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APPOINTMENTS

London School of Economics and Political Science

Assistant Professor in Political Science and Public Policy

2025 -

Princeton University, School of Public and International Affairs

Postdoctoral Fellow at the Center for the Study of Democratic Politics (CSDP)

2024-2025

EDUCATION

New York University

Ph.D. in Politics 2019–2024

- Dissertation: "Essays on the Politics of Local Bureaucracies"
- Committee: Hye Young You (Chair), Sanford Gordon, Julia Payson, Tara Slough, Arthur Spirling

London School of Economics and Political Science

MSc Political Science and Political Economy, with distinction

2016-2017

University of Mannheim

BA Political Science, Minor: Economics, with distinction

2013-2016

Research Interests

Substantive: American Political Institutions, Bureaucratic Politics, Local Politics, Political Economy

Methodological: Natural Experiments, Spatial Data, Text Data

ACCEPTED & PUBLISHED WORK

"Sorting for K-Street: Post-Employment Regulations and Strategic Wage Setting in Congress", Forthcoming at Journal of Politics

"Multilanguage Word Embeddings for Social Scientists: Estimation, Inference and Validation Resources for 157 Languages" (with Pedro L. Rodriguez, Arthur Spirling, and Brandon M. Stewart; Forthcoming at Political Analysis)

Working Papers & Work in Progress

"Political Power of Bureaucratic Agents: Evidence from Policing in New York City"

"Diverse Forces? Investigating Determinants of Political Diversity in US Urban Bureaucracy"

"Bureaucratic Resistance and Policy Inefficiency" (with Kun Heo)

"State Coercion and the Political Mobilization of US Teachers" (with Roxanne Rahnama)

"The Political Consequences of Police Slowdowns" (with Arvind Krishnamurthy and Dvir Yogev)

"The Revolving Door for Political Elites: Policymakers' Professional Background and Financial Regulation" (EBRD Working Paper 222, 2018)

GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Urban Doctoral Fellowship (New York University)	2023
Virginia Gray Graduate Research Award (APSA POP section)	2022
PolMeth Travel and Participation Award (Political Methodology Society, declined)	2022
George Downs Grant (New York University)	2022, 2023
MacCracken Fellowship (New York University)	2019 – 2024
DAAD Carlo-Schmid Fellowship (German Academic Exchange Service)	2017-2018
Youth ResearchEdge Winner (OECD Anti-Corruption & Integrity Forum)	2017
MSc PSPE Prize for Best Dissertation (London School of Economics)	2017
DAAD Graduate Scholarship (German Academic Exchange Service)	2016-2017
Best Overall Performance, BA Political Science (ABSOLVENTUM Mannheim)	2016
Study Scholarship (German National Academic Foundation)	2013-2017
Presentations	
invited Talks & Workshops	
Columbia University (Political Economy Seminar); Princeton University (Conference on Local Political Institutions, Bureaucracy, and Interest Groups)	2025
Princeton University (CSDP Colloquium); Quality of Government Institute, Gothenburg (20 year celebration); Princeton-SNII Summer Institute; CBS (Money in Politics Con-	2024

American University (Department of Government); University of Texas at Austin (LBJ School of Public Affairs); University of Virginia (Frank Batten School of Leadership & Public Policy); Indiana University Bloomington (Department of Political Science); University of California San Diego (Department of Political Science); London School of Economics and Political Science (Government Department); University of Rochester (Department of Political Science); MIT (Department of Political Science); European University Institute (Department of Political and Social Sciences); Aarhus University (Department of Political Science); Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science (NEWEPS) 20; NYU-LSE Conference on Political Economy

ference); UChicago (Conference on Presidential Power, the Administrative State, and

European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (Office of the Chief Economist, Speaker Series); Local Political Economy APSA Pre-Conference; CBS (Money in Politics Conference); Monash-Warwick-Zurich Text-as-Data Workshop; Text-as-Data (TADA) Annual Conference

2018 OECD Anti-Corruption and Integrity Forum; 7th Mannheim Energy Conference; 2018 Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (Workshop on Political Economy); 2018 NICEP Conference

Annual Meetings

American Democracy)

American Political Science Association: 2021–2024 Midwest Political Science Association: 2023–2024 European Political Science Association: 2021 Society for Political Methodology: 2022 2023

2022

2016-2019

TEACHING

Text as Data (graduate) Spring 2023

TA for Prof. Arthur Spirling

Quantitative Methods III (graduate) Fall 2022, Spring 2024

TA for Prof. Tara Slough

Power and Politics in America (undergraduate) Spring 2022

TA for Prof. Chris Dawes

Introduction to Research Methods (undergraduate) Fall 2021

TA for Prof. Hye Young You

Research Assistant for Prof. Hye Young You

EXPERIENCE

NYU Public Safety Lab

Straduate Research Affiliate

New York, NY

2021-present

NYU, Research AssistantNew York, NYResearch Assistant for Prof. Arthur Spirling2021–2022Research Assistant for Prof. Dimitri Landa2021

University of Mannheim, Chair of Econometrics

Lusaka, ZM

Research Associate for Prof. Markus Frölich

2018–2019

European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

Analyst at the Office of the Chief Economist

2017–2018

Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW)

Intern at the Research Group "International Distribution and Redistribution"

2016

EU Office of the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation (FES)

Seminar Assistant

2015–2016

Collaborative Research Centre 884

Research Assistant for Prof. Thomas König & Prof. Nicole Rae Baerg

2014–2016

Relevant Skills

Computing Skills: R, Stata, Stan, LATEX, Python, SQL

Languages: German (native), English (near native), Spanish (advanced), French (basic)

Professional Service

Co-Organizer: NEWEPS-18 (2022), NYU Politics Department Women's Informal Network (2022-2023)

Discussant: Copenhagen Money in Politics Conference 2022, 2024

Reviewer: Journal of Politics; American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review

2020