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Current Position.

Humanities and Social Sciences Specialist , IST-Digital Research Services, University of Alberta	May 2025 - Ongoing
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Education.

Ph.D. in Sociology	University of Toronto	2024
<i>Dissertation title:</i> “Radical women? Investigating gender disparities and women’s representation on the European radical right.”		
M.A. in Sociology	University of Toronto	2018
B.A. with Honours and Distinction in Sociology	University of Victoria	2016
Certificate of French Language and Cultural Proficiency	University of Victoria	2016

Work Experience.

Graduate Student Editorial Assistant , Canadian Review of Sociology	Jun. 2023 – Jun. 2025
Post-Doctoral Fellow , Borders in Globalization	University of Victoria Aug. 2023 – May 2025
Database Manager , Jean Monnet Network Project	University of Victoria Sep. 2021 – Aug. 2023
Coordinator , Social Science Methods Week	University of Toronto Jan. 2022 – Apr. 2022
Coordinator , Social Science Methods Week	University of Toronto Jan. 2021 – Apr. 2021

Publications.

Peer-reviewed publications.

Finnsdottir, Maria Sigríður. (In review). “‘The PPC is anti-lockdown, anti-vaccine mandate, anti-vaccine passport:’ COVID-19 and the performance of crisis in Canadian populist far-right communication.” *Canadian Review of Sociology*.

Finnsdottir, Maria Sigríður. (In review). “Trends in the growth of the European radical right: Illustrating dataset and indicator design.” *Alternatives: Global, Local, Political* (special issue).

Finnsdottir, Maria Sigríður. 2024. “Far-right cooperation: Gender, political networks, and the *cordon sanitaire* in the European Parliament.” *European Union Politics* 25(4): 772-798.

Finnsdottir, Maria Sigríður. 2023. “The Rassemblement National online: Investigating the politics of gender and racism of the radical right on social media.” *Continuum* 38(4): 502-516.

Finnsdottir, Maria Sigríður. 2022. “Radical women? Explaining the gender gap in radical right voting in the Nordic countries.” *European Journal of Politics and Gender* 5(3): 341-360.

*Selected for the 2023 Editors’ Choice Collection.

Tepperman, Lorne and Maria Finnsdottir. 2021. *Canada’s Place: A Global Perspective*. Oakville, ON: Rocks Mills Press.

Wu, Zheng and Maria Finnsdottir. 2021. “Perceived racial and cultural discrimination and sense of belonging in Canadian Society.” *Canadian Review of Sociology* 58(2): 229-249.

Finnsdottir, Maria and Helga Kristín Hallgrímsdóttir. 2019. “Welfare state chauvinists? Gender, citizenship, and anti-democratic politics in the welfare state paradise.” *Frontiers in Sociology*.

Finnsdottir, Maria and Zheng Wu. 2019. “Contraceptive use in Canada, 2001-2011.” *Canadian Studies in Population* 46(1): 27-46.

Finnsdottir, Maria Sigridur. 2019. “The costs of austerity: Labour emigration and the rise of the radical right in Central and Eastern Europe.” *Frontiers in Sociology*.

Non-peer-reviewed publications.

Finnsdottir, Maria Sigridur, Kasra Ghorbaninejad, Benjamin Perrier, Shoukia Van Beek, Jules Soupault, Halina Sapeha, and Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly. 2024. [BIG Dyads Codebook](#). Borders in Globalization.

Editorial contributions.

“Far-right populism in Canada and abroad.” Special issue in progress with the *Canadian Review of Sociology*, expected 2026. Maria Sigridur Finnsdottir, Michelle Maroto and David Pettinicchio (eds.).

“Borders, Politics, and Databases: Using Data to Power Border Studies.” Special issue in progress for *Alternatives: Global, Local, Political*, expected 2026. Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly, Maria Sigridur Finnsdottir, and Halina Sapeha (eds.).

“Fake News, Disinformation and Post-Truth Politics: Comparing the European Union and other Western Democracies.” Research topic in progress with *Frontiers in Political Science*, expected 2025. Maria Sigridur Finnsdottir, Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly, Helga Kristin Hallgrimsdottir, and Edwin Hodge (eds.).

Works in Progress.

Manuscripts.

Finnsdottir, Maria Sigridur, Jules Soupault, and Emma Swan. “A ‘constellation of (ignored) truths:’ Using network analyses to understand the reach and influence of (un)civil society-authored border reports.”

Projects.

Swan, Emma, Maria Sigridur Finnsdottir, and Jules Soupault. “Constellation of Truths: Mapping (Un)civil Society’s Knowledge Production in Diverse Border Regions,” a SSHRC funded Insight Development Grant project.

Teaching Experience.

Instructor	Research Computing Bootcamp, University of Alberta	
	Introduction to R & RStudio	Oct. 2025
	Introduction to OpenRefine	Oct. 2025
Sessional Instructor	University of Victoria	
	SOCI215 Class and Social Inequality	Fall 2023
	SOCI438 Special Topics in Sociology: Democratic Decline, Citizenship, and Gender	Fall 2023
Course Instructor	University of Toronto (St. George Campus)	
	SOC340 Comparative Political Sociology	Winter 2023
	SOC360 Social Movements	Winter 2023
Lead Teaching Assistant	University of Toronto (St. George Campus)	
	SOC100 Introduction to Sociology	Winter 2024
	SOC100 Introduction to Sociology	Fall 2023
	SOC100 Introduction to Sociology	Fall 2022

SOC100 Introduction to Sociology	Winter 2022
SOC100 Introduction to Sociology	Winter 2021
SOC100 Introduction to Sociology	Fall 2019

Research Experience.

Disability Audit Study	University of Toronto	Jan. 2023 – Dec. 2023
Research Assistant , for Drs. Michelle Maroto and David Pettinicchio		
Borders in Globalization Project	University of Victoria	Sep. 2021 – Aug. 2023
Senior Research Assistant , for Dr. Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly		
Centre for Global Studies	University of Victoria	Sep. 2021 – Aug. 2022
Visiting Graduate Student Fellow		
Toronto Neighbourhoods Project	University of Toronto	Apr. 2020 – Aug. 2020
Research Assistant , for Dr. Blair Wheaton		
Borders in Globalization Project	University of Victoria	Sep. 2016 – Aug. 2018
Undergraduate Research Assistant		
European Studies Program	University of Victoria	Sep. 2013 – Aug. 2018
Undergraduate Research Assistant		

Selected Conferences and Presentations.

Corntassel, Jeff, Emma Swan, Maria Sigrídur Finnsdóttir and Jules Soupault. “Constellation of truths: Towards a conceptualization of borders, (un)civil society, and contentious politics” [keynote address], presented at the workshop *Constellation of Truths: Towards a conceptualization of borders, (un)civil society, and contentious politics*. University of Victoria, April 7th, 2025.

Finnsdóttir, Maria Sigrídur and Jules Soupault. “A constellation of (ignored) truths: Using network analyses to understand the reach and influence of (un)civil society-authored border reports,” present at the Association of Borderland Studies annual conference. Seattle, April 5th, 2025.

Finnsdóttir, Maria Sigrídur. “Trends in the growth of the European radical right: Illustrating dataset and indicator design,” presented at the Jean Monnet Network conference *Borders, Politics, and Databases: Using Data to Power Border Studies*. Strasbourg, June 3rd, 2024.

Gagliano, Giulia and Maria Sigrídur Finnsdóttir. “Unveiling the Nexus between Welfare Provisioning, Unequal Domestic Responsibilities, and Cross-Border Mobility in Europe: How Welfare State Policies Exacerbate or Ameliorate Cross-Border Mobility Along Gendered Axes,” presented at the Jean Monnet Network conference *Borders, Politics, and Databases: Using Data to Power Border Studies*. Strasbourg, June 3rd, 2024.

Finnsdóttir, Maria Sigrídur. “Radical Right Cooperation: Gender, Political Networks, and the Cordon Sanitaire in the European Parliament,” presented at the annual European Community Studies Association of Canada conference. Carleton University, May 25th, 2024.

Finnsdóttir, Maria Sigrídur. “Radical Right Cooperation: Gender and Political Networks in the European Parliament,” presented at the Council for European Studies annual conference. University of Iceland, June 29th, 2023.

Finnsdóttir, Maria Sigrídur. “Developing Indicators and Building a Database,” presented at the Jean Monnet Network 2022 Workshop. Strasbourg, December 1st, 2022.

Finnsdóttir, Maria Sigrídur. “The Nordic Radical Right,” guest lecture for Geography 386. University of Victoria, October 18th, 2022.

Finnsdottir, Maria Sigridur. “The Rassemblement National on social media: The online rewards of gendered political speech for radical right politicians.” Presented at Fake News, Disinformation, and Post-Truth Politics, University of Victoria, September 2nd, 2022.

Finnsdottir, Maria Sigridur. “The Rassemblement National on social media: The online rewards of gendered political speech for radical right politicians.” Presented at Sociological Research Jamboree, August 2nd, 2022.

Finnsdottir, Maria Sigridur. “Radical women? Gender politics in the Nordic radical right parties.” Presented at Crisis and Post-Truth Politics: Comparing North American and Europe, ESCA-C, University of Victoria, May 4th, 2022.

Finnsdottir, Maria Sigridur. “Radical women? Exploring the gender gap in radical right voting in the Nordic countries.” Presented for the Global Talk Series, Centre for Global Studies, University of Victoria, February 16th, 2022.

Finnsdottir, Maria Sigridur. “Radical women? Explaining the gender gap in radical right voting in the Nordic countries.” Presented at the Canadian Sociological Association Conference, University of Alberta, June 1st, 2021.

Finnsdottir, Maria. “Perceived racial and cultural discrimination and sense of belonging in Canadian Society.” Presented on Crstal Radio, the official podcast of the CSA (episode 4.2), July 2021. <https://www.crstalradio.com/podcasts/episode-42>

Finnsdottir, Maria. “Welfare state chauvinists? Gender, citizenship, and anti-democratic politics in the welfare state paradise.” Presented at NORA, University of Iceland, May 22nd, 2019.

Selected Awards.

SSHRC Insight Development Grant, “Constellation of Truths: Mapping (Un)civil Society’s Knowledge Production in Diverse Border Regions” (Co-Applicant). Awarded June 2025. Funded at \$74,955 for two years.

Canadian Sociology Association Outstanding Graduate Award (PhD), University of Toronto. Awarded April 2025.

Association of Borderland Studies Annual Conference Grant (*reviewed*). Awarded February 2025. Funded at 250 USD.

European Community Studies Association – Canada Conference Grant (*reviewed*). Awarded 600 CAD in March 2024.

University of Toronto School of Graduate Studies Conference Grant (*reviewed*). Awarded 900 CAD in June 2023.

SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship, held at the University of Toronto. Awarded September 2021. Funded at 40,000 CAD over two years.

Centre for Global Studies Visiting Graduate Student Fellowship, held at the University of Victoria. Awarded September 2021. Funded at 5000 CAD.

Ontario Graduate Scholarship, held at the University of Toronto. Awarded September 2020. Funded at 15,000 CAD.

Ontario Graduate Scholarship, held at the University of Toronto. Awarded September 2019. Funded at 15,000 CAD.

Canadian Sociology Association Outstanding Graduate Award (PhD), University of Toronto. Awarded March 2019.

S.D. Clark Fellowship, University of Toronto. Awarded 2,000 CAD in September 2018.

Ontario Graduate Scholarship, held at the University of Toronto. Awarded September 2017. Funded at 15,000 CAD.

University of Toronto Outstanding Admissions Award. Awarded 2,000 CAD in September 2017.

University of Victoria Social Sciences Dean’s List. Awarded June 2016.

Alan Hedley Sociology Honours Essay Award, University of Victoria. Awarded 500 CAD in June 2016.

Professional and Community Service.

Service & volunteering

Chair, National Humanities and Social Sciences Team, Digital Research Alliance of Canada

Sep. 2025 - Ongoing

UTGSU Course Union Representative , Graduate Sociology Students' Association, University of Toronto	Sep. 2021 – Aug. 2022
Co-Social Coordinator , Graduate Sociology Students' Association, University of Toronto	Sep. 2020 – Aug. 2021
Vice-President & Treasurer , Graduate Sociology Students' Association, University of Toronto	Sep. 2018 – Aug. 2020
Co-MA Representative , Graduate Sociology Students' Association, University of Toronto	Sep. 2017 – Aug. 2018
<i>Conference & workshop organization</i>	
Lead Organizer , “HSS Spotlight.” Webinar series supported by the Digital Research Alliance of Canada	Sep. 2025 – Apr. 2026
Co-organizer , “Constellation of Truths: Towards a conceptualization of borders, (un)civil society, and contentious politics.” Hosted at the University of Victoria, by the Borders in Globalization Lab.	Apr. 2025
Co-organizer , “Borders, politics, and databases: Using data to power border studies.” Hosted in Strasbourg, France, by the Jean Monnet Network Project.	Jun. 2024
<i>Reviewer – Journal manuscripts</i>	
Political Research Exchange	2025
Scandinavian Political Studies	2025
Politics, Religion & Ideology	2024
European Union Politics	2023

Professional Training.

Leading with Influence, University of Alberta	2025
Course on Research Ethics, TCPS 2: Core 2022	2024
Seminar in Teaching, Department of Sociology, University of Toronto	2023
Teaching Fundamentals Certificate. Teaching Assistants' Training Program, University of Toronto	2021

References.
