

# JOELLE TASKER

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## Research Interests

Substantive **Public opinion, political behaviour, political psychology & British politics.**  
Methods **Quantitative research, survey research & survey experiments.**

## Education

2022–present **PhD, Government**, *University of Essex*.

SeNSS-funded research project 'Investigating Individual-Level Conflict Between Ideology and Issue Positions in the UK' supervised by Royce Carroll and John Bartle. This project utilises British Election Study data and a survey experiment to explore the relationship between self-described ideology and political attitudes among British individuals.

2021–2022 **MSc Political Science (Distinction)**, *University of Essex*, SeNSS-funded via a 1+3 Studentship Award.

Dissertation: Investigating Individual-Level Alignment Between Ideology and Political Attitudes in the UK, supervised by Royce Carroll.

2016–2019 **BSc (Hons) Politics & International Relations (1st)**, *University of Exeter*.

Undergraduate dissertation: Public Opinion of Socialism in the United States, supervised by Jason Reifler.

## Research Projects

- 1 **Tasker, Joelle**, *The Changing Meaning of the Left-Right Space in the UK*.
- 2 **Tasker, Joelle**, *Brexit as a Cause or Consequence of Realignment*.
- 3 **Tasker, Joelle**, *Economic vs Social: A survey experiment to understand the usage of the left/right-wing labels*.
- 4 **Schleiter, Petra, Jonathan Homola, Jeremy Siow, Joelle Tasker, Margit Tavits**, *Mandatory Voter ID Reduces Turnout: Evidence from the Voter ID Reform in the UK*.
- 5 **Royce Carroll & Joelle Tasker**, *Translating ideology into left-right self-placement in Europe*.

## Research Experience

2023–present **University of Oxford**, *Voter ID in the UK*, Research Assistant, PI: Petra Schleiter.

2019 **University of Exeter**, *Conspiratorial Thinking in Europe*, Research Assistant, PI: Florian Stoeckel.

## Teaching

2023–2024 **University of Essex**, *Q-Step Assistant Lecturer*.

Providing support hours for Quantitative Political Analysis and Advanced Quantitative Political Analysis, as well as workshops and guest lectures on quantitative political skills for undergraduate government students.

- 2024 **Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis**, *Designing and Analysing Surveys*, Teaching Assistant.
- 2023 **Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis**, *Quantitative Data Analysis and Statistical Graphics with R*, Teaching Assistant.

## Conference Presentations

- 2024 **EPOP**, *Brexit as a Cause or Consequence of Realignment*.  
**APSA**, *The Changing Meaning of the Left-Right Space in the UK*.  
**UK Political Psychology Conference**, *The Changing Meaning of the Left-Right Space in the UK*.
- 2023 **EPOP**, *The Changing Meaning of the Left-Right Space in the UK*.  
**MPSA**, *The Changing Meaning of the Left-Right Space in the UK*.

## Awards

- 2021-2025 **ESRC SeNSS**, *1+3 Studentship*, Investigating Individual-Level Conflict Between Ideology and Issue Positions in the UK.
- 2017, 2018 **University of Exeter**, *Dean's Commendation*.

## Professional Service

- 2023-2024 **University of Essex**, *Government PhD Student Representative*.

## Other work experience

- 2019-2021 **Office for National Statistics, HMRC**, *Assistant Statistician*.

## Skills

Software **R, Stata, Qualtrics, LaTeX, Markdown**.