

# INESSA DE ANGELIS

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## Education

### PhD in Information

2024 – present

*University of Toronto*

*Specialization:* Political communication, gender and politics, and computational social science

*Committee:* Dr. Rohan Alexander (Supervisor), Dr. Chris Cochrane, Dr. Bree McEwan

### Master of Information

2022 – 2024

*University of Toronto*

*Thesis:* Torrential Twitter: Climate Change, Female Politicians, and Harassment

*Committee:* Dr. Rohan Alexander (Supervisor), Dr. Kelly Lyons, Dr. Semra Sevi

### Honours Bachelor of Arts

2018 – 2022

*University of Ottawa*

Double Major in Communication & History, graduated Magna Cum Laude

*Specialization:* Political communication, media studies, and European history

## Peer-reviewed publications

**De Angelis, I.**, and Alexander, R. (2025). What are Canadian Members of Parliament doing on Bluesky? *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, 1–22. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0008423925100619>

Media coverage: [David Akin's Roundup \(October 31, 2025\)](#)

**De Angelis, I.** (2024). Torrential Twitter? Measuring the Severity of Harassment when Canadian Female Politicians Tweet about Climate Change. *Social Media + Society*, 10(4), 1–17. <https://doi.org/10.1177/20563051241304493>

## Under Review

### Papers

**De Angelis, I.** Using GitHub Actions for Computational Communication Research. *Under review*.

Katz, L., **De Angelis, I.**, and Alexander, R. Do Women Politicians Face More Interruptions? An Analysis of Interjections in the Australian Parliamentary Debates (1998–2025). *Under review*.

### Book

McKay, S., Robbins-Kanter, J., and **De Angelis, I.** Leaders' Debates in Canada. *Under review*.

## Work in Progress

### Papers

**De Angelis, I.** Leeching Legitimacy: The Parasitic Use of YouTube by Canadian Conservative Politicians. Extended abstract accepted, invited to submit full paper to *Digital Journalism*'s Special Issue on "Bypassing Journalism: Journalists and Politicians in a Changing Media Landscape."

## Datasets

**De Angelis, I.** (2024). Canadian Politicians on YouTube [Data set]. Zenodo. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.12746968>

## Public Scholarship

**De Angelis, I.** (2025, April 16). Growing threats faced by women candidates undermine our democracy. *The Conversation*. <https://theconversation.com/growing-threats-faced-by-women-candidates-undermine-our-democracy-254371>

Republished in: *The Hamilton Spectator, The Peterborough Examiner, St. Catharines Standard, The Waterloo Region Record, Niagara Falls Review, Welland Tribune, Yahoo News (Canada), MSN*.

Cited by: *Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians - 2025 Canadian Regional Report*.

## Scholarships & Awards

<b>Canada Graduate Scholarship – Doctoral (CGS – D)</b> Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada <i>CAD \$120,000</i>	2025 – 2028
<b>Excellence Award</b> Faculty of Information, University of Toronto <i>CAD \$25,000</i>	2025 – 2028
<b>Ontario Graduate Scholarship (<i>declined</i>)</b> Government of Ontario <i>CAD \$15,000</i>	2025 – 2026
<b>Research Fellowship</b> Faculty of Information, University of Toronto <i>CAD \$16,000</i>	2025 – 2026
<b>Dean’s Award for Academic Achievement in Culture &amp; Technology</b> Faculty of Information, University of Toronto <i>CAD \$250</i>	2025
<b>Excellence Award</b> Faculty of Information, University of Toronto <i>CAD \$5,000</i>	2024 – 2025
<b>Ontario Graduate Scholarship</b> Government of Ontario <i>CAD \$15,000</i>	2024 – 2025
<b>Allan and Jean Howarth Ontario Graduate Scholarship</b> Government of Ontario <i>CAD \$15,000</i>	2023 – 2024
<b>Canada Graduate Scholarship – Masters (CGS – M)</b> Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada <i>CAD \$17,500</i>	2022 – 2023
<b>Ontario Graduate Scholarship (<i>declined</i>)</b> Government of Ontario <i>CAD \$15,000</i>	2022 – 2023
<b>Dean’s Honour List &amp; Merit Scholarship</b> University of Ottawa <i>CAD \$6,000</i>	2019 – 2022
<b>Admissions Scholarship</b> University of Ottawa <i>CAD \$4,000</i>	2018

## Teaching Experience

### **Department of Political Science, University of Toronto**

*Teaching Assistant, POL382 – Topics in Canadian Politics (Political Representation)*

Winter 2026

*Teaching Assistant, POL319 – Elections and Voting*

Fall 2025

### **Faculty of Information, University of Toronto**

*Teaching Assistant, INF1001 – Introduction to Critical Information Policy Studies*

Fall 2024, 2025

*Teaching Assistant, INF1339 – Introduction to Computational Thinking*

Fall 2024

### **Data Sciences Institute, University of Toronto**

*Content Developer, Data Science & Machine Learning Certificate Program*

Fall 2023

## Research Experience

### **Graduate Research Assistant**

*Dr. Rohan Alexander, Faculty of Information, University of Toronto*

October 2023 – April 2024

### **Undergraduate Research Assistant**

*Dr. Elizabeth Dubois, Pol Comm Tech Lab, University of Ottawa*

June 2021 – January 2022

## Conference Presentations & Invited Talks

### **New Platform, Old Strategies? Electioneering on Bluesky in the 2025 Canadian Federal Election** (with Rohan Alexander)

(Upcoming) June 2-4, 2026, Canadian Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Ottawa, ON

### **Using GitHub Actions for Computational Communication Research**

January 22, 2026, Talent Showcase, Data Sciences Institute, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON (Poster)

### **Do Women Politicians Face More Interruptions? An Analysis of Interjections in the Australian Parliamentary Debates (1998-2025)** (with Lindsay Katz\* and Rohan Alexander)

\* Presenting author for ASQPS

December 4, 2025, Thirteenth Annual Conference of the Australian Society for Quantitative Political Science, Monash University, Melbourne, AU

November 7, 2025, Toronto Political Behaviour Workshop, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON (Poster)

### **Innovations in Feminist Methodology: An Emerging Scholar Showcase** (Panelist)

June 4, 2025, Canadian Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON

### **The Cost of Comments: Gendered Online Harassment of Canadian Politicians on YouTube**

June 16, 2025, International Communication Association Annual Conference, Denver, CO, USA

June 5, 2025, Canadian Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON

June 2, 2025, Canadian Communication Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON

May 28, 2025, Politics & Gender 20th Anniversary Conference, Rutgers University, NJ, USA (Declined)

### **Using YouTube Data to Measure Online Harassment in Canadian Politics**

August 21, 2025, Computational Social Science Lab, University of Sydney, Sydney, AU

August 14, 2025, The Global Institute for Women's Leadership, the Australian National University, Canberra, AU

July 30, 2025, Department of Politics, Media and Philosophy, La Trobe University, Melbourne, AU

July 23, 2025, Digital Media Research Centre, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, AU

May 14, 2025, STATSTRO 2025 Workshop, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON ([slides](#))

## **Torrential Twitter: Climate Change, Female Politicians & Harassment**

July 18, 2024, 10th International Conference on Computational Social Science, Philadelphia, PA, USA (*Poster*)

May 21, 2024, Department of Statistical Sciences, Brown Bag Seminar, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON

May 3, 2024, MapleMeth (Canadian Political Methodology) Conference, Western University, London, ON

January 18, 2024, Bell Chair Graduate Student Conference in Canadian Politics, Carleton University, Ottawa, ON

March 11, 2023, Activate: iConference, Faculty of Information, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON

## **Setting the Agenda in Canadian Leaders' Debates** (with Spencer McKay\* and Jacob Robbins-Kanter)

\*Presenting author

June 13, 2024, Canadian Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, QC

March 29, 2024, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC

## **Guest Lectures**

### **Platform Governance & Online Harassment**

November 3, 2025

INFO1001 – Introduction to Critical Information Policy Studies, Masters Course

*Faculty of Information, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON*

### **Designing a Data Science Project: A Case Study of Canadian MPs on Bluesky**

October 15 & 16, 2025

INF1344 – Introduction to Statistics for Data Science (2 sections), Masters Course

*Faculty of Information, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON*

### **Using GitHub Actions to Enhance Reproducible Research**

October 6, 2025

STA4101 – Topics in Statistical Data Science, Masters Course

*Department of Statistical Sciences, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON*

### **Measuring Online Harassment in Canadian Politics**

August 15, 2025

GOVT6139 – Research Design, Masters Course

*Department of Government and International Relations, University of Sydney, Sydney, AU*

### **Platform Governance & Online Harassment**

November 25, 2024

INFO1001 – Introduction to Critical Information Policy Studies, Masters Course

*Faculty of Information, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON*

### **Parliamentary Affairs & The Legislative Process**

October 14, 2021

Grade 9 Critical Thinking & Communications Class

*West Point Grey Academy (High School), Vancouver, BC*

### **From Free to Soviet Levels of Control: Exploring Democracy in Relation to the Recent**

### **Developments in Mass Media Regulation in Russia**

October 31, 2019

CMN5160 – Political Uses of Media, Masters Course

*Department of Communication, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON*

## **Professional Experience (select)**

### **Acting Director of Operations & Executive Assistant to the Minister**

December 2021 – September 2022

*Office of the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, Ottawa, ON*

### **Special Assistant & Parliamentary Office Manager**

January – December 2021

*Hon. Joyce Murray, MP for Vancouver Quadra, Ottawa, ON*

### **Parliamentary Assistant**

September 2018 – January 2021

*Hon. John McKay, MP for Scarborough-Guildwood, Ottawa, ON*

- Executed stakeholder outreach, media relations, and promotion of [Bill S-211 – Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act](#) (received Royal Assent May 2023)

**Constituency Assistant**  
*Hon. Joyce Murray, MP for Vancouver Quadra, Vancouver, BC*

June 2017 – August 2018

## Community Service & Outreach (select)

<b>PhD Student Representative, PhD Recruitment and Admissions Committee</b> <i>Faculty of Information, University of Toronto</i>	September 2025 – present
<b>Faculty of Information Student Gonfaloniere</b> <i>Installation Ceremony of Professor Melanie A. Woodin as the 17th President of the University of Toronto</i>	October 17, 2025
<b>Chair, Research Salon Organizing Committee</b> <i>Doctoral Student Association, Faculty of Information, University of Toronto</i>	September 2024 – April 2025
<b>Communications Coordinator</b> <i>The iJournal, Faculty of Information, University of Toronto</i>	October 2022 – May 2024
<b>Steering Committee Member</b> <i>Equal Voice, National Capital Region Branch, Ottawa, ON</i>	April 2021 – June 2022
<b>Organizer</b> <i>Getting Involved in Politics as a Young Woman – Workshop Series, Vancouver, BC</i>	November 2020 – January 2021
<b>Chair, Vancouver Quadra Constituency Youth Council</b> <i>Hon. Joyce Murray, MP for Vancouver Quadra, Vancouver, BC</i>	August 2016 – August 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Inessa De Angelis Award – community leadership award created by Hon. Joyce Murray, MP – 2018</li><li>• Interviewed by the <i>Samara Centre for Democracy</i> for my expertise in organizing youth councils and contributed to the <a href="#">Local Youth Councils &amp; Engaging Youth Between Elections</a> reports.</li></ul>	

## Public Talks & Outreach (select)

<b>Data Science Faculty &amp; Student Panel Discussion</b> <i>Data Science and Programming Bootcamp, Faculty of Information, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON</i>	September 13, 2025
<b>Empowering the Next Generation of Women Leaders Panel Discussion</b> <i>Girls Who Lead Speaker Summit, Toronto, ON</i>	November 10, 2024
<b>Youth Engagement in Canadian Politics (Keynote Speech)</b> <i>Vancouver Youth Model United Nations 2023 Junior Conference, Vancouver, BC</i>	October 28, 2023
<b>Parliamentary Flairs: My Experiences in Canadian Politics</b> <i>West Point Grey Academy High School Model United Nations Club Engagement Session, Vancouver, BC</i>	September 28, 2021

## Research Stays & Visiting Positions

<b>Visiting Fellow</b> <i>ARC Centre of Excellence for Automated Decision-Making and Society, University of Sydney, Australia</i>	August 2025
<b>Visiting Fellow</b> <i>Digital Media Research Centre, Queensland University of Technology, Australia</i>	July 2025

## Professional Service

**Journal Reviewer:** *Computational Communication Research, Politics & Gender*

**Conference Reviewer:** *International Communication Association (2024, 2025), International Conference for Computational Social Science (2025), International Conference on Social Media + Society (2026)*

**Conference Session Chair:** Canadian Communication Association (2025)

## In the Media

Interview for *The Guardian*: ‘Attacked no matter what they do’: why female politicians face relentless cycle of abuse.  
Ashifa Kassam. November 12, 2025.

## Professional Memberships

**International Communication Association**

*Divisions:* Communication & Technology, Computational Methods, Feminist Scholarship, and Political Communication

**Canadian Communication Association**

**Canadian Political Science Association**

**Data Sciences Institute, University of Toronto**

**Equal Voice**

## Skills & Languages

**Software:** R, Python, SPSS, GitHub, GitHub Actions, Gephi, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

**Social Media:** Twitter (X), Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube, Bluesky, Mailchimp

**Graphic Design:** Microsoft Publisher, Adobe InDesign, Canva

**Gender-Based Analysis:** Introduction to Gender-Based Analysis+ – Government of Canada Certification

**Languages:** English (Native), French (Intermediate – Government of France DELF A2 Certified), Italian (Elementary)