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Academic Positions

August 2020 **Assistant Professor in Quantitative Comparative Politics**
School of Government and International Affairs
University of Durham, UK

Education

2020 **University of Oxford** | DPhil in Politics
Thesis Title: Three Essays on Measuring Political Behaviour
Supervisor: Prof. Andy Eggers
Examiners: Prof. Ben Ansell (Oxford) and Prof. James Snyder (Harvard)
Passed without corrections.
2018 **University of Oxford** | MPhil in Politics (Comparative Government)
2016 **University of Oxford** | BA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics

Research

Peer-Reviewed Articles

1. “How Campaigns Respond to Ballot Position: A New Mechanism for Order Effects.” With Nelson Ruiz and Saad Gulzar. *Journal of Politics*, (Accepted)
2. “The MIDAS Touch: Accurate and Scalable Missing-Data Imputation with Deep Learning.” With Ranjit Lall. *Political Analysis*, First View: 1-18.
3. “Nativist Policy: the comparative effects of Trumpian politics on migration decisions.” 2020. With Raymond Duch, Raymond, Denise Laroze, and Constantin Reinprecht. *Political Science Research and Methods*, First View: 1-17.
4. “Multi-modes for Detecting Experimental Measurement Error.” 2020. With Raymond Duch, Denise Laroze, and Pablo Beramendi. *Political Analysis*, 28(2): 263-283.
5. “Where Will the British Go? And Why?” 2019. With Raymond Duch, Denise Laroze, and Constantin Reinprecht. *Social Science Quarterly*, 100(2): 480-493.

Under Review

1. “Who should be first in line for the COVID-19 vaccine? Surveys in 13 countries of the public’s preferences for prioritisation.” With Raymond Duch et al (part of the international collaborative project CANDOUR). **Revise and Resubmit**, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.
2. “Efficient Multiple Imputation for Diverse Data in Python and R: **MIDASpy** and **rMIDAS**”. With Ranjit Lall.
3. “When do voters respond to campaign finance disclosure? Evidence from multiple election types”
4. “How to detect heterogeneity in conjoint experiments”. With Raymond Duch.

Working Papers

1. “Direct democracy in representative systems: Understanding breakdowns in responsiveness through ballot initiative success.”
2. “When should we cluster experimental standard errors?”

Work in Progress

1. “Mind and machine: rooting out corrupt politicians” With Nelson Ruiz and Ezequiel Gonzalez-Ocantos.
2. “Economic Beliefs and the Local Coronavirus Pandemic.” With Raymond Duch and Peiran Jiao.

Open-Source Software/Resources

1. “cjbart: Heterogeneous Effects Analysis of Conjoint Experiments”. With Raymond Duch. *R package, published on CRAN.*
2. “rMIDAS: Multiple Imputation Using Denoising Autoencoders”. With Ranjit Lall and Alex Stenlake. *R package, published on CRAN.*
3. “MIDASpy”. With Ranjit Lall and Alex Stenlake. *Python package, published on PyPi.*
4. “10 Fundamental Theorems for Econometrics”. *Online statistics resource, available on bookdown.org*

Book Reviews

Robinson, T. S. (2018), “Brexit: Why Britain Voted to Leave the European Union by Harold D. Clarke, Matthew Goodwin, and Paul Whiteley.” *Political Science Quarterly*, 133(3): 564-565.

Scholarships, Grants and Awards

Successful Grant Applications

2021	PI	Small Project Grant, <i>British Academy/Leverhulme Trust</i> £33,000 FEC; £10,000 cost to funder
2020	Co-Investigator	Archive and Longitudinal Project, <i>Education Endowment Fund</i> £1.7 million FEC; £762,000 cost to funder

Other Received Funding, Scholarships and Awards

2019	Incubator Fund (to host conference, £600)	ESRC Grand Union DTP
2019	Academic Programme Fund (to host conference, £1000)	Rothermere American Institute
2019	Research Training Support Grant (Experiment, £1600)	ESRC Grand Union DTP
2018	Quantitative Graduate Methods Scholarship	Q-Step Centre, Oxford
2018	Mr Michell - Wadham RCUK Studentship	ESRC/Wadham College
2017	Richard E. Neustadt Essay Prize	American Politics Group (PSA)
2016	St Anne’s Centenary Bursary	St Anne’s College, Oxford
2016	Travel Grant (MPSA Conference, £400)	St Anne’s College, Oxford
2015	Danson Foundation Mentoring Programme	St Anne’s College, Oxford
2015	Travel Grant (Fieldwork, £1000)	Rothermere American Institute
2014	Scholarship of the University of Oxford (renewed 2015)	St Anne’s College

Teaching

Undergraduate

Researching Politics and International Relations	<i>SGIA, Durham University</i>
Q-Step 1 quantitative lab sessions	<i>DPIR, University of Oxford</i>
Practice of Politics, Prelims Paper	<i>University of Oxford</i>
Comparative Government, Finals Paper	<i>University of Oxford</i>

Graduate

Statistical Exploration and Reasoning (Convenor)	<i>SGIA, Durham University</i>
Designing Political Inquiry	<i>SGIA, Durham University</i>
Introduction to Statistics	<i>DPIR, University of Oxford</i>

Methods Schools

Machine Learning in the Social Sciences	<i>Oxford Spring School 2021</i>
Machine Learning	<i>SICSS, Nuffield College 2021</i>
R for Reproducible Research	<i>Oxford Spring School 2019</i>
Heterogeneity and Machine Learning Workshop	<i>CESS-Essex Summer School 2019</i>
Introduction to R	<i>CESS-Essex Summer School 2019</i>

Public Sector

Advanced Course on Data Analytics	<i>Asian Productivity Organization</i>
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Professional Activities

Accepted Presentations and Seminars

2021	EPSA	Panel
2021	“Flipping the Covid-19 Classroom”, PSA	Invited talk
2021	Experimental Insights from Behav. Econ. on Covid-19, JHU & LSE	Presenter
2020	“Flipped Seminar” Series, CIPB, Durham University	Presenter
2020	Work-in-Progress Seminar Series, DPIR, University of Oxford	Presenter
2020	EPSA [cancelled due to COVID-19]	Panel
2020	PolMeth Europe [cancelled due to COVID-19]	Poster
2019	“Crashing out of Politics” inequality workshop	Convenor + Panel
2019	DPIR Politics Research Colloquium	Presenter
2019	CESS Social Media Workshop, Nuffield College	Panel
2019	EPSA	Panel + Panel Chair
2019	Oxford-LSE Politics Graduate Student Conference	Panel
2019	American Politics Graduate Seminar, Rothermere American Institute	Presenter
2018	“US Politics after the Midterms”, St Anne’s College	Talk
2018	DPhil Politics/IR Seminar, DPIR, University of Oxford	Panel
2018	King’s College London JMCE Research Workshop	Panel
2018	American Politics Group (PSA) conference	Panel
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2017	Departmental Seminar, Blavatnik School of Government	Presenter
2016	Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)	Poster
2015	American Politics Graduate Seminar, Rothermere American Institute	Presenter

Service Positions

2020-	Deputy Director of Doctoral Training Centre	<i>SGIA, Durham University</i>
2020-	Ethics Reviewer	<i>CESS, Nuffield College</i>
2019-20	Head of Online Experiments	<i>CESS, Nuffield College</i>

Technical Skills

Coding languages R, Julia, Python, Bash | Working knowledge of MATLAB and VBA
Systems Git(hub), Amazon AWS
Courses High-Performance Computing in Economics and the Social Sciences
Taught by Prof. Jesús Fernández-Villaverde (UPenn)