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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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### LSE Fellow in Quantitative Methodology

*London School of Economics and Political Science*

Department of Methodology

London, UK

*April 2024–Current*

### Postdoctoral Research Fellow

*London School of Economics and Political Science*

Department of Government

London, UK

*Nov. 2022–March 2024*

## ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

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### Data Science Institute (LSE)

*Research Affiliate*

London, UK

*Nov. 2022–Current*

## EDUCATION

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### University of Glasgow

*PhD, Politics*

Glasgow, UK

*2020–2024*

- Thesis: Social Identity, Group Representation, and Unequal Responsiveness in the US and UK
- Supervised by: Sergiu Gherghina and Sergi Pardos-Prado

### University of Edinburgh

*MSc, International Relations*

Edinburgh, UK

*2018–2019*

- Dissertation: The Ideology of Meritocracy in Western Immigration Discourse

### Northeastern Illinois University

*BA, Political Science*

Chicago, US

*2013–2018*

- GPA: 3.79/4.0

## RESEARCH

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1. **Dickson, Zachary P** and Tevfik Murat Yildirim. 2024. “The Effects of COVID-19 Infection on Opposition to COVID-19 Policies: Evidence from the US Congress.” *Political Communication*, 1–24
2. **Dickson, Zachary P** and Sara B Hobolt. 2024a. “Elite Cues and Noncompliance.” *American Political Science Review*, 1–17
3. **Dickson, Zachary P**. 2024b. “The Gender Gap in Elite-Voter Responsiveness Online.” Forthcoming, *Perspectives On Politics*, 1–24
4. **Dickson, Zachary P** and Sara B Hobolt. 2024b. “Going against the grain: Climate change as a wedge issue for the radical right.” *Comparative Political Studies*
5. **Dickson, Zachary P**, Sara B Hobolt, Catherine E De Vries, and Simone Cremaschi. 2024. “Public Service Delivery and Support for the Populist Right.” *Working Paper*
6. **Dickson, Zachary P**, Sara B Hobolt, Toni Rodon, Heike Kluver, and Theresa Kuhn. 2024. “Benchmarking Support for Climate Action in the EU.” *Working paper*

7. **Dickson, Zachary P.** 2024a. “Energy Prices and Support for Climate Change Policies.” *Working paper*
8. Dorde Milosav, **Zachary P Dickson**, Heike Kluver, Theresa Kuhn, and Toni Rodon. 2024. “Boys don’t cry? Youth Gender Gap in Support for the Radical Right in the 2024 European Elections.” Special Issue - Forthcoming, *Journal of European Public Policy*
9. Irene Rodriguez, Toni Rodon, and **Zachary P Dickson**. 2024. “A coordinated solution for a coordinated problem? A Civic Education experiment on climate change and attitudes towards the European Union.” *Working paper*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### University of Glasgow

Glasgow, UK

*Teaching Assistant*

2020–2022

- Comparative Politics
- Introduction to Politics (x2)

### University of Strathclyde

Glasgow, UK

*Teaching Assistant*

2021–2022

- Machine Learning for Data Analytics
- Quantitative Methods 2: Statistics & Analysis
- Politics: Decision Making & Outcomes
- Quantitative Methods 1: Statistics & Analysis

## RESEARCH ASSISTANCE EXPERIENCE

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### London School of Economics

London, UK

*Research Assistant for Sara B. Hobolt & James Tilley*

2023–2024

- NLP & Data Visualization

### Comparative Candidates Study

Glasgow, UK

*Research Assistant for Wolfgang Rudig*

August 2021 – October 2021

- Created a dynamic measure of ideology using legislators’ tweets and probabilistic classification with BERT word embeddings

## INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE (NON-ACADEMIC)

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### AT&T, Inc.

Chicago, Illinois, US

*Workforce Analyst*

2015–2018

- Implemented Six Sigma, Lean, and Agile methodologies for process improvement, project optimization, and workforce forecasting
- Developed workflow changes, operational guidelines, problem assessments and root cause analysis

### AT&T, Inc.

Chicago, Illinois, US

*Customer Service Intern*

2013–2015

- Performed tech support, troubleshooting and problem resolution at inbound customer care center
- Managed onboarding and training processes for new hires – including both technical and soft-skills training workflows and manuals

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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**Programming Languages:** Python, Julia, R, SQL, Java, Go, Git, Latex, Markdown

**Statistics:** Bayesian & Frequentist Inference; Time-series and panel data analysis

**Causal Inference:** observational and experimental – RDD, IV, DiD

**Data Science:** NLP (Word2Vec, LDA, Transformers), Machine learning (Tensorflow, scikit-learn, XGBoost)

**Language Models:** [Hugging Face](#)

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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Midwest Political Science Association – Annual Conference: 2022, 2023  
European Consortium for Political Research – Joint Sessions Workshop: 2022  
American Political Science Association – Annual Conference: 2022  
European Consortium for Political Research – General Conference: 2022  
European Political Science Association – General Conference: 2023, 2024  
European Consortium for Political Research – Standing Group on Parliaments: 2023  
PolMeth Europe: 2022, 2023  
Political Studies Association – Standing Group on Parliaments: 2023  
Elections, Public Opinion and Parties (EPOP) General Conference 2024

## INVITED LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

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LSE Political Behaviour Seminar (*April 2023*)  
Data Science Institute Research Showcase (*November 2023*)  
Machine Learning Methods for Social Scientists (*December 2023*)  
Large Language Models in Political Science (*March 2024*)

## SEMINARS/WORKSHOP ORGANIZATION

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2023-2024 LSE Political Behaviour Work-in-Progress Seminar (*co-organizer*)  
2024-2025 LSE Political Behaviour & Methodology Work-in-Progress Seminar (*co-organizer*)

## PEER REVIEW

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• *Journal of Politics* • *Political Science Research and Methods* • *Comparative Political Studies* • *Environmental Politics* • *British Journal of Political Science* •

## REFERENCES

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*Available upon request*