Thomas Robinson

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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

Interests

Ideology, representation and democracy | Direct democratic policymaking | Experimental and computational methodology.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

1. "Multi-modes for Detecting Experimental Measurement Error." 2020. With Raymond Duch, Denise Laroze, and Pablo Beramendi. *Political Analysis*, 28(2): 263-283.

2. "Where Will the British Go? And Why?". 2019. With Raymond Duch, Denise Laroze, and Constantin Reinprecht. *Social Science Quarterly*, 100(2): 480-493.

3. "Nativist Policy: the comparative effects of Trumpian politics on migration decisions" With Raymond Duch, Raymond, Denise Laroze, and Constantin Reinprecht. (*In production, PSRM*).

Under Review

1. "Applying the MIDAS Touch: How to Handle Missing Values in Large and Complex Data." With Ranjit Lall. **Minor Revisions, Political Analysis.**

2. "How Campaigns Respond to Ballot Design? Evidence from Ballot Order Lotteries in Colombia." With Nelson Ruiz and Saad Gulzar. **Revise and Resubmit, Journal of Politics.**

3. "When do voters respond to campaign finance disclosure? Evidence from multiple election types"

Working Papers

1. "Direct democracy in representative systems: Understanding breakdowns in responsiveness through ballot initiative success."

2. "When should we cluster experimental standard errors?"

3. "**midas**: Efficient Multiple Imputation for Large and Complex Data." With Ranjit Lall and Alex Stenlake.

Open-Source Software/Statistics

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*

Work in Progress

1. "Gender Differences and Development? A Non-Parametric Bayesian Perspective." With Raymond Duch and Luke Keele.

2. Power analysis for experimental designs. With Raymond Duch.

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.*

Presentations & Conferences

2020	EPSA	Panel
2020	PolMeth Europe	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

Scholarships, Grants 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	Q-Step 1 quantitative lab sessions, *DPIR* Practice of Politics (Prelims), *St Anne's College* Comparative Government (205), *St Anne's College*
Graduate	Introduction to Statistics, *DPIR*
Methods	Machine Learning, *Oxford Spring School in Advanced Research Methods 2020* R for Reproducible Research, *Oxford Spring School in Advanced Research Methods 2019* Heterogeneity and Machine Learning Workshop, *CESS/Essex Summer School* Introduction to R, *CESS/Essex Summer School*

Research Assistance

2016 - 2020	**Centre for Experimental Social Sciences**, Nuffield College
2018,2020	**Professor Andrew Eggers**, Nuffield College
2017-18	**Building Integrity Programme**, Blavatnik School of Government

Additional Courses

2018	High-Performance Computing in Economics and the Social Sciences, Oxford *Taught by Prof. Jesús Fernández-Villaverde (UPenn)*
2017	Tutorial teacher training, DPIR Oxford

Technical Skills

Software Development	Package maintainer and author for software on both *CRAN* and *PyPi*
Coding	R, Julia, Python, Bash | Working knowledge of MATLAB and VBA
Typesetting	Latex, Markdown
Applications	Stata, Qualtrics, Git(hub), Amazon AWS, Adobe Suite, Microsoft Office