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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 Design? Evidence from Ballot Order Lotteries in Colombia.” With Nelson Ruiz and Saad Gulzar. **Accepted, Journal of Politics.**
2. “Applying the MIDAS Touch: How to Handle Missing Values in Large and Complex Data.” With Ranjit Lall. **Accepted, Political Analysis.**
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). *Under review at Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.*
2. “Efficient Multiple Imputation for Diverse Data in Python and R: **MIDASpy** and **rMIDAS**”. With Ranjit Lall. *To be resubmitted at Journal of Statistical Software.*

Working Papers

1. “When do voters respond to campaign finance disclosure? Evidence from multiple election types”
2. “Direct democracy in representative systems: Understanding breakdowns in responsiveness through ballot initiative success.”
3. “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. “Heterogeneity analysis of marginal effects in conjoint experiments”. With Raymond Duch and Philip Clarke.
3. “Economic Beliefs and the Local Coronavirus Pandemic.” With Raymond Duch and Peiran Jiao.

Open-Source Software/Resources

1. “rMIDAS: Multiple Imputation Using Denoising Autoencoders”. With Ranjit Lall and Alex Stenlake. *R package, published on CRAN.*
2. “MIDASpy”. With Ranjit Lall and Alex Stenlake. *Python package, published on PyPi.*
3. “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

Pending Grant Applications

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

Received Grants, Scholarships and Awards

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| 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</i> , <i>Durham University</i> Q-Step 1 quantitative lab sessions, <i>DPIR</i> , <i>University of Oxford</i> Practice of Politics (Prelims), <i>St Anne's College</i> , <i>University of Oxford</i> Comparative Government (205), <i>St Anne's College</i>
Graduate	Statistical Exploration and Reasoning, <i>SGIA</i> , Module Convenor Designing Political Inquiry, <i>SGIA</i> Introduction to Statistics, <i>DPIR</i>
Methods Schools	Machine Learning in the Social Sciences, <i>Oxford Spring School in Advanced Research Methods 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 for the Public Sector, <i>Asian Productivity Organization</i>

Professional Activities

Accepted Presentations and Seminars

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	SGIA, Durham University
2019-20	Head of Online Experiments	CESS, Nuffield College

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 <i>Taught by Prof. Jesús Fernández-Villaverde (UPenn)</i>