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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

Gregory Eady, Tom Paskhalis, Jan Zilinsky, Richard Bonneau, Jonathan Nagler and Joshua Tucker. “[Exposure to the Russian Internet Research Agency foreign influence campaign on Twitter in the 2016 US Election and its relationship to attitudes and voting behavior.](#)”
Nature Communications, 2023, 14(1): 62.

Tom Paskhalis, Bryn Rosenfeld and Katerina Tertytchnaya. “[Independent Media Under Pressure: Evidence from Russia.](#)”
Post-Soviet Affairs, 2022, 38(3): 155–174.

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

WORKING PAPERS

Toni Rodon and Tom Paskhalis. “Parliament Strikes Back: Agenda-setting and Power Voids in Early Representative Assemblies.” *Under Review*

Tom Paskhalis, Richard Bonneau, Joshua Tucker and Jonathan Nagler “Path to Fake: Who Goes and How Did They Get There?” *Under Review*

Tom Paskhalis, Kevin Aslett, Cody Buntain, Zhanna Terechshenko, Richard Bonneau, Joshua Tucker and Jonathan Nagler. “Learning Media Quality from Facebook Data.”

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.”

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 Computer Programming for Social Scientists	2021/22, 2022/23
PO8006 Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods	2021/22, 2022/23
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
CPD Python for Social Data Science	2022/23
Department of Political Science, TCD	

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

Introduction to Python	2021-2023
Research and Expertise Centre for Survey Methodology, Universitat Pompeu Fabra	

Text Analysis in R workshop (MSc/PhD)	2019
Department of Government, LSE	

MY591 Introduction to R workshop (MSc/PhD)	2019
Department of Methodology, LSE	

Methods Surgery, LSE

2015 - 2018

Supervision:

2 MSc dissertations, 7 BA Capstones, TCD

2021-

NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Data Science Intern

2014

YPlan, London, UK

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

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

Digital Democracy Workshop, Zürich, Switzerland/virtual	2022 (P)
CBS Money in Politics, Copenhagen, Denmark	2022 (D,P)
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)

CIVICA Data Science Days, EUI, Florence, Italy	2022
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: Cloud computing (HPC/AWS/OpenStack), git, L^AT_EX, SQL, REST API

LANGUAGES

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

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

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