

# Seonghui Lee

## Curriculum Vitae

University of Essex  
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### Academic Appointments

University of Essex, Department of Government, UK Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Comparative Politics	July 2018 – current
Aarhus University, Department of Political Science, Denmark Assistant Professor	July 2015 – June 2018
University of Zürich, Department of Political Science (IPZ), Switzerland Pre-/Post-doctoral Research Fellow	September 2014 – June 2015

### Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, Rice University	2015
M.A. in Political Science, Rice University	2010
M.A. & B.A. in Political Science, Yonsei University	2008

#### *Additional Training*

EITM Summer Institute, University of Houston	2014
Essex/Nuffield CESS Experimental Summer School, University of Oxford	2013
Summer Institute in Political Psychology (SIPP), Stanford University	2010

### Areas of Interests

**Comparative Politics & Political Behavior:** comparative political behavior, comparative political institutions, political psychology, public opinion, political parties and elections

**Methodology:** survey methodology, measurements, experimental design, multilevel modeling

### Peer-Reviewed Publications

12. "How Governments Strategically Time Welfare State Reform Legislation: Empirical Evidence From Five European Countries." (with Georg Wenzelburger, Carsten Jensen, and Christoph Arndt) *West European Politics* 43 (6): 1285-1314, 2020.
11. "Risky Business? Welfare State Reforms and Government Support in Britain and Denmark." (with Carsten Jensen, Christoph Arndt, and Georg Wenzelburger) *British Journal of Political Science* 50 (1): 165-184, 2020.
10. "Measuring Knowledge of Parties' Legislative Seat Shares." (with Agustina Haime and Randy Stevenson) *Political Science Research and Methods* 7(1): 185-196, 2019.

9. "Mass Media Attention to Welfare State Reforms: Evidence from Britain 1996-2014." (with Carsten Jensen) *West European Politics* 42(1): 113-132, 2019.
8. "Multi-dimensional Policy Preferences in the 2015 UK General Election: A Conjoint Analysis." (with Akitaka Matsuo) *Electoral Studies* 55: 89-98, 2018.  
– Featured in: *The People's Choice* [LSE Research news]
7. "Policy Instruments and Welfare State Reform." (with Carsten Jensen, Christoph Arndt, and Georg Wenzelburger) *Journal of European Social Policy* 28(2): 161-176, 2018.
6. "Decomposing Political Knowledge: What Is Confidence in Knowledge and Why It Matters." (with Akitaka Matsuo) *Electoral Studies* 51: 1-13, 2018.
5. "Hvordan reagerer vælgerne på velfærdsforringelser? [How Do Voters Respond to Welfare State Retrenchment?]" (with Carsten Jensen, Christoph Arndt, and Georg Wenzelburger) *Politica: Tidsskrift for politisk videnskab* 48(3): 303-319, 2016. [In Danish]  
– Featured in: *Hvordan reagerer vælgere på velfærdsreformer?* [Altinget]
4. "An Expanded Empirical Evaluation of Cross-National Comparability of Survey Measures of Political Interest Using Anchoring Vignettes: A Research Note." (with Nick Lin and Randy Stevenson) *Electoral Studies* 44: 423-428, 2016.
3. "Evaluating the Cross-National Comparability of Survey Measures of Political Interest Using Anchoring Vignettes." (with Nick Lin and Randy Stevenson) *Electoral Studies* 39: 205-218, 2015.
2. "Party Responsiveness to the Collective Judgment of the Electorate: The Case of Presidential Popularity in Latin America." *Comparative Political Studies* 47(14): 1973-1999, 2014.
1. "Party Policy Differentiation after DLP's Entry in the Legislative Process." (with Young-jae Jin) *Korean Journal of Legislative Studies (Ui-jong-yoen-gu)* 22: 223-255, 2006. [In Korean]

## Grants and Fellowships

BA/Leverhulme Small Research Grant (GBP 9,900)	Under review 2021
ESRC Centre Competition 2020 Grant Co-PI (GBP 5,352,511 PI: Ryan Bakker)	Unsuccessful 2020
ESRC New Investigator Grant (GBP 228,556)	Unsuccessful 2019
Independent Research Fund Denmark (DFF-Research Project 1, DKK 2,488,522)	Unsuccessful 2018
Small Research Grant, Department of Political Science, Aarhus University (DKK 45,000)	2017
Interacting Minds Centre (IMC) Seed Research Grant, Aarhus University (DKK 30,000)	2017
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National Science Foundation (NSF) Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (USD 20,862)	2013
Academic Research Grant, Yonsei University, Office of Graduate Studies	2007
Research Fellowship, Korea Research Foundation	2006–2007

## Original mass surveys and survey experiments fielded

2020	Germany, Denmark, Netherlands
2019	United Kingdom, Canada, Germany, Denmark
2018	Germany, USA
2017	Canada, United Kingdom, USA

2015 Argentina, Canada, China, Chile, Denmark, Germany, Japan, South Korea, Mexico,  
New Zealand, Poland, United Kingdom, USA  
2014 Denmark, Germany, Italy, USA  
2013 United Kingdom, USA

### Work in progress

Political Systems and Political Interest: How Political Institutions Promote or Suppress Political Interest (with Randy Stevenson), Book Manuscript in Preparation.

The Nature and Sources of Voters' Beliefs about the Left-Right Positions of Political Parties (with Randy Stevenson and Philip Santoso) — *Under review*

Paths to False Beliefs: Ignorance, Partisan Motivation, and Conspiracy Mentality (with David Hendry and Akitaka Matsuo) — *Under review*

Comparability of Voters' Left-Right Placements Across Countries: An Investigation Using Anchoring Vignettes (with Nick Lin) — *Under review*

How Voters Predict Coalition Bargaining Outcomes: An Experimental Investigation (with David Fortunato and Randy Stevenson)

Belief Strength and Updating Party Policy Positions (with Carsten Jensen)

How People Shape Left-Right Perceptions of Their Own and Others: Revisiting the Nature and Drivers of Ideological Self-Placement (with Randy Stevenson and Philip Santoso)

The Role of Coping Potential in Enhancing Interest: An Experimental Study of Cognitive Appraisal Theory of Political Interest

Sources of Confidence in Political Knowledge and Judgment: An Experimental Study on the Role of Information Accessibility and Relevance

Decomposing Support for the Welfare State (with Anthony Kevins)

Understanding Electoral Consequences of Office-Holding: How Incumbency Advantages and Disadvantages Coexist

### Research Presentations (Selected recent)

"How Voters Predict Coalition Bargaining Outcomes: An Experimental Investigation" (with David Fortunato and Randy Stevenson)

- European Political Science Association Annual Meeting, June 2021 (Virtual)
- Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January 2021 (Virtual)

"The Nature and Sources of Voters' Beliefs about the Left-Right Positions of Political Parties" (with Randy Stevenson and Philip Santoso)

- Faculty of Law, Kobe University, October 2019, Japan.
- PSA Elections, Public Opinion and Parties (EPOP) conference, September 2019, Glasgow, UK.
- European Political Science Association Annual Meeting, June 2018, Vienna, Austria.

**“Belief Strength and Updating Party Policy Positions” (with Carsten Jensen)**

- PSA Annual Conference, April 2020, Edinburgh, UK. [CANCELLED]
- EasternARC and ExCESS Experimental Social Science Workshop, August 2019, Colchester, UK.
- European Political Science Association Annual Meeting, June 2019, Belfast, UK.

**“Comparability of Voters’ Left-Right Placements Across Countries: An Investigation Using Anchoring Vignettes” (with Nick Lin and Randy Stevenson)**

- European Political Science Association Annual Meeting, June 2019, Belfast, UK.

**“Paths to false beliefs: Ignorance, partisan motivation, and conspiracy mentality” (with David Hendry and Akitaka Matsuo)**

- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2019, Chicago, IL.
- Asian Political Methodology Meeting, January 2019, Kyoto, Japan.
- European Political Science Association Annual Meeting, June 2018, Vienna, Austria.

**“Decomposing Political Knowledge: What Is “Confidence in Knowledge” and Why Does It Matter?” (with Akitaka Matsuo)**

- University of Essex, Department of Government, January 2018, United Kingdom.
- University of Exeter, Department of Politics, October 2017, United Kingdom.

**“Mass Media Attention to Welfare State Reforms: Evidence from Britain, 1996-2014” (with Carsten Jensen)**

- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2017, San Francisco, CA.

**“Sources of Confidence in Political Knowledge and Judgment: An Experimental Study on the Role of Information Accessibility and Relevance”**

- European Political Science Association Annual Meeting, June 2017, Milan, Italy.

**“Engaged: Married or Divorced? Why Changes in Marital Status Matter for Women’s Political Engagement” (with Tiffany D. Barnes)**

- European Conference on Politics and Gender, June 2017, Lausanne, Switzerland.

**“Explaining Cross-National Differences in Political Interest: The Role of Partisan and Ideological Cues” (with Randy Stevenson)**

- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2017, Chicago, IL.

**Teaching**

\* UG = undergraduate, PG = postgraduate level

Public Opinion and Political Behaviour (PG; FY2018/19, FY2021/22, Essex)

Concepts and Measurements in Comparative Political Research (PG; S2020, SU2021, S2022, Essex)

Electoral Behaviour (UG; S2020, Essex)

Apples and Oranges: How to Make Valid Comparisons in Political Research (PG; F2016, Aarhus)

Political Motivations, Engagement and Democracy in Comparative Perspective (PG; S2016, Aarhus)

Political Institutions: Western Countries, EU, and Foreign Policy (UG team-teaching; S2016, Aarhus)

Introduction to American Politics (UG co-teaching; F2014, Zürich)

American Government and Politics (UG teaching assistant; S2013, F2012, S2010, F2010, Rice)

Introduction to Comparative Politics (UG teaching assistant; S2012, Rice)

### **Pedagogical Training and Certificate**

Fellow, The Higher Education Academy (HEA), July 2019.

Completion of Teacher Training Program (adjunktpædagogikum, 10 ECTS), Center for Teaching and Learning, Aarhus University, January 2017.

Completion of Teaching Workshop Certificate Program, Rice University Office of Graduate & Post-doctoral Studies, November 2012.

### **Professional Service, Membership, and Administrative Duties**

**Member:** American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, European Political Science Association, PSA

**Reviewer:** *American Journal of Political Science* (2018), *American Political Science Review* (2018, 2020), *European Journal of Political Research* (2018), *Electoral Studies* (2018), *Journal of Common Market Studies* (2021), *Journal of East Asian Studies* (2020), *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties* (2019), *Journal of Politics* (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019), *SAGE Open* (Article Editor, 2019)

#### **Department of Government, University of Essex**

PGR Co-ordinator (2021-)

PGR Progress officer; Research Students' Progress Board (RSPB) member (2019-)

PGT Recruitment officer (2019)

Panelist, Capstone project conference (April 2019)

Member, Athena Swan self-assessment team (2018/2019)

Undergraduate recruitment officer (2018)

### **Computing and Programming Skills**

R, Stata, Wolfram Mathematica, Inquisit, Qualtrics, Python, Git, Markdown

### **References**

*Available upon request*