

## Tom G. Paskhalis

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### SUMMARY

I am a computational political scientist, specialising in political communication, comparative politics, quantitative methods and text analysis.

### EDUCATION

*PhD, Social Research Methods* 2015 - 2019 (expected)  
**London School of Economics and Political Science**, London, UK

Dissertation title: “Essays in Political Text: New Actors, New Data, New Challenges.”  
Supervisors: Kenneth Benoit, Benjamin Lauderdale

*Visiting Scholar, Center for Data Science* 2018  
**New York University**, New York, US

*MSc (with Distinction), Social Research Methods* 2013 - 2014  
**London School of Economics and Political Science**, London, UK

*BA, Political Psychology* 2007 - 2012  
**St Petersburg State University**, St Petersburg, Russia

### UNDER REVIEW

Denisa Kostovicova, **Tom Paskhalis** “Gendered Peace-building: Women’s Presence and Voice in Transitional Justice.”

Denisa Kostovicova, Rachel Kerr, Ivor Sokolic, Tiffany Fairey, Henry Redwood, Jelena Subotic, **Tom Paskhalis** “Data in Transitional Justice: The Digital Turn, Research Prospects and Ethical Dilemmas.”

### WORKING PAPERS

**Tom Paskhalis**, Christian Müller “The Least Unclear Language: How Avoiding Negatives Produces Positive Understanding.”

### WORK IN PROGRESS

**Tom Paskhalis** “Interest Group Access to the Government: Who Gets It?”

**Tom Paskhalis** “Record Linkage with Text: Matching Interest Groups in the UK.”

**Tom Paskhalis** “Interest Group Strategies in the Digital Era: Lobbying and Social Media.”

Denisa Kostovicova, Ivor Sokolic, **Tom Paskhalis** “Emotion Shift and Transitional Justice: A Micro- and Macro-level Effects in Justice Debates in the Balkans.”

Krisztián Pósch, **Tom Paskhalis** “‘A word after a word after a word is power’ Automating Manipulation Checks for Experiments with Textual Responses.”

### SOFTWARE

**tabulizer**: R Bindings for PDF Table Extractor Library ‘Tabula’. [CRAN](#) [GitHub](#)

**RgovUK**: R Package for Downloading Data from Gov.UK Publications. [GitHub](#)

## AWARDS & GRANTS

Text as Data Conference travel grant, 2018  
Santander Travel Fund [NYU research visit], 2018  
Clifford C. Clogg scholarship [ICPSR fees waiver], 2017  
ESRC Data Analysis Workshop bursary, 2016  
LSE Postgraduate Travel Fund, 2016, 2017, 2018  
LSE PhD studentship, 2015-2019

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

*ICPSR Summer Program*, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, US 2017  
Courses taken: Bayesian Modelling for Social Sciences, Network Analysis  
*ESRC Advanced Training Initiative*, Nottingham Trent University, Nottingham, UK 2016  
Courses taken: Nonlinear and Latent Variable Models,  
Introduction to Advanced Bayesian Multilevel Modelling  
*Mathematics for Information Systems* 2011 - 2013  
Faculty of Mathematics and Mechanics, St Petersburg State University, St Petersburg, Russia  
*ECPR Summer School*, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia 2011  
Courses taken: Quantitative Text Analysis

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

*Researcher*, AHRC Art & Reconciliation, KCL/LSE 2017 - 2019  
*Research Assistant*, Denisa Kostovicova, LSE 2016 -  
*Research Assistant*, Tomila Lankina, LSE 2015  
*Research Assistant*, Alexander Herzog & Maja Kluger Rasmussen, LSE 2014

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Instructor*, MY491 [Introduction to R workshop](#) (MSc/PhD) 2018/19  
*Instructor*, [Text Analysis in R workshop](#) (MSc/PhD) 2018/19  
*Teaching Assistant*, MY470 [Computer Programming](#) (MSc/PhD) 2018/19  
*Teaching Assistant*, MY452 [Applied Regression Analysis](#) (MSc/PhD) 2017/18  
*Teaching Assistant*, MY451 [Introduction to Quantitative Analysis](#) (MSc/PhD) 2016/17, 17/18  
*Teaching Assistant*, MY459 [Quantitative Text Analysis](#) (MSc/PhD) 2015/16  
LSE  
  
*Teaching Assistant*, SC104 [Automated Collection of Web and Social Data](#) 2018  
*Teaching Assistant*, SC105 [Big Data Analysis in the Social Sciences](#) 2018  
ECPR Summer School, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

[Methods Surgery](#), LSE 2015 - 2018

## NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

*Data Science Intern* 2014  
**YPlan**, London, UK

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

(P = presenter, D = discussant)

EPSA, Belfast, UK 2019 (P, scheduled)  
CEEISA-ISA, Belgrade, Serbia 2019 (P, scheduled)  
PSA Political Methodology Group Annual Conference, Warwick, UK 2019 (P)  
Text as Data, Seattle, US 2018  
Conflict Research Society, Birmingham, UK 2018 (P)

APSA, Boston, US	2018 (P)
EPSA, Vienna, Austria	2018 (P)
Manifesto Corpus Conference, Berlin, Germany	2018 (P)
PSA Political Methodology Group Annual Conference, Essex, UK	2018 (P)
APSA, San Francisco, US	2017 (P)
EPSA, Milan, Italy	2017 (P)
BISA, Brighton, UK	2017 (P)
LSE Applied Text Analysis Conference, London, UK	2017 (P,D)
ECPR Standing Group on Interest Groups, Copenhagen, Denmark	2016 (P)

## INVITED TALKS

“ <i>Interest Group Access to the Government: Who Gets It?</i> ” Political Behaviour Group, LSE, London, UK	2019
“ <i>Gender, Justice and Deliberation: Women’s Voice in Post-Conflict Reconciliation</i> ” Conflict Research Group, LSE, London, UK	2018
“ <i>Women Deliberators and Transitional Justice: What Kind of Voice?</i> ” Centre for Women, Peace and Security, LSE, London, UK	2017
“ <i>Kak rabotaet sovremenny kontent-analiz: Razbor partiinykh programm</i> ” (How Modern Content Analysis Works: Analysis of Party Programmes) European University, St Petersburg, Russia	2011

## COMPUTER SKILLS

*Statistics:* R, Stata, SPSS, Stan, JAGS  
*Programming Languages:* R, Python, bash  
*Miscellaneous:* git, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, MySQL, AWS/OpenStack, Qt/PyQt, REST API

## LANGUAGES

*English* (proficient), *Russian* (native), *Greek* (advanced), *German* (basic)

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

*American Political Science Association*  
*European Political Science Association*

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

*Co-founder and coordinator* (2018/19) of the [Quantitative Methods Reading Group](#)  
*Elected Secretary* of the LSESU Methodology Society

## REFERENCES

**Kenneth Benoit**, Professor of Quantitative Social Research Methods,  
Department of Methodology, London School of Economics and Political Science,  
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**Benjamin Lauderdale**, Professor of Political Science,  
Department of Political Science, University College London,  
email: b.lauderdale@ucl.ac.uk