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

CURRENT & PAST APPOINTMENTS *Associate Professor in Comparative Politics* 03/2024 – now
Department of Politics & IR, *University of Reading*

Political Data Scientist 01/2023 – 07/2024
Elections & Data Team, *UK Labour Party*

Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Quantitative Politics 04/2020 – 03/2024
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 09/2017 – 03/2020
European Institute, *London School of Economics*
• Affiliations: LSE Political Behaviour Research Group

Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Comparative Politics 09/2016 – 08/2017
Dept. of Political and Cultural Studies, *Swansea University*
• Affiliations: Political Analysis and Governance (PAG) Research Group

Teaching Assistant & Adjunct Lecturer 09/2012 – 08/2016
Department of Political Science & Centre for European Studies - *Trinity College Dublin*

VISITING APPOINTMENTS *Visiting Senior Fellow* 07/2023 – now
Data Science Institute, *London School of Economics*

Research Associate / Visiting Researcher 09/2023 – 09/2024
Dept. of Politics and International Relations, *University of Oxford*

Visiting Assistant Professor in Political Behaviour 01/2023 – 06/2024
Dept. Political Science and IR, *Royal Holloway, University of London*

Visiting Fellow in European Politics 04/2020 – 04/2023
European Institute, *London School of Economics*
• Affiliations: LSE Political Behaviour Research Group

EDUCATION *PhD in Political Science* 2012 – 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)

MPhil in European Studies 2010 – 2011
 Centre for European Studies, *Trinity College Dublin*
 Distinction

BA Linguistics and Journalism 2007 – 2010
 Facoltà di Lingue e Letterature Straniere, *Università degli Studi di Cagliari*
 110/110 cum laude

- Best University Graduate of Class 2010 for the School of Foreign Languages and Literatures *Università degli Studi di Cagliari*
- Visiting Erasmus Student (paid scholarship) 2009-2010 *University College Dublin*

CERTIFICATES

Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education 2021
Higher Education Academy Fellow
 University of Kent & AdvanceHE

Postgraduate Certificate in Statistics 2015
 School of Computer Science and Statistics, Trinity College Dublin

EITM Certificates in Multivariate Analysis and MLE 2015
 ICPSR, University of Michigan

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

1. **Sorace, M.** and Zaun, N. (*forthcoming*) “Dimension-Specific Party and Public Opinion Responsiveness in the EU Immigration Acquis” *West European Politics*
2. De Vries, C., Hix, S. and **Sorace, M.** (2025) “Reforming supranational institutions: Insights from a conjoint experiment in 16 countries” *European Union Politics*, 26(4).
3. **Sorace, M.** (2025) “The Europeanisation of policy preferences: cross-national similarity and convergence 2014 – 2024” *Journal of European Public Policy*.
4. **Sorace, M.**, Bolet, D. (2025) “Vox populi, vox dei? The effect of sociotropic and egocentric incongruence on democratic preferences” - *European Journal of Political Research*, 64(1), pp. 456-470.
5. **Sorace, M.** (2023) “Does Populist Voting Rise where Representative Democracy is Systemically Failing?” *Electoral Studies*, 85, 102658.
6. **Sorace, M.** (2022) “The Ties that Unbind: Intergovernmental Decision Rules and the Policy-Opinion Link” *Journal of European Public Policy*, 30(8), pp. 1609-1632.
7. **Sorace, M.**, Hobolt S. B. (2021) “A Tale of Two Peoples: Motivated Reasoning in the aftermath of the Brexit Vote” *Political Science Research and Methods*, 9(4), pp. 675-692
 - Winner of the 2021 British Election Study BEST paper award.
8. **Sorace, M.** (2021) “Productivity-Based Retrospective Voting: Legislative Productivity and Voting in the 2019 European Parliament Elections” - *Politics*, 41(4), pp. 467 - 485.
9. **Sorace, M.** (2018) “Legislative Participation in the EU: An analysis of questions, speeches, motions and declarations in the 7th European Parliament”. *European Union Politics*, 19(2), pp. 299-320.
10. **Sorace, M.** (2018). “The European Union democratic deficit: Substantive representation in the European Parliament at the input stage”. *European Union Politics*, 19(1), pp. 3-24.

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. **Sorace, M.** (2022) “European Parliament: Debating in a Legislature with Competing Incentives”. In: Bäck, H. et al. *The Politics of Legislative Debate* - Oxford University Press

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

1. **Sorace, M.** “Data-Driven Campaigning: Democratic Evolution or Dangerous Marketisation?” *Political Insight* 10th September 2025
2. **Sorace, M.** “Bresignation: British people are ready to turn a page on the EU referendum vote” *The Conversation* 19th November 2024
3. De Vries, C., Hix, S., **Sorace, M.** “The EU Treaty reform challenge: Is there a winning package?” *EUIdeas Blog* 30th June 2022
4. 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*.
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)
TCD Studentship Award Trinity College Dublin	€36,000 (ca. £32,700)

**CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS**

APSA 2016, 2020, 2023, 2025; **EPSA** 2016-2021, 2023, 2025;
EUSA 2022; **MPSA** 2019, 2021; **EPOP** 2018; **ECPR** 2015

**WORKSHOPS /
INVITED TALKS**

1. “Nano-Targeting: benefits, risks, and an application to climate policy communication” - EU Governance Colloquium *Hertie School Berlin*, 25 November 2025
2. “Political Analytics” - Department of Political Science *Trinity College Dublin*, 13 October 2025
3. “Nano-Targeting: benefits, risks, and an application to climate policy communication” - OxLEAPP Workshop *University of Oxford*, 01 October 2025
4. Predictive Political Theorizing in Political Science Workshop *University of Oxford*, 08 September 2025
5. “Nano-Targeting: benefits, risks, and an application to climate policy communication” - PAIR seminar series *University of Southampton*, 04 June 2025
6. “The Europeanisation of policy preferences: Cross-EU policy issue positioning 2014-2024” - *European University Institute*, 05 March 2025
7. “An Emerging ‘European Voter’? The No Demos Thesis and Cross-EU Trends in Voters’ Issue Preferences 2014-2024” - *EES Workshop, ACES, University of Amsterdam*, 20/21 September 2024
8. “Voter ID and GE24: New Dataset of Voter ID Vulnerability” - *VoterID Workshop, DPIR - University of Oxford*, 2 September 2024
9. “The European Voter: Insights from the European Parliament elections” - *2024 European Election Results: Change and continuities Workshop - MFO & Nuffield College, University of Oxford*, 13 June 2024
10. “The Cross-Pressured Legislator: Issue Trade-Offs in the Second Dimension of Political Competition” - *Europe @LSE Seminar Series - LSE*, 20 February 2024
11. “Cross-Pressured Legislators in the EU” - *Friday Seminars Series - Trinity College Dublin*, 26 January 2024
12. “The Bite of Voter Identification Requirements: a Difference-in-Differences Approach” - *VoterID Workshop, DPIR - University of Oxford*, 13 October 2023
13. “The Social Conduction Mechanism of the Economic Inequality-Polarization link” - *Polarization & Electoral Hostility Workshop - LSE*, 20 June 2023
14. “Preaching to the Choir? Evaluating the ‘Follow the Leader’ Heuristic in the Brexit Referendum Context” - *LSE Political Behaviour Seminar Series*, 1 December 2022
15. “Towards a Federal Bargain? A Conjoint Experiment of EU Institutional-Policy Trade-Offs” - *YouGov Solidarity in Europe Conference - European University Institute*, 21 January 2022
16. “Vox Populi, Vox Dei: Preferences for Various Models of Democracy” - *Electoral Democracy Seminar Series - University of Montreal*, 16 March 2021
17. “Vox Populi, Vox Dei: Are Process Preferences Thermostatic?” - *European Politics Online Workshop - Syracuse University & Bocconi University*, 16 February 2021
18. “Competing and Competitive Legislatures and the Policy-Opinion Link” - *Connected Politics Lab - University College Dublin*, 23 September 2020
19. “Competing and Competitive Legislatures and the Policy-Opinion Link” - *ECR Seminar Series*, 29 July 2020

20. “Retrospective Voting in the 2019 European Parliament Elections” , The European Elections 2019 Workshop, *ACES, University of Amsterdam*, 30 January 2020
21. “20 Years of Legislative Debate in the EP” , The Politics of Legislative Debate Workshop, *University of Mannheim*, 23-25 October 2019
22. “Gendered political agendas in the Irish Dàil” , Political Campaigning, Messaging, and Rhetoric workshop, *University College London*, 5 September 2019
23. “The EU and Political Representation: Controversies, Open Puzzles and Novel Empirical Strategies” , EU Decision-Making Workshop, *University of Cologne*, 21-22 November 2018

PUBLIC TALKS

1. “The turn to the right in Europeans’ attitudes: an analysis of 2014-2024 trends in European public opinion” - Sixth-Form event on Populism *Europe House & Royal Holloway, University of London*, 04/10/2024
2. “The truth behind ‘Bregret’” *Windsor Debates - St. Georges’ House, Windsor Castle & Thames Valley Chamber of Commerce*, 27/09/2024
3. “Data-driven campaigning. How and why do political parties do it?” *UCL Constitution Unit*, 08/02/2024
4. “The Future of Europe: Public Opinion and Supranationalism” *Model UN - University of Kent*, 25/11/2022
5. “Brexit 100 Days: Public Opinion” *Dare to Ask Series - University of Kent*, 12/04/2021
6. “ Brexit and Public Opinion: How to Reconcile the Divide?” *LSE Civil Service Lecture Series*, 20/03/2019
7. “Can the EU Regain Democratic Legitimacy?” *King’s College London European Society*, 21/01/2019
8. “The Five Star Movement” *Politics.co.uk* Podcast with Ian Dunt 18/05/2018
9. “Analysis of the Italian Election” *Chatham House Webinar* 05/03/2018
10. “What do the Italian Elections mean for Europe?” *London School of Economics Public Lecture* 31/01/2018
11. “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
12. “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.

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; Political Behavior; 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

Co-Director - Public Opinion Analytics Lab (POAL) 2025-now
University of Reading, LSE & University of Southampton

Research Division Research Committee Member 2024-now
Politics & Philosophy Division, University of Reading

Executive Board Member 2020-now
European Election Studies, Voter Study

<i>Ethics Committee</i> School of Politics & IR, University of Kent	2022-2023
<i>Teaching Review Committee - European Politics Lead</i> University of Kent	2021-2022
<i>EDI Director</i> School of Politics & IR, University of Kent	2021-2022
<i>Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee Member</i> London School of Economics & University of Kent	2019-2021
<i>Public Speaker Programme Convener</i> School of Politics & IR, University of Kent	2020-2021
<i>Cumberland Lodge Conference Coordinator</i> European Institute - London School of Economics	2019-2020
<i>Editor - LEQS Discussion Paper Series</i> European Institute - London School of Economics	2018-2020
<i>Research Stream Coordinator</i> Stream: Governance and Democracy in the EU European Institute - London School of Economics	2017-2020
<i>Committee Member - BA Politics Curriculum Review</i> Department of Political and Cultural Studies - Swansea University	2016-2017
<i>PhD Representative and Research Seminar Convener</i> Trinity Research In Social Science (TRISS) - Trinity College Dublin	2015-2016
<i>Academic and Legal Staff</i> Irish Constitutional Convention	2013

SOFTWARES R, SQL, Stata, QGIS, L^AT_EX