

## Miriam Sorace

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<b>RESEARCH INTERESTS / EXPERTISE</b>	Political Behaviour, Political Representation, Public Opinion, European Union Politics, Gender, Quantitative Research Methods, Text Analysis, Causal Inference.	
<b>CURRENT &amp; PAST APPOINTMENTS</b>	<b><i>Political Data Scientist</i></b>	January 2023 - now
	Data & Targeting Team, <i>UK Labour Party</i>	
	<b><i>Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Quantitative Politics</i></b>	April 2020 - now
	School of Politics and IR & Q-Step Centre, <i>University of Kent</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Affiliations: Political Psychology Lab, Q-Step Centre, Comparative Politics Group, Global Europe Centre</li></ul>	
	<b><i>LSE Fellow in European Politics</i></b>	Sept 2017 - March 2020
<b>VISITING APPOINTMENTS</b>	European Institute, <i>London School of Economics</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Affiliations: LSE Political Behaviour Research Group</li></ul>	
	<b><i>Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Comparative Politics</i></b>	Sept 2016 - Aug 2017
	Dept. of Political and Cultural Studies, <i>Swansea University</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Affiliations: Political Analysis and Governance (PAG) Research Group</li></ul>	
	<b><i>Teaching Assistant &amp; Adjunct Lecturer</i></b>	Sept 2012 - Aug 2016
	Department of Political Science & Centre for European Studies - <i>Trinity College Dublin</i>	
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b><i>Visiting Assistant Professor in Political Behaviour</i></b>	January 2023 - now
	Dept. Political Science and IR, <i>Royal Holloway, University of London</i>	
	<b><i>Visiting Fellow in European Politics</i></b>	May 2020 - now
<b>EDUCATION</b>	European Institute, <i>London School of Economics</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Affiliations: LSE Political Behaviour Research Group</li></ul>	
	<b><i>PhD in Political Science</i></b>	Sept 2012 - Apr 2017
	Department of Political Science, <i>Trinity College Dublin</i> <i>Thesis:</i> Input Democracy in the European Union: Political Representation in Inputs to EU Executives <i>Committee:</i> Prof. Gail McElroy (Supervisor); Prof. Simon Hix (External Examiner); Prof. William Phelan (Internal Examiner)	
	<b><i>MPhil in European Studies</i></b>	Sept 2010 - Dec 2011
	Centre for European Studies, <i>Trinity College Dublin</i> Distinction	
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b><i>BA Linguistics and Journalism</i></b>	Sept 2007 - Jul 2010
	Facoltà di Lingue e Letterature Straniere, <i>Università degli Studi di Cagliari</i>	

110/110 cum laude

- Visiting Erasmus Student 2009-2010 *University College Dublin*

CERTIFICATES	<b><i>Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education</i></b> <i>Higher Education Academy Fellow</i> University of Kent & AdvanceHE	2021
	<b><i>Postgraduate Certificate in Statistics</i></b> School of Computer Science and Statistics, Trinity College Dublin	2015
	<b><i>EITM Certificates in Multivariate Analysis and MLE</i></b> ICPSR, University of Michigan	2015
PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Sorace, M.</b> (2022) “The Ties that Unbind: Intergovernmental Decision Rules and the Policy-Opinion Link” <i>Journal of European Public Policy</i></li><li>2. <b>Sorace, M.</b>, Hobolt S. B. (2021) “A Tale of Two Peoples: Motivated Reasoning in the aftermath of the Brexit Vote” <i>Political Science Research and Methods</i>, 9(4), 675-692<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Winner of the 2021 British Election Study BEST paper award.</li></ul></li><li>3. <b>Sorace, M.</b> (2021) “Productivity-Based Retrospective Voting: Legislative Productivity and Voting in the 2019 European Parliament Elections” - <i>Politics</i>, 41(4), 467 - 485.</li><li>4. <b>Sorace, M.</b> (2021) “European Parliament: Debating in a Legislature with Competing Incentives”. In: Bäck, H. et al. <i>The Politics of Debate</i> - Oxford University Press</li><li>5. <b>Sorace, M.</b> (2018) “Legislative Participation in the EU: An analysis of questions, speeches, motions and declarations in the 7th European Parliament”. <i>European Union Politics</i>, 19(2), 299-320.</li><li>6. <b>Sorace, M.</b> (2018). “The European Union democratic deficit: Substantive representation in the European Parliament at the input stage”. <i>European Union Politics</i>, 19(1), 3-24.</li></ol>	
OTHER PUBLICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. De Vries, C., Hix, S., <b>Sorace, M.</b> “The EU Treaty reform challenge: Is there a winning package?” <i>EU Ideas Blog</i> 30th June 2022</li><li>2. Bruter, M., Harrison, S., <b>Sorace, M.</b>, Vives, E. (2021) “The Conference on the Future of Europe - Putting Local and Regional Authorities at the Heart of European Democratic Renewal” - Policy Report <i>European Committee of the Regions - Commission for Citizenship, Governance, Institutional and External Affairs</i>.</li><li>3. Archibugi, M. and <b>Sorace, M.</b> “Is Brexit a contest between low-earning Leavers and high-earning Remainers?” <i>LSE Brexit Blog</i> 18th March 2019</li><li>4. <b>Sorace, M.</b> “Topic-modelling the 2019 European Parliament elections: The long awaited battle over the soul of Europe?” <i>LSE European Politics and Policy Blog</i> 14th February 2019</li><li>5. <b>Sorace, M.</b> and Hobolt, S. B “Distorted perceptions: how Leavers and Remainers view the economy and with what consequences” <i>LSE British Politics and Policy Blog</i> 14th August 2018</li></ol>	

6. **Sorace, M.** “The European Parliament is more representative of European citizens than we give it credit for” *LSE European Politics and Policy Blog* 8th January 2018
7. **Sorace, M.** “Taking back control, actually: reforming the European Parliament elections” *LSE European Politics and Policy Blog* 19th June 2017

## GRANTS

<i>Migration &amp; Movement Research Fund 2022</i> University of Kent	£3,000
<i>RIIF Fund 2020</i> LSE	£11,440
<i>Research Seed Fund 2019/2020</i> LSE European Institute	£2,000
<i>Research Seed Fund 2018/2019</i> LSE European Institute	£1,920
<i>Warren E. Miller Scholarship 2015</i> University of Michigan (ICPSR)	\$4,000 (ca. £3,300)
<i>GoI Postgraduate Scholarship 2014-16</i> Irish Research Council	€47,600 (ca. £43,300 )
<i>TCD Studentship Award</i> Trinity College Dublin	€36,000 (ca. £32,700)

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

**APSA** 2016 (Poster), 2020; **EPSA** 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021; **EUSA** 2022; **MPSA** 2019, 2021; **EPOP** 2018; **ECPR** 2015

## PUBLIC TALKS

1. “The Future of Europe: Public Opinion and Supranationalism” *Model UN - University of Kent*, 25/11/2022
2. “Brexit 100 Days: Public Opinion” *Dare to Ask Series - University of Kent*, 12/04/2021
3. “Brexit and Public Opinion: How to Reconcile the Divide?” *LSE Civil Service Lecture Series*, 20/03/2019
4. “Can the EU Regain Democratic Legitimacy?” *King’s College London European Society*, 21/01/2019
5. “The Five Star Movement” *Politics.co.uk* Podcast with Ian Dunt 18/05/2018
6. “Analysis of the Italian Election” *Chatham House Webinar* 05/03/2018
7. “What do the Italian Elections mean for Europe?” *London School of Economics Public Lecture* 31/01/2018
8. “Taking Back Control: Fact or Fiction? Parties responsiveness to voters in the European Parliament” Brexit Public Event, *Department of Political and Cultural Studies, Swansea University* 10/05/2017
9. “Voter and party-level explanations of the changes within the Republican Party” Public event US Elections 2016: Alternative Perspectives *Department of Political and Cultural Studies, Swansea University* 20/10/2016.

## WORKSHOPS / INVITED TALKS

1. “Preaching to the Choir? Evaluating the ‘Follow the Leader’ Heuristic in the Brexit Referendum Context” - *LSE Political Behaviour Seminar Series*, 1 December 2022
2. “Towards a Federal Bargain? A Conjoint Experiment of EU Institutional-Policy Trade-Offs” - *YouGov Solidarity in Europe Conference - European University Institute*, 21 January 2022
3. “Vox Populi, Vox Dei: Preferences for Various Models of Democracy” - *Electoral Democracy Seminar Series - University of Montreal*, 16 March 2021
4. “Vox Populi, Vox Dei: Are Process Preferences Thermostatic?” - *European Politics Online Workshop - Syracuse University & Bocconi University*, 16 February 2021
5. “Competing and Competitive Legislatures and the Policy-Opinion Link” - *Connected Politics Lab - University College Dublin*, 23 September 2020
6. “Competing and Competitive Legislatures and the Policy-Opinion Link” - *ECR Seminar Series*, 29 July 2020
7. “Retrospective Voting in the 2019 European Parliament Elections” , The European Elections 2019 Workshop, *ACES, University of Amsterdam*, 30 January 2020
8. “20 Years of Legislative Debate in the EP” , The Politics of Legislative Debate Workshop, *University of Mannheim*, 23-25 October 2019
9. “Gendered political agendas in the Irish Dàil” , Political Campaigning, Messaging, and Rhetoric workshop, *University College London*, 5 September 2019
10. “The EU and Political Representation: Controversies, Open Puzzles and Novel Empirical Strategies” , EU Decision-Making Workshop, *University of Cologne*, 21-22 November 2018
11. “R Crash Course” , VAM Workshop Series, *European Institute, London School of Economics and Political Science*, 05 March 2018

## TEACHING

### *Graduate*

2020-2022	Making Your Own Data: Survey Analysis, Web Scraping & Text Mining
2020-2021	Qualitative Methods in Politics (PhD-level Research Measurement Course)
2017-2022	Dissertation Supervision (30)
2019-2020	Evidence and Analysis in Policy-Making
2019-2020	Policy Incubator (Capstone-style Policy Project)
2019-2020	The Politics and Policies of Brexit
2018-2020	Europeanisation: The EU’s impact on policy, politics and politics
2017-2020	Policy-making in the European Union
2017-2019	History and Theory of European Integration
2016-2017	European Union Politics
2015-2016	Research Methods for Political Science (TA)

*Undergraduate*

2022-2023	Political Research Analysis
2016-2023	Dissertation Supervision (34)
2020-2022	Making Sense of Politics
2017-2018	People, Politics and Institutions in Europe
2016-2017	Politics and the People
2016-2017	The State and Political Institutions
2016-2017	Researching Politics: Political Representation
2016-2017	Parliamentary Studies
2016-2017	Introduction to Politics and IR
2015-2016	European Union Politics
2015-2016	Research Methods for Political Science (TA)
2013-2015	Comparative Politics (TA)
2012-2013	Introduction to Political Science (TA)

**TEACHING AWARDS**

*LSE Class Teacher Awards 2019* - Winner - LSE  
*LSE Class Teacher Awards 2018* - Highly Commended (Inspiring Teaching) - LSE  
*Dermot McAleese Award for Teaching Excellence 2015* - Winner - TCD  
*Teaching Award for Postgraduate Students 2015* - School Nominee - TCD

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

*Reviewer*  
 American Political Science Review; Comparative Political Studies; British Journal of Political Science; European Union Politics; Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties; West European Politics; Electoral Studies; Political Studies Review; European Journal of International Relations; Politique Européenne

***Teaching Review Committee - European Politics Lead*** 2021-Present  
 University of Kent

***Member of the 2024 Task Force*** 2020-Present  
 European Election Studies, Voter Study

***EDI Director*** 2021-2022  
 University of Kent

***Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee Member*** 2019-2021  
 London School of Economics - University of Kent

***Public Speaker Programme Convener*** 2020-2021  
 University of Kent

***Conference Chair/Discussant***  
 EPSA Annual Conference 2019; 2021

***Cumberland Lodge Conference Coordinator*** 2019-2020  
 European Institute - London School of Economics

***Editor - LEQS Discussion Paper Series*** 2018-2020  
 European Institute - London School of Economics

***Research Stream Coordinator*** 2017-2020  
 Stream: Governance and Democracy in the EU  
 European Institute - London School of Economics

<b><i>Committee Member - BA Politics Curriculum Review</i></b>	2016-2017
Department of Political and Cultural Studies - Swansea University	
<b><i>PhD Representative and Research Seminar Convener</i></b>	2015-2016
Trinity Research In Social Science (TRISS) - Trinity College Dublin	
<b><i>Academic and Legal Staff</i></b>	2013
Irish Constitutional Convention	

**SOFTWARES**      Stata, R, SPSS, WordStat/QDA Miner, QGIS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

**LANGUAGES**      **Italian:** Native Language  
**English:** Native/Bilingual Proficiency  
**French:** Fluent