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EDUCATION

King's College London

PhD Political Economy

2022 - Current

Thesis: 'The Politics of Economic Shocks: Differences between Eurozone and Covid-19 Crises'
Supervisors: Dr Rubén Ruiz Rufino, Professor Shaun Hargreaves Heap, Dr Matia Vannoni

University of Zurich

Research Visit

Apr-Jun 2025

Host: Professor Silja Häusermann

King's College London

MA Political Economy

2020 - 2021

Distinction

Thesis: 'A Return of Responsiveness? Voters' Preferences and Policy Shifts of European Parties after the Eurozone Crisis'

King's College London

BSc (Hons) Politics

2017 - 2020

First Class Honours

Thesis: 'Who is to Blame for What? Economic Voting and Government Responsibility in the Eurozone Crisis'

WORKING PAPERS

- Introducing *CommonsCorpus*: A Comprehensive Dataset of the House of Commons' Parliamentary Speeches (with Dr Joshua Cova, *under review*)

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Keeping mum about debt: The impact of party cues on public fiscal preferences
- Releasing the Brake? Fiscal Rules, Public Attitudes, and the Covid-19 Pandemic
- The Euro Tower of Babel - A Cross-Country Analysis of the ECB-Related Media Coverage (with Dr Siria Angino)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

King's College London

Guest Lecturer

- 5SSPP211 Institutions, Economics and Change Mar 2024
Graduate Teaching Assistant
- 5SSPP241 Statistics for Political Science II Sep 2025 - Current
- 6SSPP373 The Political Economy of Inequality Jan-Jun 2025
- 5SSPP211 Institutions, Economics and Change Jan-Jun 2022, Jan-Jun 2023
- 5SSPP265 Left-Right Divide in Advanced Economies Sep 2023 - Jan 2024
- 5SSPP230 European Union: Power, Politics and Economics Nov 2023

University College London

Senior Postgraduate Teaching Assistant

- PUBL0055 Introduction to Quantitative Methods (MSc) Sep 2024 - Jan 2025

RELEVANT RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

King's College London <i>Research Assistant, Dr Mona Morgan-Collins</i>	<i>Jun 2023, Apr 2024</i>
King's College London <i>Research Assistant, Dr Matia Vannoni</i>	<i>Jul 2023 - Jan 2024</i>
European Central Bank <i>Trainee - Strategic Communication Section</i>	<i>Sep 2021 - Aug 2022</i>
King's College London <i>Undergraduate Research Fellow</i>	<i>Jun 2019 - Jul 2019</i>

FURTHER TRAINING

Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis , Advanced Methods for Text as Data	<i>Aug 2024</i>
Oxford Spring School in Advanced Research Methods , Survey & Field Experiments	<i>Apr 2024</i>

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

LISS DTP 1+3 Scholarship , Economic and Social Research Council (£85,000)	<i>2020-21, 2022-Current</i>
PGTA Excellence in Student Feedback Award , University College London	<i>2024</i>
Global Research Grant , King's College London (£2,000)	<i>2024</i>
Overseas Institutional Visit , LISS DTP (£1,500)	<i>2024</i>
Essex Summer School SSPP Faculty Funding , King's College London (£1,200)	<i>2024</i>
Best Overall Performance in MA Political Economy , King's College London, (£100)	<i>2021</i>
Best Dissertation in MA Political Economy , King's College London (£100)	<i>2021</i>
Best Overall Performance in BA/BSc Politics Year 2 , King's College London (£100)	<i>2019</i>
King's Experience Research Award , King's College London	<i>2019</i>
Best Overall Performance in BA/BSc Politics Year 1 , King's College London (£100)	<i>2018</i>

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

· Max Planck Summer School for Women in Political Economy, Cologne	<i>22-25 Sep 2025</i>
· ECPR General Conference, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	<i>26-28 Aug 2025</i>
· APSA's Virtual Dissertation Workshop: New Topics in European Politics	<i>12,16 June 2025</i>
· Swiss Politics and Comparative Political Economy Chair Workshop, University of Zurich	<i>7 May 2025</i>
· European Politics Chair Colloquium, ETH Zurich	<i>14 Apr 2025</i>
· Zurich Political Economy Seminar Series, ETH/University of Zurich	<i>9 Apr 2025</i>
· Conference of Europeanists (CES), Lyon	<i>3-5 Jul 2024</i>
· British and Comparative Political Economy ECR Workshop, King's College London	<i>3 Nov 2023</i>
· Circle U. PhD Workshop in Public Governance, King's College London	<i>11-12 Oct 2023</i>

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Reviewer: Journal of Public Policy
Mentor for KCL International PGR Buddy Scheme

SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Language Skills Italian (Native), English (Bilingual), Spanish (Intermediate), French (Basic)
Software Skills Stata, R, Python, L^AT_EX, MS Office tools