

Elena Pro

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EDUCATION

- PhD Political Science**, European Institute Sep 2023 — Expected: 2027
London School of Economics and Political Science
Supervisors: Professor Chris Anderson and Professor Sara Hobolt
- MSc Social Research Methods**, Department of Methodology Sep 2022 — Aug 2023
London School of Economics and Political Science
- BA History and International Relations**, Department of Politics Sep 2019 — July 2022
University of Exeter

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Behaviour, Political Identities, Causal Inference, Mixed-Methods Research Design

WORKING PAPERS

2. **From Booths to Beliefs: A Cognitive Dissonance Approach to Elections in Europe**
1. **Exploring the Euro-Self: Political Identities Beyond Citizenship in Post-Brexit England**

WORK IN PROGRESS

1. **LLMs and Climate Action**
with António Valentim

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Graduate Teaching Assistant (MSc Level)**, Department of Methodology Sep 2024 - Current
- Introduction to Quantitative Analysis
 - Social Network Analysis
- Graduate Teaching Assistant (Undergrad Level)**, Department of Government Jun 2024
- CIVICA European Week

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Research Assistant** Jan 2024 - Current
Dr Miguel Pereira, London School of Economics and Political Science
- Supporting the design and implementation of a field experiment
 - Training local politicians in evidence-based policy making and statistical literacy

INVITED TALKS

- Summer School “Democratic Decline and Resilience” at Université de Montréal 2024
- Consequences of Identity Politics Workshop, University of Southampton 2024
- CIVICA Summer School on Transnational Democracy at European University Institute 2023
- The Grand Challenges Scholars Program 2021

CONFERENCES PRESENTATIONS

Elections, Public Opinion and Parties (EPOP) Conference	2024
UK Political Psychology Conference	2024

GRANTS and AWARDS

Summer School “Democratic Decline and Resilience” Travel Grant
University of Oxford Large Language Models Travel Grant
LSE Studentship
CIVICA Summer School Travel Grant

METHODOLOGICAL TRAINING

Reproducible Pipelines for Social Scientific Research in R Workshop by Daniel De Kadt (LSE)	2024
Causal Inference for Observational and Experimental Studies by Daniel De Kadt (LSE)	2024
Large Language Models Workshop (University of Oxford)	2023
Applied Regression Analysis by Daniel De Kadt (LSE)	2023
Social Network Analysis by Eleanor Power (LSE)	2023
Interview Methods for Social Science Research by Aliya Hamid Rao (LSE)	2023

ACADEMIC SERVICES

<i>Advisor for Master’s Students Dissertation</i>	Apr 2024 — Current
<i>CIVICA Student Ambassador</i>	Sep 2023 — Sep 2024
<i>Student Representative of the European Institute PhD students</i>	Sep 2023 — Sep 2024
<i>Student Representative of the European Institute 2023 Cohort</i>	Sep 2023 — Sep 2024

SKILLS

- **Languages:** Exceptional written and verbal communication skills in English and Italian, working knowledge of French (B2) and basic knowledge of Spanish (B1)
- **Quantitative:** R, R Markdown, Python, Social Network Analysis (igraph, statnet, ERGMs, Network Canvas), Git, LaTeX
- **Qualitative:** Interviews, Focus Groups, Thematic Text Analysis, NVivo

FIELDWORK

Italy: Focus groups with participants from Naples and Florence	Apr 2024 - July 2024
England: In-depth interviews with English students	Apr 2023 - July 2023