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Academic Positions

- 2019- Loughborough University, Department of International Relations, Politics, and History
- Senior Lecturer (Associate Professor) in Politics and International Studies, 2024-
 - Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Politics and International Studies, 2019-2023
- 2017-2019 Utrecht University, School of Governance
- Marie Curie Research Fellow (Individual Fellowship)
- 2014-2017 Aarhus University, Department of Political Science
- Assistant Professor (Limited-term appointment)

Education

- 2008-2014 PhD in Political Science, McGill University
- 2006-2007 MSc (with Merit) in Comparative Politics, London School of Economics and Political Science
- 2002-2006 BA Hons. (Summa Cum Laude) in Political Science and Law & Society, York University

Research Interests

Public Opinion, Representation, Inequality, Social Policy, Labour Market Vulnerability.

Grants and Fellowships

- 2024-2025 UK Young Academy Project Funding (Contributor), £13 850
- 2023-2025 Small Research Grant (PI), The British Academy/Leverhulme Trust, £9930 (Grant no. 231164)
- 2023 SSH Research and Innovation Funding, Loughborough University School of Social Sciences & Humanities, £1997
- 2021-2022 Early Career Researcher Seed Corn Funding, Loughborough University School of Social Sciences & Humanities, £2000
- 2017-2019 Marie Curie Individual Fellowship, Horizon 2020 Framework Programme of the European Union, €165 598 (Grant no. 750556)
- 2017 Departmental Research Grant (Co-PI), Aarhus University Department of Political Science, 45 000 DKK
- 2013-2014 McGill Institute for Health and Social Policy Research Fellowship, \$5000
- 2010-2013 Guy Drummond Fellowship, McGill University Faculty of Arts, \$37 500
- 2010 Consortium on Qualitative Research Methods IQMR Funding, McGill University Department of Political Science
- 2008-2010 Nathan Steinberg Fellowship in Political Science, McGill University Faculty of Arts, \$30 000

2008-2009 Provost Graduate Fellowship, McGill University Faculty of Arts, \$2000

Publications

Books (Peer-Reviewed)

- 2017 Anthony Kevins. *Expanding Welfare in an Age of Austerity: Increasing Protection in an Unprotected World*, Amsterdam University Press (Series: Changing Welfare States). [Repository Link](#)

Journal Articles (Peer-Reviewed)

- n.d. Seonghui Lee and Anthony Kevins. "How we think about the political stances of others: evidence on projection from Canada, Germany, and the UK", *West European Politics* (OnlineFirst). doi.org/10.1080/01402382.2025.2548167
- n.d. Naomi Lightman and Anthony Kevins. "When Caring Comes at a Cost: Psychological Wellbeing of Unpaid and Paid Carers and the Role of Social Expenditure", *Journal of European Social Policy* (OnlineFirst). doi.org/10.1177/09589287251356978
- 2025 Anthony Kevins and Joshua Robison. "Do the Origins of Climate Assemblies Shape Public Reactions? Examining the Impact of Partisanship", *European Journal of Political Research*, 64(3): 1413-1439. doi.org/10.1111/1475-6765.12743
- 2025 Anthony Kevins and Naomi Lightman. "Satisfaction with Social Care in the UK: Assessing the Interactive Effects of Age and Ideology", *International Journal of Social Welfare*, 34(1): e12710. doi.org/10.1111/ijsw.12710
- 2024 Alexander Horn, Anthony Kevins, and Kees van Kersbergen. "Workfare and Attitudes toward the Unemployed: New Evidence on Policy Feedback from 1990 to 2018", *Comparative Political Studies*, 57(5), 818-850. doi.org/10.1177/00104140231178743
- 2023 Alexander Horn, Anthony Kevins, and Kees van Kersbergen. "The Paternalist Politics of Punitive and Enabling Workfare: Evidence from a New Dataset on Workfare Reforms in 16 Countries, 1980-2015", *Socio-Economic Review*, 21(4): 2137–2166. doi.org/10.1093/ser/mwac060
◦ Winner of the [SER Best Article Prize](#) for the best paper published in *Socio-Economic Review* in 2023.
- 2023 Anthony Kevins and Barbara Vis. "Do Public Consultations Reduce Blame Attribution? The Impact of Consultation Characteristics, Gender, and Gender Attitudes", *Political Behavior*, 45: 1121–1142. doi.org/10.1007/s11109-021-09751-5
- 2023 Anthony Kevins and Seonghui Lee. "Projection in the Face of Centrism: Voter Inferences about Candidates' Party Affiliation in Low-information Contexts", *Political Psychology*, 44(2): 319-336. doi.org/10.1111/pops.12851
- 2022 Anthony Kevins. "Distributing Democratic Influence: External Efficacy and the Preferred Influence of Policy Winners and Losers", *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, 34(4): 1-11. doi.org/10.1093/ijpor/edac035
- 2022 Anthony Kevins. "Input from Whom? Public Reactions to Different Consultation Measures", *Political Studies*, 70(2): 281-303. doi.org/10.1177/0032321720956327
- 2022 Anthony Kevins and Naomi Lightman. "How Should the Government Treat Asylum Seekers? The Role of Labour Market Vulnerability and Ethnic Diversity in Europe", *Social Science Research*, 104. doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2021.102666
- 2021 Alexander Horn, Anthony Kevins, Carsten Jensen, and Kees van Kersbergen. "Political Parties and Social Groups: New Perspectives and Data on Group and Policy Appeals", *Party Politics*, 27(5): 983–995. doi.org/10.1177/1354068820907998

- 2021 Naomi Lightman and Anthony Kevins. "‘Women’s Work’: Welfare State Spending and the Gendered and Classed Dynamics of Unpaid Care", *Gender & Society*, 35(5): 778-805. doi.org/10.1177/08912432211038695
- 2021 Anthony Kevins. "Race, Class, or Both? Responses to Candidate Characteristics in Canada, the UK, and the US", *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, 9(4): 699-720. doi.org/10.1080/21565503.2019.1636833
 - Media coverage in the [Vancouver Sun](#).
- 2021 Anthony Kevins and Joshua Robison. "Who Should Get a Say? Race, Law Enforcement Guidelines, and Systems of Representation", *Political Psychology*, 42(1): 71-91. doi.org/10.1111/pops.12688
- 2020 Anthony Kevins and Naomi Lightman. "Immigrant Sentiment and Labour Market Vulnerability: Economic Perceptions of Immigration in Dualized Labour Markets", *Comparative European Politics*, 18(3): 460–484. doi.org/10.1057/s41295-019-00194-1
- 2020 Anthony Kevins, Alexander Horn, Carsten Jensen, and Kees van Kersbergen. "Motive Attribution and the Moral Politics of the Welfare State", *Journal of Social Policy*, 49(1): 145-165. doi.org/10.1017/S0047279419000175
- 2019 Naomi Lightman and Anthony Kevins. "Bonus or Burden? Care Work, Inequality, and Job Satisfaction in Eighteen European Countries", *European Sociological Review*, 35(6): 825–844. doi.org/10.1093/esr/jcz032
- 2019 Anthony Kevins. "Dualized Trust: Risk, Social Trust, and the Welfare State", *Socio-Economic Review*, 17(4): 875–897. doi.org/10.1093/ser/mwx064
- 2019 Carsten Jensen and Anthony Kevins. "Numbers and Attitudes Towards Welfare State Generosity", *Political Studies*, 67(2): 496–516. doi.org/10.1177/0032321718780516
 - Winner of the [Harrison Prize](#) for the best paper published in *Political Studies* in 2019.
- 2019 Anthony Kevins and Kees van Kersbergen. "The Effects of Welfare State Universalism on Migrant Integration", *Policy & Politics*, 47(1): 115-132. doi.org/10.1332/030557318X15407315707251
- 2019 Anthony Kevins, Alexander Horn, Carsten Jensen, and Kees van Kersbergen. "The Illusion of Class in Welfare State Politics?", *Journal of Social Policy*, 48(1): 21-41. dx.doi.org/10.1017/S0047279418000247
- 2018 Anthony Kevins, Alexander Horn, Carsten Jensen, and Kees van Kersbergen. "Yardsticks of Inequality: Preferences for Redistribution in Advanced Democracies", *Journal of European Social Policy*, 28(4): 402-418. doi.org/10.1177/0958928717753579
- 2018 Alexander Horn and Anthony Kevins. "Problem Pressure and Social Policy Innovation: Lessons from 19th-Century Germany", *Social Science History*, 42(3): 495-515. doi.org/10.1017/ssh.2018.13
- 2018 Anthony Kevins and Stuart Soroka. "Growing Apart? Partisan Sorting in Canada, 1992-2015", *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, 51(1): 103-133. doi.org/10.1017/S0008423917000713
 - Media coverage in [The Globe and Mail](#) and [Maclean's](#).
- 2017 Alexander Horn, Anthony Kevins, Carsten Jensen, and Kees van Kersbergen. "Peeping at the Corpus – What is Really Going on Behind the Equality and Welfare Items of the Manifesto Project?", *Journal of European Social Policy*, 27(5): 403-416. doi.org/10.1177/0958928716688263
- 2016 Stuart Soroka, Richard Johnston, Anthony Kevins, Keith Banting, and Will Kymlicka. "Migration and Welfare State Spending", *European Political Science Review*, 8(2): 173-194. doi.org/10.1017/S1755773915000041
- 2015 Anthony Kevins. "Political Actors and the Extension of Welfare Coverage", *Journal of European Social Policy*, 25(3): 303-315. doi.org/10.1177/0958928715588705

Book Chapters

- 2024 Anthony Kevins and Barbara Vis. "Blame, Public Consultations, and the Impact of Gender", *The Politics and Governance and Blame*, Matthew Flinders, Gergana Dimova, Markus Hinterleitner, R. A. W. Rhodes, and R. Kent Weaver (eds.), Oxford University Press: 732-766. doi.org/10.1093/oso/9780198896388.003.0029
- 2023 Alexander Horn and Anthony Kevins, "Ever the Committed Egalitarians – or the End of Scandinavian Exceptionalism? Comparing Equality and Welfare State Preferences among Voters and Parties", *No Normal Science! Festschrift for Kees van Kersbergen*, Christoffer Green-Pedersen, Carsten Jensen, and Barbara Vis (eds.), Politica: 160-172. [Repository Link](#)
- 2022 Anthony Kevins. "The Impact of Labour Market Vulnerability: Explaining Attitudes toward Immigration in Europe", *Comparative Public Opinion*, Cameron D. Anderson and Mathieu Turgeon (eds.), Routledge: 259-283. doi.org/10.4324/9781003121992-17
- 2022 Anthony Kevins. "When Does Immigration Shape Support for a Universal Basic Income? The Role of Education and Employment Status", *The Handbook on Migration and Welfare*, Markus M. L. Crepaz (ed.), Edward Elgar Publishing: 137-155. doi.org/10.4337/9781839104572.00014

Conference Papers (last five years)

- 2025 "Public Opinion on Trade-offs in Social Care Reform", with Naomi Lightman. Elections, Public Opinion and Parties Conference, Exeter, UK.
- 2025 "Unpacking Public Opinion on Social Care Policy Design", with Naomi Lightman. Elections, Public Opinion and Parties Conference, Exeter, UK.
- 2025 "News Avoidance and Scepticism About Anthropogenic Climate Change – Is There an Ostrich Effect? Survey Evidence from 18 Countries", with James Staney. ECPR General Conference, Thessaloniki, Greece.
- 2025 "Optimal Representation: Candidate Selection and Candidate Characteristics in European Parliament elections", with William Daniel. Biennial Conference of the International Political Science Association, Seoul, South Korea.
- 2025 "Candidate Selection and Candidate Characteristics in European Parliament elections", with William Daniel. Annual Meeting of the European Political Science Association, Madrid, Spain.
- 2024 "How We Think About the Political Stances of Others: Evidence on Projection from Canada, Germany, and the UK", with Seonghui Lee. Elections, Public Opinion and Parties Conference, Manchester, UK.
- 2024 "Optimal Representation: the Importance of Identity in European Parliament Elections", with William Daniel. University Association for Contemporary European Studies Annual Conference, Trento, Italy.
- 2023 "How We Think About the Political Stances of Others: Evidence on Projection from Canada, Germany, and the UK", with Seonghui Lee. Annual Meeting of the European Political Science Association, Glasgow, UK.
- 2023 "Investigating the Democratic Legitimacy of Citizens Climate Assemblies", with Joshua Robison. Annual Meeting of the European Political Science Association, Glasgow, UK.
- 2023 "The Consequences of Care: Psychological Well-being of Unpaid and Paid Carers and the Role of Social Expenditure", with Naomi Lightman. Global Carework Summit, San José, Costa Rica.
- 2023 "Understanding the Legitimacy of Deliberative Mini-Publics", with Joshua Robison. Annual Conference of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- 2023 "How We Think About the Political Stances of Others: Evidence on Projection from Canada, Germany, and the UK", with Seonghui Lee. Annual Meeting of the Political Studies Association, Liverpool, UK.

- 2022 "Distributing Democratic Influence: Political Efficacy and the Preferred Influence of Policy Winners and Losers". Annual Meeting of the Political Studies Association, Hybrid Event.
- 2022 "Projection in the Face of Centrism: Voter Inferences about Candidates' Party Affiliation in Low-information Contexts", with Seonghui Lee. Annual Meeting of the Political Studies Association, Hybrid Event.
- 2021 "Do Public Consultations Reduce Blame Attribution? Studying the Impact of Consultation Characteristics, Gender, and Gender Attitudes", with Barbara Vis. Annual Meeting of the Political Studies Association's American Politics Group, Virtual Event.
- 2020 "How Workfare Shapes Social Solidarity: Cross-National Trends in Workfare and Public Opinion Since the 1980s", with Alexander Horn and Kees van Kersbergen. European Consortium for Political Research General Conference, Virtual Event.

Invited Talks

- 2024 "Investigating the Democratic Legitimacy of Citizens Climate Assemblies", with Joshua Robison. Open Data Analysis for Social and Political Sciences, Brunel University London, Online.
- 2023 "Investigating the Democratic Legitimacy of Citizens Climate Assemblies", with Joshua Robison. RSA East Midlands Seminar Series, The Regional Studies Association, Online.
- 2023 "Partisanship and Public Reactions to Citizens' Climate Assemblies: A Survey Experiment", with Joshua Robison. Comparative Politics Research Group, Lund University, Lund, Sweden.
- 2021 "Inequality and Redistributive Policy Preferences". The Politics of Inequality, Aarhus University, Aarhus, Denmark.
- 2021 "How and When Does Workfare Shape Policy Attitudes? New Evidence on Cross-National Trends in Workfare and Policy Preferences from 1990 to 2018", with Alexander Horn and Kees van Kersbergen. Comparative Political Economy Working Group, University of Konstanz, Constance, Germany.
- 2019 "Public Consultations: Do Weakened Clarity of Responsibility and Increased Perceived Responsiveness Reduce Blame Attribution?", with Barbara Vis. UvA Experimental Design Group/Hot Politics Lab, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
- 2019 "Exploring Voter Reactions to Public Consultations: Race, Issue Publics, and Blame Attribution". Sociology Colloquium, Tilburg University, Tilburg, the Netherlands.
- 2018 "Immigrant Sentiment and Labour Market Vulnerability: Economic Perceptions of Immigration in Dualized Labour Markets", with Naomi Lightman. Symposium on Challenges to European Integration: Welfare States and Free Movement in the EU, Leiden University, Leiden, the Netherlands.
- 2017 "Who Should Have a Say?: Preferences for Unequal Representation". Workshop on Democratic Representation, Aarhus University, Aarhus, Denmark.

Teaching

Undergraduate: British Politics and Government (Loughborough University); Comparative European Politics (Loughborough University); Comparative Political Economy (Loughborough University); Dissertation (Loughborough University); Introduction to Philosophy (Loughborough University); Political Institutions: Western Countries, the European Union and International Institutions (Aarhus University); Politics and Government (Loughborough University); Politics: Contemporary Europe (McGill University); Research Design (Loughborough University); Smart Scholarship (Loughborough University); Theories and Methods in Political Research (Loughborough University).

Graduate: Democracy and Representation (Aarhus University); Pragmatism and Politics (Aarhus University); Social Science Methods for Journalists (Aarhus University).

Professional Training

General Training: New Lecturers Programme, Loughborough University (2019-2022).

Pedagogical Training: Supervisor Development Programme, Loughborough University (2021-2024); Recognition of Experienced Practitioners Programme, Loughborough University (2020-2021); Pedagogical Programme for Assistant Professors, Aarhus University (2016-2017); Challenges of the Multicultural Classroom in a Danish Context, Aarhus University (2016).

Methodological Training: Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis (2015); the Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship (2013-2014); the Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (2010); McGill University (2008-2010).

Language Training: French language course – Advanced (C1) Level, Alliance Française (2018-2019); Certificate of Proficiency in Written French – Workplace Communication, McGill University (2017); Danish language courses, Lærdansk (2014-2016); Explore – French Immersion Program (La Pocatière, Québec), Campus Saint-Jean, University of Alberta (2010).

Software & Coding Competencies: Stata; R; Git; Qualtrics; \LaTeX ; Markdown.

Professional Service

Professional Affiliations

- The UK Young Academy, Member (2023-2027)
- The British Academy Early Career Researcher Network, Member (2022-)
- Fellow, Higher Education Academy (2021-)
- Loughborough University Centre for Research in Communication and Culture (Political Communication Theme), Member (2019-)
- Political Institutions, Behaviour and Decision Making Research Group, Member (2017-2019)
- Network for Political Studies of Inequality, Member (2015-2017)
- Universalism and the Welfare State Research Group, Member (2014-2017)
- McGill Institute for Health and Social Policy, Research Fellow (2013-2014)
- Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship, Student Member (2013-2014)
- European University Institute, Short-term Visitor (2013)

Internal Service

- Loughborough University Centre for Research in Communication and Culture, Political Communication Theme Lead (2024-)
- Branch Secretary, Loughborough University's University and College Union (2024-)
- Undergraduate Admissions Lead and Open Day Student Recruitment Deputy Lead, Department of International Relations, Politics, and History, Loughborough University (2023-)
- Ordinary Committee Member, Loughborough University's University and College Union (2023-2024)
- (Interim) Deputy Undergraduate Programme Lead, Department of International Relations, Politics, and History, Loughborough University (2022-2023)

- Chair of Student-Staff Liaison Committee, Department of International Relations, Politics, and History, Loughborough University (2022)
- Independent Reviewer, School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Loughborough University (2021-)
- Adjustments Task Force Member, Department of Politics and International Studies, Loughborough University (2020-2021)

Community Engagement: Research outreach via [Voluntary Action LeicesterShire](#) (2024), [Business Network](#) (2024), [The Welsh Parliament's Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee](#) (2022), [The Political Behavior Blog](#) (2021), [Stuk Rood Vlees](#) (2021), [Work In Progress/The Gender & Society Blog](#) (2021), [The Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology's \(POST\) Knowledge Exchange Unit](#) (2020), [The Social Policy Blog](#) (2019), [The Community Research and Development Information Service \(CORDIS\)](#) (2019), [Le Monde](#) (2019), [Discover Society](#) (2019), the [Policy & Politics Journal Blog](#) (2019), and the [LSE British Politics & Policy Blog](#) (2018); Invited talk at the Department of Health and Care, Aarhus Municipality, Denmark (2015).

External Service: Panel Chair, Elections, Public Opinion and Parties Conference (2024); Panel Chair, European Political Science Association (2019; 2023); Co-organiser, Workshop on Political Communication and Public Opinion (2023); Panel Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Dutch and Flemish Political Science Associations (2018); Panel Discussant, Conference of Europeanists (2017); Panel Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Danish Political Science Association (2015).

Reviewer: Bloomsbury I.B. Tauris; Economic and Social Research Council; Oxford University Press; Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada; *Administration & Society*; *Acta Sociologica*; *American Political Science Review*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *Canadian Journal of Political Science*; *Canadian Public Policy*; *Comparative Political Studies*; *Economics & Politics*; *European Journal of Political Research*; *European Journal of Social Security*; *European Political Science Review*; *European Sociological Review*; *Governance*; *Hypatia*; *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*; *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*; *International Journal of Social Welfare*; *International Political Science Review*; *Journal of European Social Policy*; *Journal of Social Policy*; *Journal of Politics*; *Journal of Public Policy*; *Party Politics*; *Policy Sciences*; *Policy Studies Journal*; *Political Behavior*; *Political Studies*; *Political Studies Review*; *Public Performance & Management Review*; *Social Forces*; *Social Policy & Administration*; *Social Policy and Society*; *Socio-Economic Review*.

Languages

- English: Native
- French: Full Professional Proficiency
- Italian: Limited Working Proficiency
- Danish: Basic Proficiency

Citizenship: Canadian