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EDUCATION

PhD Political Science, University of Gothenburg, Sweden   2017-2022
- Project affiliation: Quality of Government Institute; Knowledge Resistance Project
- Dissertation: *Perceptions of Political Competition and the Integrity of Elections*
- Supervisors: Nicholas Charron (University of Gothenburg) and Georgios Xezonakis (University of Gothenburg).

MSocSci Peace and Conflict Studies, Uppsala University, Sweden   2014-2016
- Thesis: *The Electoral Commitment Problem: A quantitative assessment of the impact of constitutional features on post-election conflict.*
- Supervisor: Hanne Fjelde (Uppsala University).
  Grade: Pass with distinction.

BA Politics, University of Hull, United Kingdom   2010-2013
- Thesis: *Is democracy the best recipe for development?*
  Grade: First class honours.

PUBLICATIONS

Dawson, S. (2022), 'Perceptions of opinion poll credibility: The role of partisan bias', *Party Politics*, 1-6.

Dawson, S. (2022), 'Poll Wars: Perceptions of poll credibility and voting behaviour', *International Journal of Press/Politics*, 1-22.

Xezonakis, G. and Dawson, S. (2021), 'Electoral rules and corruption: A meta-analysis' in Bågenholm, A., Bauhr, M., Grimes, M., and Rothstein, B., *The Oxford Handbook of the Quality of Government*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Dawson, S. (2020), 'Electoral fraud and the paradox of political competition', *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*, 1-20.

Dawson, S. (2020), 'Opinion polls and election predictions in the 2018 Swedish General Election', *Swedish National Election Studies Working Paper Series*, Report 2020:11, University of Gothenburg.

Lioy, A. and Dawson, S. (2020), 'Competition, stakes, and falling electoral participation in Central Asia and the Caucasus: A comparative analysis', *Journal of Eurasian Studies*, 11 (2), 144-157.

Dawson, S. (2016), 'Policy briefing: The possible implications of repealing the Human Rights Act 1998', available at http://crossborder.ie/site2015/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Briefing-Report_Implications-of-HRA-Repeal.pdf

Dawson, S. (2015), 'Multi-level Governance and Northern Ireland: A Review' [review of the book *Multi-level Governance and Northern Ireland*, by C. Gormley-Heenan & D. Birrell, *Journal of Cross Border Studies in Ireland*, Vol.30, pp.144-146.

IN PROGRESS

'Clientelism and Electoral Competition: Evidence from Local Elections in South Africa' (with Nicholas Charron and Mogens Kamp Justesen, under review)

CONFERENCE PAPERS

'Perceptions of opinion poll credibility: The role of partisan bias'
-   European Consortium for Political Research Conference, August 2021

'Poll Wars: Perceptions of poll credibility and voting behaviour'
-   Quality of Government Institute Internal Conference, Copenhagen, January 2020
-   6th Leuven-Montréal Winter School on Elections, Montréal, February-March 2020
-   Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2021
-   Electoral Integrity Project Workshop, July 2021

'Clientelism and Electoral Competition: Evidence from Local Elections in South Africa'
-   Quality of Government Institute Internal Conference, Tanum Strand, August 2019

Electoral systems and the Quality of Government: A meta-analysis'
-   Quality of Government Institute Internal Conference, Smögen, August 2018

'The Democratic Tipping Point: Electoral fraud and the paradox of political competition'
-   Quality of Government Institute Internal Conference, Smögen, August 2018
-   Swedish Political Science Association (SWEPSA), Malmö, October 2018

TEACHING

Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg:
- Master Thesis supervision (second cycle)	2020-2022
- Bachelor Thesis supervision (first cycle)	2019-2022
- Individual statistic tutoring for visually impaired students	2019-2020
- Delegation to the Executive: Dilemmas and Institutional Solutions (first cycle, co-coordinator role)	2019-2022
- Introduction to Applied Research Design and Quantitative Research Methods for Social Sciences (second cycle)	2018-2022
- Swedish Politics in a Comparative Perspective (first cycle)	2018-2021
- Applied Statistical Analysis (second cycle)	2017-2018

ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Vice Chair, University of Gothenburg Doctoral Committee	2020-2021
Faculty Representative, University of Gothenburg Doctoral Committee	2019-2020
Department Representative, Doctoral Council of the Faculty of Social Sciences	2018-2019

AWARDS & GRANTS

Stiftelsen Lars Hiertas Minne	2019
Hull University Prize in Politics: best all-round academic performance.	2013

COMPLETED COURSES

- Automate your GIS – Scripting in Python, University of Gothenburg	2021
- Introduction to R, ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques	2020
- Identifying Causation through Experimental and Quasi-experimental Research, Essex Summer School in Social Science and Data Analysis.	2019
- Causal Inference in the Social Sciences II: Difference in Difference, Regression Discontinuity, and Instruments, ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques.	2018
- Survey Design and Analysis, ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques.	2018

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Researcher, Department of Political Sceince, University of Gothenburg   2022-Present

Research Assistant, Centre for Cross Border Studies, Northern Ireland   2015-2016

TECHNICAL SKILLS

R, Stata, Python, SPSS, Microsoft Office, QGIS, Adobe Acrobat, JabRef, EndNote

LANGUAGES

- English: Native language
- Swedish: Advanced proficiency
- Spanish: Intermediate proficiency
- German: Basic proficiency

REFERENCES

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