Institute, Washington, DC.

**July – December 2020.**        **Research Consultant**, NORC at the University of Chicago,  
(for USAID’s Democracy, Rights, and Governance (DRG) Center, Washington, DC).

## Invited Talks and Presentations

Comparative Institutions and Regimes Workshop, University of Oslo, April 2023.

Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Chicago, October 2022.

Democracy, Elections and Citizens Research Group, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, June 2022.

“Securing the Victory” Workshop, Peace Research Institute Oslo, December 2021, 2022.

“Civil Resistance Transitions: Dialogue, Trust, and Democracy”, United States Institute of Peace, April 2021.

Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2022, 2023.

Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2022, 2023.

Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2017, 2021, 2023.

Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, 2016, 2021, 2023.

“Inequality in Autocracies” Workshop, University of Konstanz, Germany, December 2019.

“Covid-19 and Challenges to Democracy”, Trinity Research in Social Sciences Webinar, June 2020.

“East-West Relations, 30 years on from the Cold War”, Trinity Research in Social Sciences, Dublin, Ireland, November 2019.

International Relations Workshop, Stanford University, United States of America, October 2019.

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2015, 2017, 2019.

“Civil Resistance and Democratization” Workshop, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Norway, November 2018.

Nuffield Annual Graduate Conference, University of Oxford, June 2017, Oxford, United Kingdom.

“Institutions and Conflict” Workshop, June 2016, University of Genoa, Italy.

Uppsala-Essex Conflict Research Workshop, December 2015, Uppsala University, Sweden.

PhD Colloquium of the Research School of Peace and Conflict, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), April 2015, Oslo, Norway.

Conflict Consortium Virtual Workshop, February 2013.

## Research Methods Training

Generalized Linear Models, Essex Summer School in Social Science Analysis, July 2017.

Spatial Econometrics, Essex Summer School in Social Science Analysis, August 2016.

Data Analysis with R, Essex Summer School in Social Science Analysis, July 2016.

Geographic Information Systems for Political Analysis, University of Essex, May 2016.

Maximum Likelihood Models, Essex Summer School in Social Science Analysis, August 2015.

Panel Data Analysis for Comparative Research, Essex Summer School in Social Science Analysis, July/August 2015.

Advanced Research Methods, University of Essex, 2014-2015.

Stata and Mathematics Boot Camp (STAMP), University of Essex, October 2014.

## Administrative and Project Experience

Co-convenor of Brownbag Research Seminar, Department of Political Science, Trinity College Dublin, September 2019 – July 2021.

Organizer of Friday Research Seminar, Department of Political Science, Trinity College Dublin, August 2018 – July 2021.

Field research, focus group coordination and data collection in Uganda, January 2018.

Research Assistant “Legacy of Authoritarian Regimes”, Economic and Social Research Council grant (PI: Anja Neundorf), University of Nottingham, May 2016 – August 2017.

Research Fellow “Conflict, Strategies, and Violence”, European Research Council grant (PI: Kristian Skrede Gleditsch), University of Essex, July 2015 – March 2016.

Organizer of the Uppsala-Essex Conflict Research Workshop, December 2015, Uppsala University, Sweden.

## Professional Affiliations

Member of the American Political Science Association; European Political Science Association; Network of European Peace Scholars; International Studies Association; Mid-West Political Science Association, March 2015 - present.

Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy, United Kingdom, August 2016 – present.

Fellow at the Michael Nicholson Centre for Conflict and Cooperation, University of Essex, May 2015 – present.

PhD Fellow of the Research School on Peace and Conflict, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), April 2015 – July 2018.