

# Elena Pro

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## EDUCATION

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- 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 Politics**, Department of Politics Sep 2019 — July 2022  
*University of Exeter*

## RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

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- Affiliate**, Data Science Institute Dec 2024 - Current  
*London School of Economics and Political Science*

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

## WORKING PAPERS

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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

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2. **Artificial Intelligence, Personalised Persuasion, and Climate Attitudes**  
*with António Valentim*
1. **The many-public: Challenging the empirical legitimacy of deliberative innovations**  
*with Paul Kindermann*

## FUNDING and AWARDS

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| UACES Fieldwork Scholarship, £ 1500                            | 2024 |
| EPOP Early Career Researcher Travel Grant                      | 2024 |
| Summer School “Democratic Decline and Resilience” Travel Grant | 2024 |
| LSE Studentship  | 2023 |
| CIVICA Summer School Travel Grant                              | 2023 |

## INVITED TALKS

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| Political Behaviour Colloquium, EUI  | scheduled 2025 |
| Political Behaviour Work-in-Progress, LSE                                      | 2025           |
| Summer School “Democratic Decline and Resilience”, Université de Montréal      | 2024           |
| Consequences of Identity Politics Workshop, University of Southampton          | 2024           |
| CIVICA Summer School on Transnational Democracy, European University Institute | 2023           |
| The Grand Challenges Scholars Program, Online                                  | 2021           |

## CONFERENCES PRESENTATIONS

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EPSA	scheduled 2025
Elections, Public Opinion and Parties (EPOP) Conference	2024
UK Political Psychology Conference	2024

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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<b>Graduate Teaching Assistant (MSc Level)</b> , Department of Methodology	Sep 2024 - Current
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction to Quantitative Analysis</li><li>• Social Network Analysis</li></ul>	
<b>Graduate Teaching Assistant (Undergrad Level)</b> , Department of Government	Jun 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CIVICA European Week</li></ul>	

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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<b>Research Assistant</b>	Jan 2024 - Current
<i>Dr Miguel Pereira, London School of Economics and Political Science</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Supporting the design and implementation of a field experiment</li><li>• Training local politicians in evidence-based policy making and statistical literacy</li></ul>	

## ADVANCED METHODS TRAINING

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Applied Language Models for Social Science Research by Zach Dickson (LSE)	2025
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

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Cumberland Lodge EI workshop co-organiser	Feb 2025
Advisor for Master's Students Dissertation	Apr 2024 — Current
CIVICA Student Ambassador	Sep 2023 — Sep 2024
Student Representative of the European Institute PhD students	Sep 2023 — Sep 2024
Student Representative of the European Institute 2023 Cohort	Sep 2023 — Sep 2024

## FIELDWORK

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

## SKILLS

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- **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