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Academic Appointments

2023 - Present Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and International Studies,
University of Birmingham.

Education

Ph.D., Political Science, Michigan State University, 2023.

Subfields: Comparative Politics and Methodology.

Dissertation: Constituency Representation and Electoral Success in African Legislatures

Committee: Michael Wahman (Co-Chair), Jeffrey Conroy-Krutz (Co-Chair), Shahryar Minhas, and
Eric Chang

M.A., Political Science, Michigan State University, 2020.

Certificate in Computational Modeling (Department of Computational Mathematics, Science and
Engineering)

M.A., Political Science, University of Missouri, 2018.

B.A., Political Science and Public Administration, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, 2015.

Research Interests

Comparative Politics: Political Behavior, Institutions, Elections, Legislatures, African Politics

Research Methodology: Research Design, Natural Language Processing, Machine Learning

Research

Peer Reviewed Publications

5. **Frantzeskakis, Nikolaos**, and Henrik Bech Seeberg. 2022. "The Legislative Agenda in 13 African Countries: A Comprehensive Database." *Legislative Studies Quarterly*.
4. **Frantzeskakis, Nikolaos**, and Brandon Beomseob Park. 2022. "Armed and Dangerous: Legacies of Incumbent-Military Ties and Electoral Violence in Africa." *Electoral Studies* 80: 102531.
3. Wahman, Michael, **Nikolaos Frantzeskakis**, and Tevfik Murat Yildirim. 2021. "From Thin to Thick Representation: How a Female President Shapes Female Parliamentary Behavior." *American Political Science Review* 115.2: 360-378

2. **Frantzeskakis, Nikolaos**, and Yuko Sato. 2020. "Echoes of a Fading Past: Authoritarian Legacies and Far Right Voting." *Electoral Studies* 66: 102163.
1. Park, Brandon Beomseob, **Nikolaos Frantzeskakis**, and Jungsub Shin. 2019. "Who is Responsible? The Effect of Clarity of Responsibility on Voter Turnout." *West European Politics* 42.3: 464-494.

Editor Reviewed Publications

1. **Frantzeskakis, Nikolaos**, Michael Wahman, and Tevfik Murat Yildirim. 2021. "Malawi: Parliamentary Debate under Executive Dominance" in Bäck Hanna, Marc Debus, and Jorge M. Fernandes (Ed.). *The Politics of Legislative Debate*. Oxford University Press.

Manuscripts Under Review

1. "Putting Parliamentarians Back in Parliament: Fairer Elections and MPs as Representatives"

Selected Working Projects

3. "Cheerleaders for Autocracy: Parliamentary Speech Making During Democratic Backsliding in Malawi and Zambia" (with Alejandra López Villegas and Michael Wahman)
2. "Acting out and Speaking Up: The Parliamentary Behavior of Ex-Rebel Women" (with Elizabeth L. Brannon)
1. "Coding Parliamentary Speech through Time and Space: A Neural Networks Approach"

Conference Presentations

7. "Representation and Reelection in Africa"
 - To be presented at the Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Philadelphia, PA, USA, 2022.
 - Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Montréal, Québec, Canada, 2022.
 - Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science VIII, Michigan State University, 2022.
6. "Putting Parliamentarians Back in Parliament: Fairer Elections and MPs as Representatives"
 - Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, USA, 2021.
5. "Flattening the Curve: Legislative Output in African Democracies" (with Henrik Seeberg)
 - Comparative Agendas Project Annual Conference, Aarhus, Denmark, 2021.
4. "African Legislatures and Horizontal Accountability: Malawian MPs during Democratic Erosion" (with Michael Wahman and Peter VonDoepp)
 - Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, USA, 2019.
3. "Echoes of a Fading Past: Authoritarian Legacies and Far Right Voting" (with Yuko Sato)
 - Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, USA, 2019.
2. "From Thin to Thick Representation- How a Female President Shapes Female Parliamentary Behavior" (with Michael Wahman and Tevfik Murat Yildirim)
 - Comparative Agendas Project Annual Conference, Budapest, Hungary, 2019.
 - Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, USA, 2018.
1. "New Game, Old Rules? Authoritarian Coercive Capacity and Multiparty Electoral Violence"
 - Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, USA, 2018.

Visiting Fellowships

Aarhus University, Department of Political Science (May-June 2019).

Teaching

Michigan State University

Quantitative Methods Teaching Fellow (Fall 2021, Spring 2022)

- Provided support for graduate level Quantitative Methods courses.
- Planned and hosted a series of Quantitative Methods workshops using the R programming language.

Lab Instructor

PLS 201 - Introduction to Methods of Political Analysis (Spring 2021)

Teaching Assistant

ISS 305 - Evaluating Evidence (Summer 2022)

PLS 351 - African Politics (Fall 2020)

ISS 318 - Pandemics and Social Science (Summer 2020, Summer 2021)

PLS 345 - Religion and World Politics (Spring 2020)

PLS 200 - Introduction to Political Science (Fall 2019, Fall 2022)

PLS 201 - Introduction to Methods of Political Analysis (Summer 2019)

PLS 140 - Introduction to Comparative Politics (Spring 2019)

PLS 160 - Introduction to International Relations (Fall 2018)

University of Missouri

Teaching Assistant

PS 4640 - African Politics (Spring 2018)

PS 4750 - Power and Money (Fall 2017)

PS 4630 - Politics of Modern Europe (Spring 2017)

PS 4790 - The Age of Democratization (Spring 2017)

PS 1100 - American Government (Fall 2016)

Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

Awards

Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Department of Political Science, MSU, 2022.

- For "Putting Parliamentarians Back in Parliament: Fairer Elections and MPs as Representatives"

Fellowships

Rhode Fellowship, MSU, \$2,100 (Fall 2022).

Bratton Fellowship, MSU, \$7,500 (Summer 2022).

Quantitative Methods Teaching Fellowship, Department of Political Science, MSU, \$1,500 (Fall 2021).

Publication Support Fellowship, Department of Political Science, MSU, \$500 (Summer 2021).

Grants

Summer Research Grants (data collection), Department of Political Science, MSU, \$23,700 (2020-2022).
Summer Research Grant (travel), Department of Political Science, MSU, \$4,100 (2019).
Conference Travel Grants, Department of Political Science, MSU (APSA 2021, 2019, 2018; MPSA 2019).
Conference Travel Grant, Department of Political Science, MU (MPSA 2018).
Research Scholarship Grant, Department of Political Science, MU, \$1,000 (Summer 2017).

Service

Professional Memberships: American Political Science Association, African Studies Association Journal
Peer-Reviews: *British Journal of Political Science*, *Electoral Studies*
Editorial Boards: *Journal of Politics* (Replication Analyst)

Consultancy and Assignments

Department of Defense (DoD), United States (2022): Development of news based event dataset with the use of neural networks.
- with Scott de Marchi, Shahryar Minhas, and Max Gallop

Skills

Languages: Greek (native), English (fluent), German (basic), French (basic)
Software: L^AT_EX, R, Python, Stata, MATLAB
Methods: Econometrics, Computational Modeling, Natural Language Processing, Machine Learning
Fieldwork: Malawi (summer 2022)

Professional Experience

Research Assistant, Institute for Public Policy and Social Research, Michigan State University, Summer 2018
Assistant Researcher, Institute of International Economic Relations (Athens, Greece), 2015-2016
Research Assistant, Centre for Asia-Minor Studies (Athens, Greece), 2014-2015
Interviewer, Metron Analysis S.A. (Athens, Greece), 2015

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