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Affiliations

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Technical University of Munich   Oct. 2021 - Present

Postdoctoral Research Affiliate, NYU Center for Social Media and Politics   Oct. 2021 - Present

Education

New York University, Department of Politics, Ph.D., 2022
Committee: Jonathan Nagler, Joshua A. Tucker, Patrick J. Egan, Hye Young You, Neal Beck

University of Chicago, M.B.A., 2014

Harvard University, B.A. in Economics, 2009

Publications

7. "Exposure to the Russian Internet Research Agency foreign influence campaign on Twitter in the 2016 US election and its relationship to attitudes and voting behavior" with Gregory Eady, Tom Paskhalis, Richard Bonneau, Jonathan Nagler and Joshua A. Tucker. *Nature Communications.* 2023

6. "Division Does Not Imply Predictability: Demographics Continue to Reveal Little About Voting and Partisanship" with Seo-young Silvia Kim. *Political Behavior.* 2022

5. "Geographic Boundaries and Local Economic Conditions Matter for Views of the Economy" with James Bisbee. *Political Analysis.* 2022

4. "Don't Republicans Tweet Too? Using Twitter to Assess the Consequences of Political Endorsements by Celebrities" with Cristian Vaccari, Jonathan Nagler and Joshua A. Tucker. *Perspectives on Politics*, Volume 18, Issue 1, pp. 144-160, March 2020.

3. "Democratic deconsolidation revisited: Young Europeans are not dissatisfied with democracy" *Research & Politics*, Volume 6, Issue 1, January 2019.

2. "How Many People Live in Political Bubbles on Social Media? Evidence From Linked Survey and Twitter Data" with Gregory Eady, Jonathan Nagler, Andrew Guess, and Joshua A. Tucker. *SAGE Open*, Volume 9, Issue 1, February 2019.

1. "The Happiness Gap in Eastern Europe" with Simeon Djankov and Elena Nikolova. *Journal of Comparative Economics*, Volume 44, Issue 1, pp. 108-124, February 2016.

R&Rs

Toxic Speech and Limited Demand for Content Moderation on Social Media (with Franziska Pradel, Yannis Theocharis, and Spyros Kosmidis). *R&R, American Political Science Review.*

Beliefs in Conspiracy Theories and Online News Consumption in Europe during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic (with Soyeon Jin, Franziska Pradel and Yannis Theocharis). *R&R, Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media.*

The Trump Advantage in Policy Recall (with Joshua A. Tucker and Jonathan Nagler). *R&R, American Politics Research.*

Ongoing work

The Politics of Anti-Technology (with Thomas Zeitzoff)

Justifying an Invasion: Where and Why is Disinformation Successful? (many co-authors) *Under Review.*

Persuasion Rhetoric in Political Fundraising (with Seo-young Silvia Kim and Brian Brew). *Under Review.*

The Distinctness of Social and Economic Identities (with Suzanna Linn and Jonathan Nagler)

Opinion Change and Learning in the 2016 US Presidential Election: Evidence from a Panel Survey Combined with Direct Observation of Social Media Activity (with Gregory Eady, Richard Bonneau, Jonathan Nagler, and Joshua Tucker). Presented at MPSA 2019.

"People Like Me Are Falling Behind:" Measuring Perceptions of Inequality Using Novel Survey Questions. (with Suzanna Linn, Nathan Morse and Jonathan Nagler). Presented at APSA 2020.

Other Publications

"Technocracy in Central/Eastern Europe and its impact on democratization," with Joshua Tucker. 2020. In Caramani D. & E. Bertsou (Eds.), *The Technocratic Challenge to Democracy.* Routledge Research on Social and Political Elites.

Washington Post, The Monkey Cage (9x), Peterson Institute Policy Briefs (2x)

Presentations

2023: Zurich disinformation workshop, University of Miami Conspiracy Theory conference,
 CSMaP Annual Conference in Florence, MPSA (virtual), EPSA, APSA (scheduled),
 APSA Political Communication pre-conferenece (scheduled), WAPOR (scheduled)

2022: ETH Zurich (virtual presentation), MPSA, APSA

2021: PolMeth Annual Meeting (virtual poster), PolMeth Europe (virtual poster), MPSA (virtual)

2020: PolMeth (virtual poster), APSA (virtual presentation)

2019: ICA, APSA, MPSA, Toronto Political Behavior Workshop (poster), Economic Science Association,
 NYU Abu Dhabi Winter Experimental Social Sciences Institute

2018: MPSA, PolMeth Annual Meeting in Provo (poster)

Prior (selected): American Economic Association, Tilburg Institute for Behavioral Economics Research, University of Zurich (Technocratic Challenge to Democracy Workshop), European Economic Association

Grants & Awards

Research grant, The Center for Growth and Opportunity, **$18,000** (with Thomas Zeitzoff)	2023
Reboot Social Media grant, TUM Think Tank, **€35,500** (with F. Pradel, Y. Theocharis & S. Kosmidis)	2022
Craig Newmark Fellowship, approx. **$14,000**	2020-21
MacCracken Fellowship, approx. **$150,000**	2016–2021

Other awards: Fellowship from the NYU Provost's Global Research Initiatives, George Downs Prize awarded in 2018 and 2019 by the NYU Department of Politics, The Center for Social and Political Behavior at NYU travel grant, NYU Dean's Travel Grant (2019), APSA Travel Grant (2018), Fama-Miller Center Research Grant at the University of Chicago, University of Chicago Booth School of Business Graduate Fellowship, Oscar Mayer Fellowship at the University of Chicago, Marshall Goldman grant, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies at Harvard University, Research fellowship (James H. and Emily A. Stone Fund at Harvard University), Harvard Kennedy School Director's award for service in Governor Schwarzenegger's Office, Shelby Davis Scholar ($10,000 per academic year, 2005-09), United World College Scholarship

Teaching

Technical University of Munich (Instructor, 2021-Present)

1. Political Behavior, Insurgent Politics and Conspiracy Theories (MA seminar)
    - Winter 2021, Spring 2022, Winter 2022, Spring 2023, Winter 2023
2. Telling Stories with R and Data Visualizations (MA course)
    - Winter 2022, Spring 2023, Summer 2023, Winter 2023
3. Campaigns, Elections, and Social Media (MA block seminar)
    - Winter 2022, Spring 2023
4. Psychology of Persuasion (MA seminar on applications of behavioral economics to politics)
    - Winter 2021, Spring 2022

Other (Lecturer)

Collecting Digital Trace Data, Summer Institute in Computational Social Science, LMU-Munich (2023)

New York University (Teaching Assistant, 2017-2021 & Data Fellow, 2020)

1. Inequality, Populism, and Voting (Nagler)
2. Introduction to Political Theory (Landa)
3. Politics Senior Honors I & II (Harvey & Dawes)

University of Chicago, Booth School of Business (Teaching Assistant, 2014)

Big Data (Matt Taddy's course on machine learning methods)

Harvard University (2011, Instructor, Department of Economics)

Economics 970: Experiments in Economics

Harvard University, (2010-11, Teaching Fellow, Department of Economics)

1) Psychology and Economics (Head TF for David Laibson and Andrei Shleifer), 2) Dealing with the Global Financial Crisis (TF for Ken Rogoff), 3) Principles of Economics, 4) International Trade and Policy, 5) Economics, Media and Democracy

Service

Referee: Political Analysis, Journal of Politics, Political Behavior, Scientific Reports, Political Communication, , Public Opinion Quarterly, Electoral Studies, PLOS One, The International Journal of Press/Politics, European Political Science Review, Democratization, JQD:DM, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Kyklos, National Science Centre of Poland

Member of the Editorial Board: Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media
University service at TUM/HfP: Graduate admissions

Professional Experience

Research analyst, **Peterson Institute for International Economics**	2014 – 2016
Research affiliate, **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, Dept. of Economics	2009 – 2011
Intern, **Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger**, Sacramento, CA	Summer 2006

References

- Jonathan Nagler (PhD committee chair): jonathan.nagler@nyu.edu

- Joshua Tucker (PhD co-advisor): joshua.tucker@nyu.edu

- Yannis Theocharis (Chair of Digital Governance): yannis.theocharis@hfp.tum.de