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Research Interests

Political Behaviour, Comparative Politics, Political Methodology

Academic Positions

Queen Mary University of London

Postdoctoral Research Assistant, 2024–present

Project: *Response to Violence Against Women Mayors in the United States*, funded by the Bloomberg Center at Harvard, PI: Dr. [Sofia Collignon](#)

University of Essex

Lecturer in Political Behaviour & Quantitative Methods, 2022–2023 (fixed-term)

University of Essex

Lecturer in Political Behaviour, 2022 (fixed-term)

University of Strathclyde

Pre-doctoral Research Assistant, 2020–2021

Project: *Representative Audit of Britain 2019*, funded by the ESRC

PIs: Prof. [Rosie Campbell](#) and Dr. [Wolfgang Rüdig](#)

Education

University of Strathclyde

Ph.D. in Politics, 2025

Ph.D. Thesis: The Effects of Political Careers on Party and Voter Congruence

Supervisors: Dr. [Wolfgang Rüdig](#) & Dr. [Zac Greene](#)

University of Strathclyde

PG Certificate in Researcher Professional Development, 2025

University of Mannheim

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM), 2025

European University Institute

Visiting Ph.D. Student, 2023

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

M.Sc. in Political Analysis (with distinction), 2017

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

B.Sc. in Political Sciences, 2014

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

- Laura Sudulich, Siim Trumm and **Iakovos Makropoulos**. 2024. Running uphill: A comparative analysis of the gender gap in campaign financing. *European Journal of Political Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1475-6765.12741>
- Sofia Collignon, Wolfgang Rüdig, Chrysa Lamprinakou, **Iakovos Makropoulos** and Javier Sajuria. 2023. Interwined Fates? Members Switching between Niche and Mainstream Parties. *Party Politics* 29 (5): 840-852.
- Georgios Karyotis, John Connolly, Sofia Collignon, Andrew Judge, **Iakovos Makropoulos**, Wolfgang Rüdig, and Dimitris Skleparis. 2021. What Drives Support for Social Distancing? Pandemic Politics, Securitisation and Crisis Management in Britain. *European Political Science Review* 13 (4):467-487.
- Sofia Collignon, **Iakovos Makropoulos**, and Wolfgang Rüdig. 2021. Consensus Secured? Elite and Public Attitudes to 'Lockdown' Measures to Combat Covid-19 in England. *Journal of Elections Public Opinion and Parties* 31(sup1): 109-121.

Book Chapters

- Makropoulos, Iakovos**, Sofia Collignon, Heiko Giebler, Wolfgang Rüdig, Javier Sajuria and Bernhard Wessels. 2022. Determinants of Personalised Campaigning: A Comparative Analysis. Chapter 5, in Lieven De Winter, Rune Karlsen and Hermann Schmitt (eds.), *Parliamentary Candidates Between Voters and Parties. A Comparative Perspective*. London: Routledge

Other Publications

- Georgios Karyotis and **Iakovos Makropoulos**. 2023. The new Greeks: No longer the underdog? Chapter 8, in Vasiliki Tsagkroni (ed.), *First Thoughts on the 25 June 2023 Election in Greece*. Greek Politics Specialist Group Pamphlet: 8
- Georgios Karyotis and **Iakovos Makropoulos**. 2023. The Secret Code: Affective Polarisation and Electoral Behaviour in Greece. Chapter 26, in Vasiliki Tsagkroni (ed.), *First Thoughts on the 21 May 2023 Election in Greece*. Greek Politics Specialist Group Pamphlet: 7
- Roula Nezi, Georgios Karyotis and **Iakovos Makropoulos**. 2023. Culture wars? Assessing the impact of affective polarisation on cultural battles. *GreeSE Papers: Hellenic Observatory, London School of Economics and Political Science*, Paper No. 190.
- Georgios Karyotis, Chrysa Lamprinakou, **Iakovos Makropoulos**, Vasiliki Tsagkroni, Lamprini Rori, Dimitris Skleparis and Dimitris Tsarouchas. 2022. Youth and the European Union: Attitudes, determinants and intergenerational dynamics [Greek], *diaNEOSis*, 4.2022
- Makropoulos, Iakovos**. 2019. SYRIZA's Victorious Defeat. Chapter 26, in Panagiota Manoli (ed.), *First Thoughts on the 7 July 2019 Election in Greece*. Greek Politics Specialist Group Pamphlet: 6

Public Engagement Activities

- Laura Sudulich, Siim Trumm, **Iakovos Makropoulos**. 2024. [The gender gap in campaign financing: an uphill struggle](#), *The Loop, ECPR's Political Science Blog*, 26 November 2024
- Mitya Pearson, Wolfgang Rüdig, **Iakovos Makropoulos** and Tomas Maltby. 2024. [Why Green parties remain key players after the 2024 European Parliament elections](#), *European Politics and Policy at LSE*, 22 July 2024
- Makropoulos, Iakovos**. 2023. [Greece's 2023 Elections: The Need for Safety?](#). *Party Systems & Governments Observatory*, University of Nottingham, 17 July 2023

Invited Presentations

- The Party Soldier, the Young Careerist, and the Outsider. How Distinctive Career Paths affect Party Dissent. Presented at the University of Essex (March 2023)
- The Party Soldier, the Young Careerist, and the Outsider. How Distinctive Career Paths affect Party Dissent. Presented at the University of Strathclyde (February 2022)
- A Protest like Any Other? The Macedonian movement and opposition to the Prespa Agreement in Greece. Presented at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (December 2019)

Working Papers

- The Rise of the Young Careerist and its Consequences on Congruence with Voters.
- The Party Soldier, the Young Careerist, and the Outsider. How Distinctive Career Paths affect Party Dissent.
- The Most Important Issue facing your Country. How do Candidates' Career Experiences affect Priority Congruence with Voters?
- Mapping the Gaps: Assessing Harassment and Abuse Protection Policies for Elected Officials in Major U.S. Cities (with Sofia Collignon, Rebekah Herrick, and Sue Thomas)
- Pathways to Power: Candidate Selection and Career Trajectories in Politics (with Sergio J. Ascencio)
- The symbolic power of women leaders and women's legislative representation: A text-as-data study of parliamentary speeches and legislative proposals (with Maria Žuffová)
- Echo Chamber: How do we construct public opinion using emotions? (with Sofia Collignon and Wolfgang Rüdig)
- Protest like Any Other? The Macedonian movement and opposition to the 'Prespa Agreement' in Greece (with Chrysa Lamprinakou, Wolfgang Rüdig, and Georgios Karyotis)
- Analyzing Green Party Goals: Instrumentalism vs Post-Instrumentalism (with Wolfgang Rüdig, Benoît Rihoux, Jo Buelens, Sofia Collignon and Javier Sajuria) *Older version R & R in Comparative Political Studies*

Selected Conference Participation

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago 2024
European Political Science Association, Glasgow 2023
Elections, Public Opinion and Parties, Political Studies Association, Newcastle 2022
Midwest Political Science Association, Virtual 2021
European Political Science Association, Virtual 2020
European Consortium for Political Research, Virtual 2020
European Consortium for Political Research, Wrocław 2019
Elections, Public Opinion and Parties, Political Studies Association, Glasgow 2019
European Consortium for Political Research, Hamburg 2018
Elections, Public Opinion and Parties, Political Studies Association, London 2018

Grants and Awards

Research Fund, School of Politics & International Relations, QMUL, £600
Graduate School Conference Fund, University of Strathclyde, £1000
Travel Grant, University of Strathclyde, £250
Research Excellence Award for the degree of Ph.D. in Politics, School of Government and Public Policy, University of Strathclyde, £60,000
Best Performance at UG Level, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (2012)

Teaching Experience

University of Essex

Postgraduate Level: Theory and Explanation in Political Science (Spring 2023)

Undergraduate Level: Political Behaviour (Autumn 2022); Measuring Public Opinion (Spring 2022 & Autumn 2022); Parties and Elections (Spring 2022); Electoral Behaviour (Spring 2022 & Spring 2023); Career Portfolio (Autumn 2022 & Spring 2023)

University of Strathclyde

Undergraduate Level: European Politics (Spring 2020 & Spring 2021); Political Philosophy (Autumn 2017 & Autumn 2019); Politics 1a: Concepts and Processes (Autumn 2017); Politics 1b: Decision Making and Outcomes (Autumn 2018); International Relations and Global Politics (Autumn 2019)

Essex Summer School

Methods: Introduction to Statistics For Survey Data Analysis (Summer 2023)

Additional Research Experience

Research Assistant for Dr. Roula Nezi and Prof. Georgios Karyotis, Autumn 2021 & Spring 2022. Work included merging of the ESS, CSES, Eurobarometer, EVS datasets and conducting statistical analyses (SEM) for the Cultural Divides and Affective Polarisation project, funded by the LSE Hellenic Observatory.

Research Assistant for Dr. Wolfgang Rüdiger, University of Strathclyde, Autumn 2017 - Autumn 2021. Tasks included developing UK survey questionnaires, coordinating the distribution of questionnaires to candidates, and managing the collected data.

Research Assistant for Prof. Georgios Karyotis, University of Glasgow, Spring 2020. Responsibilities involved conducting statistical analyses of a public opinion survey related to the Covid-19 in the UK (Pandemic Politics project).

Research Assistant for Dr. Zac Greene, University of Strathclyde, Autumn 2020. Work included content analysis of party conference and parliamentary speeches related to the Norface network funded EU-in-Action project and Carnegie Trust project.

Research Assistant for Dr. Narisong Huhe and Dr. Mark Shephard, University of Strathclyde, Spring 2018. My responsibilities involved coding responses assisting with the Mapping the Networked Socialisation of University Students in a Digital Age project.

Research Assistant for Prof. Ioannis Andreadis, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Autumn 2015. Work included telephone interviews for the ELNES project (Greek Voter Study 2015).

Professional Service

Supervisor UG and PG level dissertations, University of Essex, 2022

Recruitment Engagement Officer UG level, University of Essex, 2022

Mentor to 1st year Ph.D. students, University of Strathclyde, 2020

Conference Assistant, EPOP, University of Strathclyde, 2019

Conference Assistant, Party Congress Research Group, University of Strathclyde, 2019

Journal Referee: *Party Politics*

Association Memberships

American Political Science Association

European Political Science Association

Elections, Public Opinion and Parties, section of the Political Studies Association

Additional Methods Training

Oxford Spring School in Advanced Research Methods

Causal Inference 2: Survey & Field Experiments (Dr. Rachel Bernhard), 2024

Curran-Bauer Analytics

Structural Equation Modelling (Prof. Dan Bauer and Prof. Patrick Curran), 2020

Scottish Graduate School of Arts and Humanities Summer School

Time Series Analysis (Dr. Niccole Pamphilis), 2019

Methods Workshop, University of Strathclyde

Quantitative Text Analysis (Dr. Zac Greene), 2018

Network Analysis (Dr. Narisong Huhe), 2019

Centre for Multilevel Modelling, University of Bristol

Multilevel Modelling (Prof. Harvey Goldstein and Prof. George Leckie), 2018

ECPR Winter School, University of Bamberg

Multilevel Modelling (Prof. Levente Littvay and Dr. Milos Popovic), 2018

Methods Workshop, Panteion University

Causal Inference (Prof. Elias Dinas), 2017

Statistical and Computer Skills

R, STATA, Python, SPSS, Mplus, MLwiN, L^AT_EX

Language Proficiency

Greek (native), English (fluent), German (intermediate), Italian (intermediate)

Non-professional Organizations - Qualifications

Football Referee, Scottish Football Association, 2017–2019

Football Referee, Greek Football Association, 2011–2017

Footballer, Iraklis F.C. Thessaloniki, 2006 - 2010

Sea Scout, 3rd Sea Scout Unit Thessaloniki, 1999 - 2005

References

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