

# Louisa Boulaziz

## Curriculum Vitae

### Personal and contact information

Date of birth 24.01.1995  
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### Education

- Aug 2019 – **MA Political Science, University of Oslo**  
Jun 2021 In my thesis I used matching and logistic regression to measure the effect of legal capability on the decision-making of the European Court of Justice. My thesis was awarded a “Fritt Ord” scholarship and nominated for the “Våg-å-vite” prize. Supervisor: Silje Synnøve Lyder Hermansen
- Aug 2015 – **BA Political Science, University of Oslo**  
Jun 2019 My thesis explored EU as a political cleavage with a particular focus on the differing positions of left- and right-wing political parties.

### Positions

- Sep 2022 – **PhD Candidate, ARENA, Centre for European Studies, University of Oslo**  
Present My dissertation explores how gendered selection bias shapes descriptive representation and women's careers within political institutions. Submission date: February 4th 2026. Defense to take place in May or June 2026. Supervisors: Øyvind Stiansen (University of Oslo), Daniel Naurin (University of Oslo), and Silje Synnøve Lyder Hermansen (Copenhagen University).
- Jan 2022 – **Advisor, Norway's Digitalisation Agency**  
Sep 2022 Responsible for research requested by the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development, facilitating re-use of public sector data, following EU legislation on data sharing.
- Sep 2021 – **PhD Candidate, European University Institute, Florence**  
Jan 2022 Supervisor: Simon J. Hix
- Jun 2021 – **Data Scientist (summer job), Department of Political Science, University of Oslo**  
Sep 2021 Worked in a team that developed a program for learning applied statistics and programming in R. Project director: Bjørn Høyland.
- Mar 2021 – **Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Oslo**  
Oct 2021 Responsible for the collection, cleaning, and analysis of data for research focused on freedom of speech and scientific production in autocratic regimes, under the supervision of Professor Tore Wig.
- Jun 2020 – **Research Assistant, PluriCourts Research Center, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo**  
Sep 2021 Contributed to the development of a comprehensive database on the European Court of Justice, encompassing all cases, both oral and written briefs, litigants, lawyers, and observing member states. Tasks included data scraping, collection, compilation, description, analysis, and presentation.

## Publications

Boulaziz, Louisa (2025a). "Beyond the glass ceiling, more 'housework'? Womens' work assignment, performance and influence in political institutions". In: *Forthcoming in The Journal of Politics*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1086/736465>.

Hermansen, Silje Synnøve Lyder, Tommaso Pavone, and Louisa Boulaziz (2025). "Leveling and Spotlighting: How the European Court of Justice Favors the Weak to Promote Its Legitimacy". In: *British Journal of Political Science* 55, e158. DOI: 10.1017/S0007123425100987.

## Working Papers

Pavone, Tommaso, Silje Synnøve Hermansen, and Louisa Boulaziz (2024). "Agenda-Setters, Permission-Givers, and Gate-Keepers: A Triadic Theory of Litigation and Decision-Making by International Courts". Working paper.

Boulaziz, Louisa (2025b). "Panel effects beyond outcomes: Gender and judicial efficiency". Revise and resubmit in *European Journal of Political Research*.

– (2025c). "Precarious positions? Gender, quotas and the politics of (re)appointment". Under review in *European Journal of Political Research*. APSA Preprints. doi: 10.33774/apsa-2024-3l3pd-v2.

Boulaziz, Louisa, Silje Synnøve Hermansen, and Tommaso Pavone (2025). "Courtroom Capital: Who lawyers know or what they know?" Working paper.

Boulaziz, Louisa, Johan Lindholm, and Daniel Naurin (2025). "Open calls, closed doors? Judicial selection procedures and gender diversity on the bench". Submitted to *The British Journal of Political Science*.

Boulaziz, Louisa and Jacob Nystrup (2025). "Picture perfect: The gendered pathways into government". Revise and resubmit in *American Journal of Political Science*. Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=5560482> or <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.5560482>.

## Awards

Scientist-in-Residence Program, awarded by the Mayor of Salzburg, March 2025

Jarlsberg Wedel Fund, research stay at Copenhagen University fall 2024 (100.000,- NOK)

Honorary Mention, Best Conference Paper, EUSA 2023

Best Law and Courts Paper, ECPR General Conference 2023

Fritt-Ord scholarship for MA thesis (10.000,- NOK)

## Boards, Committees, Projects and Volunteer Work

IUROPA Project contributor. See: <https://www.iuropa.pol.gu.se/>

Board member of ARENA, representing temporary academic staff

Lay judge in Oslo District Court

Part of funding application to the Norwegian Research Council about Virtual Negotiations in the United Nations and Court of Justice of the European Union (ongoing). PI: Tarald Gulseth Berge (University of Southern Norway).

## Teaching Activities

Fall 2024: Guest Lecturer, Gender and Politics, University of Copenhagen.

Fall 2023, 2024: Workshop Organizer/Speaker, IUROPA Workshop on Law and Courts.

Spring 2024: Lecturer, International and comparative judicial politics (STV4222).

Spring 2023, 2024: Lecturer/Seminar Teacher, Politics in the European Union (STV2500).

Fall 2023: Seminar Teacher, Digital data in political science (STV4030A).

Spring/Summer 2023: Course Leader/Lecturer, Political Data Science Hackathon (ISSSV1337).

Spring 2020, 2021: Seminar Teacher, Research methods and applied statistics (STV1020), undergraduate course.

Fall 2020: Seminar Teacher, Research methods and applied statistics (STV4020A), graduate course.

Fall 2019: Seminar Teacher, Examen facultatum for the social sciences (SVEXFAC03).

## Presentations

International Political Science Association, 2025

European Union Studies Association, 2023, 2025

Danish Political Science Association, 2024

European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR) General Conference, 2021, 2023, 2024

European Political Science Association, 2024, 2025

ECPR Standing Group on the EU, 2024

Salzburg Centre for European Studies Workshop, 2024

ECPR Standing Group on Law and Courts, 2023

Junior Law and Courts, 2023

Norwegian Political Science Association, Kristiansand 2023

## Research Communication

Blog post on the Verfassungs blog. ([Hyperlink](#))

Interview with the University of Oslo's communications department about a conference on democracy in which I participated (in Norwegian). ([Hyperlink](#))

Aftenposten, 2024: Op-ed about women in politics and Kamala Harris' candidacy for President (in Norwegian). ([Hyperlink](#))

NRK, 2023: Op-ed about Norwegian politicians reluctance to adhere to Supreme Court rulings (in Norwegian). ([Hyperlink](#))

## Languages

Norwegian (native)

English (fluent)

French (intermediate)

R, Quarto and LaTeX

## References

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