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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

Research Assistant

Dublin City University, Ireland

February 2024 – August 2024

Project: "Deliberative spaces for democracy" - funded by EU Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme

Principal Investigator: Prof. Jane Suiter, DCU

- Quantitative data analysis using R (experiments)
- Produce a data analysis report for review and dissemination by European Commission
- Co-authored two academic papers (one published, one not submitted)
- Dissemination of research at American Political Science Association annual conference in Philadelphia PA, USA, in September 2024

Research Assistant

University College Dublin, Ireland

September 2023 – June 2024

Project: "Irish Electoral Studies Archive" - funded by UCD

Principal Investigators: Dr. Jos Dornschneider-Elkink, UCD, and Dr. Rory Costello, UL

- Checking, recoding and merging 40+ electoral studies datasets
- Design and coding of a unified codebook using R and LaTeX
- Quality Controls using cross-tabulations
- Liaising with all PIs for gathering information on recoded datasets

Research Assistant

University of Limerick, Ireland

February 2023 – September 2023

Project: "Public Policy Agendas on a Shared Island (PPASI)" - funded by the Irish Research Council (IRC)

Principal Investigator: Dr Conor Little, UL

- Entry-level NLP skills: Parsing manifestos using quanteda:: and tabulizer::
- Coding of manifestos and bills using the Comparative Agendas Project codebook

Research Assistant

University of Cork, Ireland

January 2023 – July 2023

Project: "Inclusive Learning Management Systems for students with disabilities, social disadvantages, and learning difficulties in Higher Education" - funded by the CACSSS of UCC

Principal Investigator: Dr Amin Sharifi Isaloo, UCC

- Theoretical knowledge of Universal Design for Learning (UDL)
- Survey design and deployment using Qualtrics
- Data analysis and report using mainly tidyverse:: and Rmarkdown
- Dissemination of results at AdvanceHE annual conference in Keele University, UK

Ph.D in Politics (Structured)

University of Limerick, Ireland

September 2018 – Present

Project: "An examination of Negative Partisanship in multidimensional European party system between 1999-2019: Measurement, causes, and effects" - Self-funded

Supervisor: Dr Rory Costello, University of Limerick

- Created a large dataset comprising European Election Studies (EES), West European Voter (WEV), Comparative Study of Electoral Systems (CSES), ParlGov, and Chappel Hill Expert Surveys (CHES)
- Created a joining table linking each party to other party-level datasets and PartyFacts.
- Dissertation in LaTeX

Bachelor of Arts, Joint Honours in Sociology and Politics
The University of Limerick, Ireland

2013 – 2018

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Comparative European Politics (PO4023)

Module convenor and lecturer

2022 – 2023

Teaching assistant

2019 – 2021

- Delivered weekly 2-hour lectures to 85 second and third-year students + 3 weekly tutorials
- Data-driven approach to the study of the mass-elite linkage and governments
- Introduced a meme assessment which generated keen interest
- Students Evaluation of Teaching avg score of 4.81/5 (full report available on request):
 - "The subject matter of this module is progressive, the explanations are clear and concise, and the exercises undertaken are very helpful in understanding the module content."
 - "Kevin's communication style and delivery are excellent. He has an uncanny knack of simplifying the most complicated subject matter. He also brings a huge level of enthusiasm and humour to the lectures and the tutorials. Lastly, I feel he goes above and beyond the call of duty with his availability and unrestricted accessibility to every one of his students for any difficulties we may encounter. There is always a prompt response to emails, and he works extremely hard to find and offer solutions."

Mature Student Access Course (AS2001)

Co-lecturer

2021 – 2022

- Delivered weekly 3-hour lectures to 10 mature students
- Fully designed an introductory course on politics and international governance

European Studies (ES4001/2)

Co-lecturer

2020 – 2023

- Delivered weekly lectures to 25 students for 5 weeks each term
- Co-designed an introductory course on the European Union, its history, policies, and governance
- Designed a simulation of a legislative negotiation taking into account political groups, committees, and key roles (e.g. rapporteur, chairs)

Working in the 21st Century (PA4004)

Co-lecturer

2020 – 2021

- Delivered three 2-hour online lectures to over 100 students from various fields of study
- Fully designed an introductory course on data analytics applied to the workplace

Government and Politics of the EU (PO4015)

Teaching Assistant

2019 – 2021

- Taught three tutorials with 15-20 students each week for 2 terms
- Module led by Dr Rory Costello, Senior Lecturer:
 - "You will be a big loss to the module - I know the students love you, and I know how much work you put in. I'll be lucky to find someone half as good to replace you."

Introduction to Public Administration (PA4022)

Teaching Assistant

2019 – 2021

- Taught three tutorials with 15-20 students each week for 2 terms
- Module led by Dr Chris McInerney whose approach is based on Problem-Based Learning (PBL):
 - "I have been thankful for your teaching. I've been delighted to have you involved in the modules. Trying to find a replacement, that will be a serious challenge!"

Introduction to Politics (PO4051/2)

Teaching Assistant

2019 – 2020

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Papers

Suiter, J., K. Saude, and B. McNally (2025). "Climate Change Assemblies as Spaces for the Potential Mitigation of Climate Policy Misperceptions: A Survey Experiment". In: *Environmental Science & Policy* 164, p. 103995. URL: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1462901125000115> (visited on 02/07/2025).

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- PSAI, Dublin, Ireland, October 2024. Co-presentation of the Irish Electoral Studies Archive with Dr. Adam Whittle (Electoral Commission, Ireland).
- APSA, Philadelphia, USA, September 2024. Paper coauthored with Pr. Jane Suiter (lead; DCU, Ireland) and Dr. Brenda McNally (DCU, Ireland) *Climate Change Assemblies as Spaces for the Potential Mitigation of Climate Policy Misperceptions: A Survey Experiment*.
- AdvanceHE annual conference at Keele University, UK, in July 2023. Paper coauthored with Dr Amin Sharifi Isaloo (UCC, Ireland): *Inclusive Learning Management Systems in Higher Education*
- Dusseldorf Graduate Conference on Party Research 2023 (February 2023). Paper title: *The effects of Negative Partisanship on electoral behaviour in competitive European party systems between 1999-2019*
- PSAI conference in Waterford, Ireland in October 2022: Updated version of a working paper on *The effect of polarisation on positive and negative partisanship in Western Europe between 1999-2019*
- PSA EPOP conference in Newcastle upon Tyne, UK, in September 2022. Paper on *The effect of polarisation on positive and negative partisanship in Western Europe between 1999-2019*
- Volunteered for the National Symposium on "The European dimension in Irish education after Brexit" organised by Prof. Joachim Fischer at The University of Limerick in May 2022
- EPSA General Conference in Belfast, Northern Ireland in July 2019. (Attendee.)

MEDIA

- "Expert panel on the French Presidential elections 2022", *Maynooth University, Ireland*, April 2022, <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/europe/events/french-presidential-election-2022-macron-versus-le-pen-and-what-stake-france-and-european-union#main-content>
- "Will Macron win a second term as French president?", *RTE Brainstorm*, January 2022, <https://www.rte.ie/brainstorm/2022/0124/1275497-emmanuel-macron-french-presidential-election-2022/>
- "I want to believe that we can make this better", *Limerick Leader*, November 2021, <https://www.limerickleader.ie/news/home/684487/i-want-to-believe-that-we-can-make-this-better-limerick-campaigner-calls-for-more-ms-support.html>

- "Can Trump's partisan base really help him win again in November?", *RTE Brainstorm*, September 2020, <https://www.rte.ie/brainstorm/2020/0513/1138104-trump-2020-partisan-supporters-republicans-democrats/>

SKILLS

Training courses

- MethodsNET Summer School on Structural Equation Modelling, Nijmegen, The Netherlands (2022)
- ECPR Party Politics Summer School, Aarhus, Denmark (2021)
- ECPR Virtual methods school on causal inference (2021)
- ECPR Virtual methods school on applied regression analysis (2021)
- ECPR Virtual methods school on Multi-Level Modelling (2020)
- ECPR Virtual methods school on Introduction to R (2020)

Other skills

- Quantitative research methods (SEM, MLM, Log Reg)
- R and Rstudio user
- Past experience with CMSs and working knowledge of HTML
- Reproducibility with Git and GitHub
- LaTeX user for thesis/papers and some presentations (Overleaf)
- Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, and Powerpoint)

ACADEMIC CITIZENSHIP

- Delivered a lecture to secondary pupils for Europe Day 2023 on the history of Ireland's foreign policy.
- Created in collaboration with Dr Conor Little, a monthly "work-in-progress" meeting financially supported by my Politics and Public Admin department. Aimed at PhD students, these meetings offer peer-feedback and foster cohesion.
- PhD representative at the departmental level between 2020-2022
- Regularly invited by faculty to promote programmes (i.e. European Studies) or to deliver seminars (e.g. teaching practice)

NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Part-time customer service representative

Academic Registry, University of Limerick, Ireland

2021 – Present

Freelance Spinning instructor

Limerick, Ireland

2012 – Present

Security officer

G4S Ireland Limited, Limerick, Ireland

2008 – 2015

Fireman/EMT

French Fire and Rescue Service, Bar le Duc, France

2006 – 2008

REFERENCES and TESTIMONIES

Referees are available on request.

VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE and HOBBIES

- Choral singer and musical theatre performer
- Co-organiser of the Great Limerick Run since 2013 (15k runners)
- Master of Ceremony for public events (concerts and sporting events)
- Fundraising and advocacy for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Ireland
- Previously Single-Engine Piston pilot