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## Positions Held

2021-pres. **University College London** | Pre-Doctoral Researcher  
Project: *MENMOPE*: Mental Models of the Political Economy | P.I. *Prof. Lucy Barnes*  
Applying text-as-data and survey experiment methods to measure and manipulate saliency of mental models of the economy in the public and media.

## Education

2019-2022\* **University of Oxford** | DPhil in Politics  
Supervisors: *Prof. Andrew Eggers, Prof. Raymond Duch*  
Thesis: *New Empirical Methodologies for Studying Modern Political Campaigning*  
\* Expected completion

2018-2019 **University of Oxford** | MSc in Politics Research  
Supervisor: *Prof. Andrew Eggers*  
Focus: *causal inference, statistics and text-as-data methods*

2012-2015 **University of Oxford** | BA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics  
Focus: *game theory, politics of Latin America*

## Research

### Under Review

- “Does Microtargeting Work? Evidence from an Experiment during the 2020 US Presidential Election”. *Links to* [Summary](#), [Paper](#), [Appendices](#).

### Working Papers

- “Linking Economic Ideas and Narratives Across Corpora”.  
*Co-authored with Dr. Lucy Barnes (UCL), presented at EPSA '22.*
- “Learning from Machines: Identifying Differences between US Campaigns on Facebook”.  
*Thesis chapter, presented at PaCSS '22.*
- “Text-and-Image-as-Data? Multimodal Embeddings for Political Advertisements.”  
*Link to* [Poster Summary](#) *as presented at TADA '21.*
- “An Unsupervised Text-as-Data Approach to Detecting the Effects of Electoral Constraints on Online Communication Strategies in New Zealand”. *Master's Thesis.*

## Research Assistance

2020 To **Prof. Radoslaw Zubek**, University of Oxford  
Authored literature review of manual and automatic topic discovery methods.

2019 To **Dr. Raluca Pahontu**, University of Oxford  
Developed fuzzy string matching algorithm for merging voter records with typos.

## Teaching

2020-pres. **Introduction to Python for Social Science**, Course Designer and Instructor  
Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford  
*Slides and materials available at:* [muhark.github.io/dpir-intro-python](https://muhark.github.io/dpir-intro-python)

2021 **Data Analytics at Scale**, Teaching Assistant  
Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford

2021 **Comparative Government**, Seminar Convenor  
Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford

2019 **Introduction to Statistics**, Teaching Assistant  
Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford

## Professional Experience

- 2019-pres. **Political Campaigning Consultancy**, London, UK  
In-house data science consultant.
- 2017-2018 **SBI Group**, Tokyo, Japan  
Lead researcher at Equities and Derivatives Exchange SBI Japannext.
- 2016-2017 **IEC Nichibei**, Tokyo, Japan
- 2015-2016 **Language Link**, Moscow, Russia

## Scholarships, Grants and Awards

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|------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2022 | Norman Chester Grant                            | University of Oxford           |
| 2021 | Travel and Conference Grant                     | Text-as-Data Conference        |
| 2020 | Merton College Graduate Research Fund           | Merton College, Oxford         |
| 2019 | DPIR Studentship (Full PhD Tuition and Stipend) | University of Oxford           |
| 2019 | Graduate Research Fund                          | St Catherine's College, Oxford |
| 2013 | Exhibitionership                                | Merton College, Oxford         |

## Professional Activities

### Presentations, Conferences and Colloquia

- 2022 *EPSA*: “Measurement: Polarization and Political Communication” Panel
- 2022 *PaCSS*: “Political Advertising” Panel
- 2022 *COMPTExT*: “Narratives and Multilingual Analysis” Panel
- 2022 *MPSA*: “Campaign Messaging” Panel
- 2021 *CESS* Colloquium, Nuffield College, Oxford
- 2021 *Digital Democracy Lab* Workshop, U. Zurich
- 2021 *Text-as-Data* Conference
- 2021 *Elections, Public Opinion and Parties* Conference

### Service to the Community

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| 2022 | <i>Japanese Journal of Political Science</i>           | Reviewer    |
| 2022 | <i>Politics Research in Progress Colloquium</i> , DPIR | Co-Convenor |
| 2020 | <i>Research &amp; Politics</i> Journal                 | Reviewer    |

## Technical Skills

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| <b>Coding Languages</b>  | Python <sup>†</sup> , R <sup>†</sup> , shell <sup>**</sup> , Julia, SQL <sup>**</sup> , php                          |
| <b>Key Libraries</b>     | PyTorch <sup>*</sup> , Scipy Stack <sup>†</sup> , tidyverse <sup>*</sup>                                             |
| <b>Fields</b>            | Text-as-Data <sup>†</sup> , Machine Learning <sup>**</sup> , Econometrics <sup>**</sup> , Deep Learning <sup>*</sup> |
| <b>Roles</b>             | Data Science Lead <sup>†</sup> , Data Engineer <sup>**</sup> , System Admin, Web Dev                                 |
| <b>Development Tools</b> | Git(hub) <sup>**</sup> , Docker, Nginx, MariaDB, PostgreSQL <sup>**</sup> , Amazon AWS                               |
| <b>Composition</b>       | Markdown <sup>†</sup> , Microsoft/Google/Libre Office <sup>†</sup> , $\LaTeX$ , html, css                            |

(\* , \*\* and † indicate 1000, 2000 and 3000+ hours experience respectively)

## Other

### Selected Blog Posts

- [On Emotion and Reason in Political Language \(Gennaro and Ash 2021\)](#)
- [Implementing Word2Vec in PyTorch](#)
- [Making Your Life Easier with Docker](#)
- [First Steps to Optimizing Python Code](#)
- [Beginner Guide to Using Twitter's Academic Track API](#)

### (Natural) Languages

- English: Native
- Japanese: Advanced Spoken, Intermediate Reading/Writing
- Spanish: CEFR C1 (Advanced Proficiency)
- Russian: CEFR A2 (Basic)