Florence So

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Employment Marie Curie Fellow 11/2021 - present

Department of Political Science, Lund University

Sick leave 06/2022 - 04/2023

Pregnancy sick leave, maternity leave, and maternity related sick leave 11/2017 to 10/2021

Assistant Professor (on pregnancy sick leave from 11/2017 - 05/2018)

Department of Political Science, Aarhus University, Denmark 01/2013-06/2018

EFFECTIVE Ph.D. 5 years and 6 months YEARS

EDUCATION Ph.D. in Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles 2005-2012

Subfield Concentration:

Formal Theory and Quantitative Methods, Comparative Politics

Dissertation Project:

"Party Leadership Selection in Parliamentary Democracies"

Dissertation Committee:

Kathleen Bawn (Chair), Jeffrey Lewis, Michael Thies, and James Adams (UC Davis)

M.A. in International Relations, University of San Diego 2003-2004

B.S. in Biochemistry and Interdisciplinary Studies (Double Major), Calvin College 2000-2003

Research Parties and elections; polarization; political and economic consequences of discrimination; democratic representation; political institutions; and game theory.

Papers in Peer-Reviewed Journals 2023. "Serious Conflicts with Benign Outcomes? The Electoral Consequences of Conflictual Cabinet Terminations." Conditional accept at *The American Political Science Review*.

2021. "Don't Air Your Dirty Laundry: Party Leadership Contests, Policy Competence, and Parliamentary Election Outcomes." *The European Journal of Political Research* https://doi.org/10.1111/1475-6765.12383

2018. "Attract Voters or Appease Grassroots? Opposition Party Leaders' Dilemma and Positional Shift." Journal of Theoretical Politics 30 (2): 246-266.

2018. "One Size Doesn't Fit All: Voter Decision Criteria Heterogeneity and Vote Choice." (with Henrik Seeberg and Rune Stubager) *Electoral Studies* 52: 1-10.

2018. "The Agenda Setting Power of the Prime Minister Party in Coalition Governments." (with Christoffer Green-Pedersen and Peter B. Mortensen) *Political Research Quarterly* 71 (4): 473-456.

2018. "More Spotlight, More Problems? Westminster Parliamentary Systems and Leadership Replacement in Large Opposition Parties." *Party Politics* 24 (5): 588-597.

## Papers under Review

"The Macroeconomic Condition and Junior Coalition Partners' Electoral Strategies"

## Working Papers

"Economic Voting by Opposition Partisans"

"The Crown as a Protector of Democracy? Constitutional Monarchy and Its Contribution to Citizens' Satisfaction with Democracy" (with Andrej Kokkonen)

"When Thoughts and Prayers are Enough: Affective Polarization and Partisans' Attitudes toward Gun Control Legislations" (with Hanna Bäck and Emma Renström)

"Talk about what's Bad when Everything is Good: Macroeconomic Improvement and Opposition Parties' Emphases on Value-Based Issues"

"What's Polarizing about a Good Economy? Long Term Economic Growth's Potential for Engendering Party Polarization"

"Government Performance, Preference Representation, and Satisfaction with Democracy"

"Doomed To Discord? Electoral Institutions' Effects on Political Divisiveness"

"The Benefits of Infighting: Why Factions Protect Coalitions against Policy Shocks"

## INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

- Party Politics Group Seminar, University of Gothenburg, February 2023
- Workshop on Party Politics, Aarhus University, November 2022
- Workshop on Coalition and Party Politics, Lund University, September 2022
- Workshop on Intra- and Inter-party conflicts, Humboldt University in Berlin, August 2022
- Comparative Politics Lunch Seminar, Lund University, May 2019
- Workshop on Party Leaders, Södertörn Unviersity, Stockholm, November 2017
- Workshop on Intra-Party Politics, University of Gothenburg, September 2015
- Political Economy Research Seminar, University of Mannheim, September 2013
- Political Economy Series, Lund University, September 2013.
- High Seminar in Political Science, Södertörn University. September 2011.

## Conference Participation

- American Political Science Association Annual Conference: 2010, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2023
- European Political Science Association Annual Conference: 2012, 2014, 2016, 2023
- Comparative Agendas Project Annual Conference: 2013-2016, 2023
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference: 2008-2016
- Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference: 2012
- European Consortium of Political Research General Conference: 2014
- Council of European Studies Annual Conference: 2015, 2017

# Grants

"The Impacts of Economic Growth and Decline on Party Behavior."

Principal Investigator, Marie Curie Individual Fellowship, The European Commission

2021 -- 2023

"Electoral Institutions and Political Divisiveness in Established Democracies." Principal Investigator, Carlsberg Foundation Postdoctoral Grant, Denmark

2016-2018

## Fellowships

# UCLA Departmental Fellowship

2011-2012

Stokes Dissertation Research Fellowship, The British Politics Group

Dissertation Research Fellowship, UCLA Center for European and Eurasian Studies

2011

EITM, National Science Foundation

Academic Year Graduate Research Mentorship Fellowship, UCLA

2006-2007

Summer Graduate Research Mentorship Fellowship, UCLA

2006-2010

UCLA Fellowship, UCLA

2005-2010

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor for Course in Game Theory

2016 ECPR Methods Winter School

"Explaining Politics through Game Theory: Strategies, Collective Action, and Paradoxes in the Modern World" (master's seminar in game theory)

Spring 2017, Autumn 2015, 2014, 2013

"Game Theory and International Security" (master's seminar, co-taught with Bruno Oliveira Martins)

Spring 2015

"Strategies in Political Violence and Conflict"
(master's seminar, co-taught with Jakob Tolstrup in Danish)

Autumn 2014

"Social Science Research Methods for Journalism" Spring 2015, 2014 (Erasmus Mundus seminar, co-taught with Morten Brænder and Lasse Nielsen)

## Professional Service

## Referee for

- Journal of Politics
- American Journal of Political Science
- Legislative Studies Quarterly

Grant reviewer, Czech Social Science Foundation

## Professional Activities

Workshop organizer, "Democratic Representation in Established Democracies." November 2017 Section co-chair, 2014 European Consortium of Political Science (ECPR) Conference, Glasgow, Scotland

Panel organizer, 2014 and 2013 Midwest Political Science Association Conferences, Chicago, IL Panel organizer, 2013 American Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL

## Languages

English (native), Chinese: Mandarin and Cantonese (fluent), Danish (fluent), Burmese (speaking, fluent)

#### References Available upon requests