

# Edward Anders

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MPhil in Politics student at the University of Oxford researching the effects of AI-generated content on affective polarisation. Interested in using computational social science to model political behaviour.

## Education

**St Antony's College, University of Oxford** 2024-2026  
MPhil in Politics (Comparative Government)

Research: Effects of AI-generated content on political attitudes and voting behaviour.  
Supervisor: Prof. Rachel Bernhard, Nuffield College, Oxford.

**University of Bristol** 2018-2021  
BSc Economics and Politics, 1st-Class Honours

Research: Effects of the 2019 UK General Election Campaigns on Vote Switching  
Supervisor: Prof. Mark Wickham-Jones.

## Research Experience

**University of Oxford** Oct. 2024-present  
MPhil Research

- Using quantitative and computational social science methods to study the effects of AI-generated content on political attitudes and voting behaviour.
- Focus on affective polarisation with a deep understanding of the literature.
- Designed and run multiple experiments with YouGov to measure changes in measures of affective polarisation and the underlying mechanisms.
- Building an artificial society of AI-Augmented Agents to simulate the spread of viral AI-generated political content on polarisation.

**Securely Technology Limited (Compliance)** Apr. 2024-present  
Strategy Research Manager

- Employee #10 at a seed-stage AI startup building GRC software for the B2B enterprise market.
- Cybersecurity programme researcher developing briefs on framework developments across EU AI Act, SOC2, ISO 27001, HIPPA etc.
- Led regular workshops presenting research to CISOs and CCOs of Fortune 500 companies.

**Quanterium Technologies (Compose)** 2021-2024  
Senior Founder's Associate

- Employee #1 working directly with the founders to build a messaging tools for emerging markets.
- Led geopolitical research into South America, producing reports on economic and political environments.
- Researched and wrote multiple essays on building technology companies in politically volatile countries.

## Awards

- Norman Chester Fund Research Grant (£1,000).
- YouGov UniOM Survey Grant.
- Head of School's Commendation for Excellent Performance in Dissertation.
- Head of School's Commendation for Excellent Performance in Second and Final Year.

## **Skills & Tooling**

- Quantitative and computational research methods inc. machine learning techniques.
- Python, R, Stata, SQL, Git, CSS, JavaScript (basic).
- Linear, GitHub, Vercel, Segment, Webflow, Figma, Metabase, PostHog, Firebase.