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RESEARCH INTERESTS / EXPERTISE Political Behaviour, Political Representation, Public Opinion, European & British Politics, European Union Politics, Gender, Data Science, Text Analysis, Causal Inference.

CURRENT & PAST APPOINTMENTS *Associate Professor in Comparative Politics* March 2024 - now
Department of Politics & IR, *University of Reading*

Political Data Scientist January 2023 - July 2024
Elections & Data Team, *UK Labour Party*

Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Quantitative Politics 2020-2024
School of Politics and IR & Q-Step Centre, *University of Kent*
• Affiliations: Political Psychology Lab, Q-Step Centre, Comparative Politics Group, Global Europe Centre

LSE Fellow in European Politics 2017-2020
European Institute, *London School of Economics*
• Affiliations: LSE Political Behaviour Research Group

Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Comparative Politics 2016-2017
Dept. of Political and Cultural Studies, *Swansea University*
• Affiliations: Political Analysis and Governance (PAG) Research Group

Teaching Assistant & Adjunct Lecturer 2012-2016
Department of Political Science & Centre for European Studies - *Trinity College Dublin*

VISITING APPOINTMENTS *Visiting Senior Fellow* July 2023 - now
Data Science Institute, *London School of Economics*

Research Associate / Visiting Researcher September 2023 - September 2024
Dept. of Politics and International Relations, *University of Oxford*

Visiting Assistant Professor in Political Behaviour 2023-2024
Dept. Political Science and IR, *Royal Holloway, University of London*

Visiting Fellow in European Politics 2020-2023
European Institute, *London School of Economics*
• Affiliations: LSE Political Behaviour Research Group

EDUCATION *PhD in Political Science* 2017
Department of Political Science, *Trinity College Dublin*
Thesis: Input Democracy in the European Union: Political Representation in Inputs to EU Executives
Committee: Prof. Gail McElroy (Supervisor); Prof. Simon Hix (External Examiner); Prof. William Phelan (Internal Examiner)

	<i>MPhil in European Studies</i> Centre for European Studies, <i>Trinity College Dublin</i> Distinction	2011
	<i>BA Linguistics and Journalism</i> Facoltà di Lingue e Letterature Straniere, <i>Università degli Studi di Cagliari</i> 110/110 cum laude <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visiting Erasmus Student 2009-2010 <i>University College Dublin</i> 	2010
CERTIFICATES	<i>Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education</i> <i>Higher Education Academy Fellow</i> University of Kent & AdvanceHE	2021
	<i>Postgraduate Certificate in Statistics</i> School of Computer Science and Statistics, Trinity College Dublin	2015
	<i>EITM Certificates in Multivariate Analysis and MLE</i> ICPSR, University of Michigan	2015
PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sorace, M., Bolet, D. (2024) “Vox populi, vox dei? The effect of sociotropic and egocentric incongruence on democratic preferences” - <i>European Journal of Political Research</i> 2. Sorace, M. (2023) “Does Populist Voting Rise where Representative Democracy is Systemically Failing?” <i>Electoral Studies</i>, 85, 102658. 3. Sorace, M. (2022) “The Ties that Unbind: Intergovernmental Decision Rules and the Policy-Opinion Link” <i>Journal of European Public Policy</i>, 30(8), pp. 1609-1632. 4. Sorace, M. (2022) “European Parliament: Debating in a Legislature with Competing Incentives”. In: Bäck, H. et al. <i>The Politics of Legislative Debate</i> - Oxford University Press 5. Sorace, M., 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), pp. 675-692 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winner of the 2021 British Election Study BEST paper award. 6. Sorace, M. (2021) “Productivity-Based Retrospective Voting: Legislative Productivity and Voting in the 2019 European Parliament Elections” - <i>Politics</i>, 41(4), pp. 467 - 485. 7. Sorace, M. (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), pp. 299-320. 8. Sorace, M. (2018). “The European Union democratic deficit: Substantive representation in the European Parliament at the input stage”. <i>European Union Politics</i>, 19(1), pp. 3-24. 	
WORK IN PROGRESS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “The Influence of Political Leaders” - with Julio Amador Diaz Lopez & Ricardo Massa 2. “Public Preferences on EU Treaty Reform” - with Catherine de Vries & Simon Hix 3. “Legislative Voting on the EU Immigration Acquis” - with Natascha Zaun 	

4. “DIVIDED: Mapping the Effect of Economic Inequality on the Breakdown of Democratic Politics” - UKRI Future Leaders Fellowship Round 8.
5. “Message Testing and Targeting in Election Campaigns”
6. “Voter Identification Requirements Effects on Turnout: The Case of the UK” - with Chris Hanretty & the Democracy and Elections Centre RHUL

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

1. **Sorace, M.** “Bresignation: British people are ready to turn a page on the EU referendum vote” *The Conversation* 19th November 2024
2. De Vries, C., Hix, S., **Sorace, M.** “The EU Treaty reform challenge: Is there a winning package?” *EUIdeas Blog* 30th June 2022
3. Bruter, M., Harrison, S., **Sorace, M.**, Vives, E. (2021) “The Conference on the Future of Europe - Putting Local and Regional Authorities at the Heart of European Democratic Renewal” - Policy Report *European Committee of the Regions - Commission for Citizenship, Governance, Institutional and External Affairs*.
4. Hobolt, S. and **Sorace, M.** “Attitudes towards Green, Environmental and Climate Issues” *Datap Praxis report for Greenpeace*, 21 December 2019
5. Archibugi, M. and **Sorace, M.** “Is Brexit a contest between low-earning Leavers and high-earning Remainers?” *LSE Brexit Blog* 18th March 2019
6. **Sorace, M.** “Topic-modelling the 2019 European Parliament elections: The long awaited battle over the soul of Europe?” *LSE European Politics and Policy Blog* 14th February 2019
7. **Sorace, M.** and Hobolt, S. B “Distorted perceptions: how Leavers and Remainers view the economy and with what consequences” *LSE British Politics and Policy Blog* 14th August 2018
8. **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
9. **Sorace, M.** “Taking back control, actually: reforming the European Parliament elections” *LSE European Politics and Policy Blog* 19th June 2017

GRANTS

UKRI Future Leaders Fellowship 2024-2028 UKRI	£1.9 mln
Migration & Movement Research Fund 2022 University of Kent	£3,000
Research Infrastructure & Investment Fund 2020 London School of Economics	£11,440
Research Seed Funds 2018/2019 & 2019/2020 European Institute, London School of Economics	£3,920
Warren E. Miller Scholarship 2015 University of Michigan (ICPSR)	\$4,000 (ca. £3,300)
Govt. of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship 2014-16 Irish Research Council	€47,600 (ca. £43,300)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	APSA 2016 (Poster), 2020, 2023; EPSA 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2023; EUSA 2022; MPSA 2019, 2021; EPOP 2018; ECPR 2015
PUBLIC TALKS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “The turn to the right in Europeans’ attitudes: an analysis of 2014-2024 trends in European public opinion” - Sixth-Form event on Populism <i>Europe House & Royal Holloway, University of London</i>, 04/10/2024 2. “The truth behind ‘Bregret’” <i>Windsor Debates - St. Georges’ House, Windsor Castle & Thames Valley Chamber of Commerce</i>, 27/09/2024 3. “Data-driven campaigning. How and why do political parties do it?” <i>UCL Constitution Unit</i>, 08/02/2024 4. “The Future of Europe: Public Opinion and Supranationalism” <i>Model UN - University of Kent</i>, 25/11/2022 5. “Brexit 100 Days: Public Opinion” <i>Dare to Ask Series - University of Kent</i>, 12/04/2021 6. “Brexit and Public Opinion: How to Reconcile the Divide?” <i>LSE Civil Service Lecture Series</i>, 20/03/2019 7. “Can the EU Regain Democratic Legitimacy?” <i>King’s College London European Society</i>, 21/01/2019 8. “The Five Star Movement” <i>Politics.co.uk Podcast with Ian Dunt</i> 18/05/2018 9. “Analysis of the Italian Election” <i>Chatham House Webinar</i> 05/03/2018 10. “What do the Italian Elections mean for Europe?” <i>London School of Economics Public Lecture</i> 31/01/2018 11. “Taking Back Control: Fact or Fiction? Parties responsiveness to voters in the European Parliament” <i>Brexit Public Event, Department of Political and Cultural Studies, Swansea University</i> 10/05/2017 12. “Voter and party-level explanations of the changes within the Republican Party” <i>Public event US Elections 2016: Alternative Perspectives Department of Political and Cultural Studies, Swansea University</i> 20/10/2016.
WORKSHOPS / INVITED TALKS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “An Emerging ‘European Voter’? The No Demos Thesis and Cross-EU Trends in Voters’ Issue Preferences 2014-2024” - <i>EES Workshop, ACES, University of Amsterdam</i>, 20/21 September 2024 2. “Voter ID and GE24: New Dataset of Voter ID Vulnerability” - <i>VoterID Workshop, DPIR - University of Oxford</i>, 2 September 2024 3. “The European Voter: Insights from the European Parliament elections” - <i>2024 European Election Results: Change and continuities Workshop - MFO & Nuffield College, University of Oxford</i>, 13 June 2024 4. “The Cross-Pressured Legislator: Issue Trade-Offs in the Second Dimension of Political Competition” - <i>Europe @LSE Seminar Series - LSE</i>, 20 February 2024 5. “Cross-Pressured Legislators in the EU” - <i>Friday Seminars Series - Trinity College Dublin</i>, 26 January 2024 6. “The Bite of Voter Identification Requirements: a Difference-in-Differences Approach” - <i>VoterID Workshop, DPIR - University of Oxford</i>, 13 October 2023

7. “The Social Conduction Mechanism of the Economic Inequality-Polarization link” - *Polarization & Electoral Hostility Workshop* - *LSE*, 20 June 2023
8. “Preaching to the Choir? Evaluating the ‘Follow the Leader’ Heuristic in the Brexit Referendum Context” - *LSE Political Behaviour Seminar Series*, 1 December 2022
9. “Towards a Federal Bargain? A Conjoint Experiment of EU Institutional-Policy Trade-Offs” - *YouGov Solidarity in Europe Conference* - *European University Institute*, 21 January 2022
10. “Vox Populi, Vox Dei: Preferences for Various Models of Democracy” - *Electoral Democracy Seminar Series* - *University of Montreal*, 16 March 2021
11. “Vox Populi, Vox Dei: Are Process Preferences Thermostatic?” - *European Politics Online Workshop* - *Syracuse University & Bocconi University*, 16 February 2021
12. “Competing and Competitive Legislatures and the Policy-Opinion Link” - *Connected Politics Lab* - *University College Dublin*, 23 September 2020
13. “Competing and Competitive Legislatures and the Policy-Opinion Link” - *ECR Seminar Series*, 29 July 2020
14. “Retrospective Voting in the 2019 European Parliament Elections” , The European Elections 2019 Workshop, *ACES, University of Amsterdam*, 30 January 2020
15. “20 Years of Legislative Debate in the EP” , The Politics of Legislative Debate Workshop, *University of Mannheim*, 23-25 October 2019
16. “Gendered political agendas in the Irish Dàil”, Political Campaigning, Messaging, and Rhetoric workshop, *University College London*, 5 September 2019
17. “The EU and Political Representation: Controversies, Open Puzzles and Novel Empirical Strategies”, EU Decision-Making Workshop, *University of Cologne*, 21-22 November 2018

TEACHING

Graduate

2022-2024	Analysing Public Opinion
2020-2024	Making Your Own Data: Survey Analysis, Web Scraping & Text Mining
2020-2022	Qualitative Methods in Politics (PhD-level Research Measurement Course)
2017-2023	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	Government, Politics and Public Policy in the European Union
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; Journal of European Public Policy; European Union Politics; Electoral Studies; European Political Science Review; Legislative Studies Quarterly; Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties; West European Politics; Political Studies Review; European Journal of International Relations; Politique Européenne

Ethics Committee 2022-now
 School of Politics & IR, University of Kent

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

Teaching Review Committee - European Politics Lead 2021-2022
 University of Kent

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

Committee Member - BA Politics Curriculum Review

2016-2017

Department of Political and Cultural Studies - Swansea University

PhD Representative and Research Seminar Convener

2015-2016

Trinity Research In Social Science (TRISS) - Trinity College Dublin

Academic and Legal Staff

2013

Irish Constitutional Convention

SOFTWARES

R, SQL, Stata, QGIS, L^AT_EX

LANGUAGES

Italian: Native Language

English: Native/Bilingual Proficiency

French: Fluent