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### SUMMARY

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

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

*Assistant Professor in Political Science and Data Science, Department of Political Science* 2021 -  
**Trinity College Dublin**, Dublin, Ireland

*Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Social Media and Politics* 2019 - 2021  
**New York University**, New York, US

### ADDITIONAL AFFILIATIONS

*Faculty Affiliate, Center for Social Media and Politics* 2021 -  
**New York University**, New York, US

*Visiting Fellow, Data Science Institute* 2021 -  
**London School of Economics and Political Science**, London, UK

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

### EDUCATION

*PhD in Social Research Methods, Department of Methodology* 2015 - 2020  
**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, Jouni Kuha

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

*Diploma, Mathematics for Information Systems, Faculty of Mathematics & Mechanics* 2011 - 2013  
**St Petersburg State University**, St Petersburg, Russia

*Specialist, Political Psychology, Department of Psychology* 2007 - 2012  
**St Petersburg State University**, St Petersburg, Russia

### PUBLICATIONS

“[Independent Media Under Pressure: Evidence from Russia.](#)” 2022.  
with Bryn Rosenfeld and Katerina Tertychnaya. *Post-Soviet Affairs*, First View.

“[Gender, Justice and Deliberation: Why Women Don’t Influence Peace-making.](#)” 2021.  
with Denisa Kostovicova. *International Studies Quarterly* 65(2), 263-276.

### WORKING PAPERS

“The Limited Impact of Russia’s Election Interference on Twitter in the 2016 US Election.” *R&R*  
(with Gregory Eady, Jan Zilinsky, Denis Stukal, Richard Bonneau, Jonathan Nagler and Joshua Tucker)

“Parliament Strikes Back: Agenda-setting and Power Voids in Early Representative Assemblies.”  
(with Toni Rodon)

“Path to Fake: Who Goes and How Did They Get There?”  
(with Richard Bonneau, Joshua Tucker and Jonathan Nagler)

## SOFTWARE

**tabulizer**: R Bindings for PDF Table Extractor Library ‘Tabula’. [CRAN](#) [GitHub](#)  
**RgovUK**: R Package for Downloading Data from Gov.UK Publications. [GitHub](#)

## SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

“Interest Group Access and Campaign Spending Limits: Evidence from Brexit.”

“Record Linkage with Text: Merging Data Sets When Information is Limited.”

“Learning Media Quality from Facebook Data.”

(with Kevin Aslett, Cody Buntain, Zhanna Terechshenko, Richard Bonneau, Joshua Tucker and Jonathan Nagler)

## AWARDS & GRANTS

Arts and Social Sciences Benefactions Fund research grant (€2.9)	2022
Harriman Institute/Carnegie Corporation research grant (\$8K)	2020
Text as Data Conference travel grant	2018
Santander Travel Fund (£2K, 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, 2019
LSE PhD studentship	2015-2019

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Term-length courses:*

POP77001 <a href="#">Computer Programming for Social Scientists</a>	2021/22
PO8006 <a href="#">Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods</a>	2021/22
Department of Political Science, TCD	

*Short-term courses and workshops:*

POP77024 Special Topics in Applied Machine Learning	2021/22
CPD Introduction to Computer Programming for Data Analysis I	2021/22
Department of Political Science, TCD	

Introduction to Python Programming	2022
Data Science Summer School, Hertie School	

<a href="#">Introduction to Python</a>	2021, 2022
Research and Expertise Centre for Survey Methodology, Universitat Pompeu Fabra	

<a href="#">Text Analysis in R workshop</a> (MSc/PhD)	2019
Department of Government, LSE	

MY591 <a href="#">Introduction to R workshop</a> (MSc/PhD)	2019
Department of Methodology, LSE	

<a href="#">Methods Surgery</a> , LSE	2015 - 2018
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## NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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

2014

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

(C = chair, D = discussant, P = paper)

CBS Money in Politics, Copenhagen, Denmark	2022 (P, scheduled)
Quantitative and Computational Analysis of Textual Data, Dublin, Ireland	2022 (D,P)
PSAI, Dublin, Ireland	2021 (D,P)
APSA, Seattle, US/virtual	2021 (D,P)
PolMeth, virtual	2021 (P)
EPSA, virtual	2021 (D,P)
MPSA, virtual	2021 (D,P)
SPSA, virtual	2021 (D,P)
Big Data Meets Survey Science (BigSurv20), virtual	2020 (P)
APSA, virtual	2020 (C,D,P)
IC2S2, virtual	2020 (C)
EPSA, virtual	2020 (P)
Columbia University Graduate Students' Workshop, New York, US	2019 (P)
APSA, Washington DC, US	2019 (P)
ISPP, Lisbon, Portugal	2019 (P)
EPSA, Belfast, UK	2019 (C,D,P)
CEEISA-ISA, Belgrade, Serbia	2019 (P)
Oxford-LSE Politics Graduate Student Conference, Oxford, UK	2019 (D,P)
ASN, New York, US	2019 (P)
PSA Political Methodology Group Annual Conference, Warwick, UK	2019 (P)
Text as Data, Seattle, US	2018 (P)
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 (D,P)
ECPR Standing Group on Interest Groups, Copenhagen, Denmark	2016 (P)

## INVITED TALKS

(K = keynote)

Modeling and Analysis of Complex Systems and Processes (MACSPro), virtual	2021 (K)
Political Science and Political Economy Group, Work in Progress, LSE, London, UK	2019
Political Behaviour Group, LSE, London, UK	2019
Conflict Research Group, LSE, London, UK	2018
Centre for Women, Peace and Security, LSE, London, UK	2017

## OTHER WRITING

*"The Kremlin has a new toolkit for shutting down independent news media"* with Bryn Rosenfeld and Katerina Tertychnaya. Published in The Washington Post, 2021.

*“Debate Twitter: Mapping User Reactions to the 2020 Democratic Presidential Primary Debates”* with Megan A. Brown, Zhanna Terechshenko, Niklas Loynes and Jonathan Nagler. Published as CSMaP data report, 2020.

*“Text Illuminations: From the Method to the Artefact”* with Denisa Kostovicova, Ivor Sokolic and Nela Milic. Published at LSE Blogs, 2018.

## COMPUTING

*Statistics:* R, Stata, SPSS, Stan, JAGS

*Programming:* R, Python, bash

*Miscellaneous:* git, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, SQL, AWS/OpenStack, Qt/PyQt, REST API

## LANGUAGES

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

## SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIP

*Organiser:*

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

*Reviewer:*

Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media, Human Communication Research, Post-Soviet Affairs

*Service in Conference Program Committees:*

IC2S2: International Conference on Computational Social Science (2019, 2020, 2021)

*University Service:*

Outgoing Exchange Political Science Coordinator, TCD

Statistical modelling for Graduate Admissions Office, LSE

*Member:*

American Political Science Association,

European Political Science Association,

Political Studies Association of Ireland

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