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## EDUCATION

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- **London School of Economics** London, UK  
*Ph.D. in International Relations* Sep. 2014 – Sep. 2018
- **Uppsala University** Uppsala, Sweden  
*Master of Social Science in Peace and Conflict Studies* Aug. 2010 – June. 2012

## EXPERIENCE

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- **UCDP** (Remote)  
*Research Scientist [R, Python]* Jan 2019 - Present
  - **Natural Language Processing:** I employ industrial solutions (SpaCy) to tokenise unstructured, multilingual text mined from aggregated news sources and human rights reports.
  - **Quantitative Text Analysis:** I recover meaning from tokenised text (approx. 48 million) that are actionable for policy makers using content/correspondence analysis and topic modelling.
  - **Supervised Learning:** I train ensemble models of binary- and multi-classification algorithms (Naive Bayes, Random Forest, Support Vector Machines, XGBoost) to automate the labelling process using a sample set of annotated events coded by humans.
  - **Active Learning:** I increase the predictive accuracy of the models (~10%) by having human annotators validate the predictions at regular intervals using the Prodigy annotation tool.
- **London School of Economics** London, UK  
*Software Developer [R]* Sep 2018 - Present
  - **Software:** [quanteda](#) is a popular R package (256K total downloads; 16K downloads/month) for quantitative text analysis. As a member of the Quanteda Initiative, I work on a commercial, scalable (up to 1,000 users) graphical user interface (GUI) cloud application using the interactive R-Shiny framework.
  - **Team Management:** I manage contracted R and JavaScript programmers (up to 3-5 at a time) building the infrastructure of the GUI via weekly video conferences and daily GitHub issue/milestone management.
- **Alan Turing Institute** London, UK  
*Developer [R, Python]* Dec 2017
  - **Predictive Modelling:** I built an interactive app for the UK Cabinet office for forecasting radical terrorism in the UK based on 300 profiles of convicted terrorists.
- **University College London** London, UK  
*Researcher [R]* Sep 2015 - 2017
  - **R package:** I designed an intuitive Random Forest fitter (RebelCast) for time-series-cross-section data to forecast escalation and severity of armed conflict which improves upon baseline models by 3%-26%.

## INTERACTIVE APPS

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- **Adavis:** Visualises political polarisation in the US Congress over the last 70 years based on voting patterns consisting of 36K roll-call votes. [\[App\]](#) [\[Code\]](#)
- **Gender Bias:** Breaks down the gender bias in a leading UK higher education institution reading list comprised of 13K publications finding a 80/20 divide favouring male authors. [\[App\]](#) [\[Code\]](#)

## AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND GRANTS

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- **Knowledge Exchange & Impact Strategy Group Fund:** LSE. 2018. *2,000 GBP*.
- **Sir Patrick Gillam Fieldwork Scholarship:** LSE. 2017. *3,000 GBP*.
- **University of California, Berkeley Bursary:** LSE Ph.D. Mobility Program. 2016. *2,300 GBP*.
- **Social Research Methods Grant:** International Relations Department, LSE. *3,000 GBP*.
- **Michael Leifer Ph.D. Scholarship:** LSE. 2014-2017. *100,000 GBP*.
- **‘Facilitating Data Visualisation and Extraction: A New Interface for the Uppsala Conflict Data Program’:** Collaborator. R.J. 2014. *2.4 million SEK (approx. 211,000 GBP)*.

## SKILLS

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| • <b>Programming:</b> R, Python, SQL (Postgres) | <b>Statistics:</b> Stata, SPSS               |
| • <b>Languages:</b> English, Turkish            | <b>Front-end:</b> HTML, CSS, $\text{\LaTeX}$ |
| • <b>Presentation:</b> RMarkdown, Reveal.js     | <b>Interactive:</b> R-Shiny                  |