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## Academic Positions

### Queen Mary University of London

Postdoctoral Research Assistant, 2024–present

VAWUS 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

Visiting Lecturer in Political Behaviour & Quantitative Methods, 2022–2023

### University of Essex

Visiting Lecturer in Political Behaviour, 2022

### University of Strathclyde

Pre-doctoral Research Assistant, 2020–2021

RAB 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 (expected)

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

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

### University of Strathclyde

Postgraduate Certificate in Researcher Professional Development, 2025

### Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

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

M.Sc. Thesis: Analysis of the use of Twitter by Greek political parties

Supervisor: Prof. [Ioannis Andreadis](#)

### Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

B.Sc. in Political Sciences, 2014

## Research Interests

Political Behaviour, Comparative Politics, Political Methodology

## 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

## **Competitive Grants and Awards**

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)  
Graduate School Conference Fund, University of Strathclyde, £1000  
Travel Grant, University of Strathclyde, £250

## **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<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

## **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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