

Curriculum Vitae

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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

7. **Frantzeskakis, Nikolaos**, Michael Wahman, and Alejandra López Villegas. Forthcoming. "Cheer-leaders for Autocracy: Parliamentary Speech Making During Democratic Backsliding in Malawi and Zambia." *Legislative Studies Quarterly*.
6. Brannon, Elizabeth, and **Nikolaos Frantzeskakis**. Forthcoming. "Acting out and Speaking Up: The Parliamentary Behavior of Ex-Rebel Women." *British Journal of Political Science*.
5. **Frantzeskakis, Nikolaos**, and Henrik Bech Seeberg. 2023. "The Legislative Agenda in 13 African Countries: A Comprehensive Database." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 48.3: 623-655.

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

2. "Local Headaches on the Podium: Representation and Reelection in Africa."
1. "Who is Asking: The Effect of Interviewer's Gender on Survey Responses." (with Christian Houle and Cristina Bodea)

Selected Working Projects

3. "Uneven Representation? Quality of Democracy and Constituency Representation in Africa."
2. "The Wartime Roots of Party Loyalty." (with Elizabeth L. Brannon)
1. "Putting Parliamentarians Back in Parliament: Fairer Elections and MPs as Representatives."

Conference Presentations

11. "Uneven Representation? Quality of Democracy and Constituency Representation in Africa."
 - Annual Meeting of the Political Science Association, Birmingham, 2025
10. "The Wartime Roots of Party Loyalty." (with Elizabeth L. Brannon)
 - Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, USA, 2025.
9. "Cheerleaders for Autocracy: Parliamentary Speech Making During Democratic Backsliding in Malawi and Zambia" (with Alejandra López Villegas and Michael Wahman)
 - Mini-Conference on Institutions and Democracy in Africa, 2024
 - Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, USA, 2024.
 - Political Parties in Africa Virtual Conference, 2024
8. "Who is Asking: The Effect of Interviewer's Gender on Survey Responses" (with Christian Houle and Cristina Bodea)
 - Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, USA, 2024.
7. "Representation and Reelection in Africa"

- 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 Tefik 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

University of Birmingham

Undergraduate

Comparative Politics (Fall 2023, Fall 2024, Fall 2025)

Postgraduate

Politics and the State (Fall 2024, Fall 2025)

Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

Awards

Lynne Reiner Best Dissertation Award of the African Politics Conference Group, 2024.

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: *Aggression and Violent Behavior*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Electoral Studies*, *Governance*, *International Journal of Parliamentary Studies*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Party Politics*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*

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