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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Aug 2023 — *Post-doctoral Researcher* at **Text and Policy Research Group** and **NEXSYS Energy**, School of Politics and International Relations at University College Dublin

Dec 2021 — Dec 2022 *Pre-doctoral Researcher*, the Chair of Comparative Politics, University of Bamberg

Jun 2019 — Oct 2019 *Senior Research Officer*, Department of Government, University of Essex

Feb 2014 — Jul 2017 *Senior Research Assistant*, Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica

EDUCATION

Oct 2017 — Jan 2023 *PhD in Politics*, University of Essex

Sep 2010 — Feb 2014 *MA in Public Administration and Policy*, National Taipei University

Jun 2005 — Aug 2010 *BA in Public Administration and Policy*, National Taipei University

ACADEMIC TRAINING

2023 *Oxford Large Language Models for Social Science Workshop; 57th Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis*, Advanced Survey Data Analysis and Survey Experiments

2022 *56th Essex Summer School in Social Science in Data Analysis*, Introduction to Social Network Analysis

2021 *55th Essex Summer School*, Advanced Methods for Text-as-Data: Natural Language Processing | Quantitative Methods for Causal Inference and Policy Evaluation; *2021 Machine Learning Summer School*, Standard Training Programme

2019 *54th Essex Summer School in Social Science in Data Analysis*, Introduction to Bayesian Analysis for the Social Sciences

2018 *53rd Essex Summer School in Data Analysis*, Ideal Point Estimation and Scaling Methods; Generalized Linear Models

RESEARCH

Publication

2023 The Role of Rituals in Adversarial Parliaments: An Analysis of Expressions of Collegiality in the British House of Commons *Historical Social Research* 48 (3): 209-234 (with David Beck and Thomas Saalfeld) [\[PDF\]](#)

Revise & Resubmit

Electoral Reform and Fragmented Polarization: New Evidence from Taiwan Legislative Roll Calls (*R&R at Legislative Studies Quarterly*) [\[PDF\]](#)

(Mis)perception of Party-voter Congruence and Satisfaction with Democracy (with Li Tang and Royce Carroll *R&R at Political Science Research and Methods*) [\[PDF\]](#)

Working Papers

Factionalism and the Red Guards under Mao's China: Ideal Point Estimation Using Text Data (with Yi-Nung Tsai, Academia Sinica, *Under Review*) [\[PDF\]](#)

Political Preferences for Pork Barrel Messages under Different Electoral System [\[PDF\]](#)

Shaping Policy Agendas: The Influence of Electoral Systems on Party Convergence and Divergence in Issue Attentions (with Yu-Ceng Liao and Yi-ting Wang)

Catalysts for Change? Mapping Policy Recommendations in Academic Publications on Climate Change and Net Zero Energy Systems (with Brian Boyle and Stefan Müller)

In-Progress

Multilingual Stance Detection in Political Speech: Interpretation, Applications, and Limitations (with Stefan Müller)

Shock Rhetoric: Local Exposure to China Trade Shocks and Rhetorical Extremism in the US House of Representatives (with Zikai Li)

Grandstanding under the Spotlight: Unveiling European Elites Crisis Communication in the Council of the European Union (with Paula Montano and James P. Cross)

Party Competition in Times of Crisis (with Thomas Saalfeld and David Beck)

Report & Tutorial

flaiR Tutorial & Document. URL: <https://rb.gy/uf8x9x>

TEACHING (*: TA)

Course and Module

2024 *University College Dublin* Quantitative Text Analysis (Led by Stefan Müller)

Guest Lecturer in Word Embeddings and Transformers

Workshops and Seminars

2023 *GESIS Fall Seminar in Computational Social Science*

Big Data and Computation for Social Data Science (Co-lecturing with Dr. Akitaka Matsuo)

2022 *55th Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis*

Quantitative Text Analysis* | Introduction to Programming in Python for Social Scientists*

2021 *54th Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis*

Introduction to Quantitative Methods in R

2021 *EITM Europe Summer Institute*

Quantitative Text Analysis Using R and Linking Theory with Text as Data*

2020 *53rd Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis*

Introduction to Quantitative Text Analysis*

ECPR Summer School

Machine Learning with Big Data for Social Scientists*

2019 *53rd Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis*

Introduction to Quantitative Text Analysis*

RESEARCH GRANTS & FUNDING

2023 The Scholarship for Attending Oxford Large Language Models for Social Science (£300)

2022 University of Essex Departmental Fund (£900) and Travel Grant from Taiwan's Council of Indigenous Peoples for attending 2022 MPSA Conference (USD\$678)

2019 University of Essex Departmental Fund (£450) and Travel Grant from Taiwan's Council of Indigenous Peoples (USD\$630) for attending 2019 EPSA Conference

2018 Attendance Scholarships (£250) to Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis

2021—2022 Taiwan Overseas Pioneers Grants of Ministry of Science and Technology Taiwan (Aug 2021 - Jul 2022), USD\$32,000

2017—2021 The Government Doctoral Scholarship in Legislative Studies and Comparative Politics, Ministry of Education Taiwan (Aug 2017- Jul 2021), USD\$168,000

PRESENTATION (*: discussant ; +:poster)

2024 COMPTTEXT Conference, Amsterdam (scheduled); Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association, Cologne (scheduled); Annual Conference of American Political Science Association, Philadelphia

2023 Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association, Glasgow; Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association, LA; ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments, Vienna

2022 Annual Conference of European Consortium for Political Research, Innsbruck ; PolMeth Summer Meeting, St. Louis; USA⁺, COMPTTEXT Conference, Dublin

2022 Machine Learning Summer School, Taiwan⁺ ; Annual Conference of American Political Science Association, Online

2019 Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association, Online ; Asian PolMeth, Online

2018 Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association, Belfast

PACAKGES

flaiR : An R Wrapper for Accessing Flair NLP

legisTaiwan : An R Package for Accessing Real-Time Taiwan Legislative Data

legisCrawler: Python-Based Automation Web Crawling Framework for Retrieving Parliamentary Questions from the Website of Taiwan's Legislative Yuan

asmcjr : An R Package for Supporting the Book 'Analyzing Spatial Models of Choice and Judgment, 2nd Edition' and Streamlining Estimation Scaling and Visualization with ggplot2 (with Dave Armstrong, Royce Carroll, Christopher Hare, Ryan Bakker, Keith Poole, Howard Rosenthal)

bisCrawler: Python-Based Automation Web Crawling Framework for Retrieving Central Bankers' Speeches from the Bank for International Settlements

COMPUTING SKILLS

Programming : R, Python | **Database** : SQL, MongoDB | **HPCs** : SLURM, PBS

REFERENCE

Dr Stefan Müller

Assistant Professor in the School of Politics and International Relations, University College Dublin

Dr Royce Carroll

Professor in Comparative Politics at University of Essex

Dr Jonathan Sullivan

Associate Professor in the School of Politics and International Relations, University of Nottingham

Dr Thomas Saalfeld

Professor at the Chair of Comparative Politics, University of Bamberg

Dr Nicole Baerg

Senior Lecturer in Department of Government, University of Essex