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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	2022 - Present

Education	**New York University**, Ph.D. in Politics	2022
	Committee: Jonathan Nagler, Joshua Tucker, Patrick Egan, Hye Young You, Neal Beck	
	University of Chicago, M.B.A.	2014
	Harvard University, B.A. in Economics	2009

Research

Publications

[12] Justifying an Invasion: When is Disinformation Successful?
(first author; with 23 co-authors). 2024. *Political Communication*.

[11] Left-Right Political Orientations Are Not Systematically Related to Conspiracism (with A. Enders, C. Klofstad, S. Littrell, J. Miller, Y. Theocharis & J. Uscinski). *Accepted at Adv. in Pol. Psychology*.

[10] Toxic Speech and Limited Demand for Content Moderation on Social Media
(with F. Pradel, Y. Theocharis and S. Kosmidis). 2024. *American Political Science Review*.

[9] Donate to help us fight back: Political fundraising and toxic rhetoric online
(with S. S. Kim & B. Brew). *2024. Party Politics*.

[8] Beliefs in Conspiracy Theories and Online News Consumption During the Pandemic (with S. Jin, F. Pradel and Y. Theocharis). 2024. *Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media*, Vol. 4.

[7] Division Does Not Imply Predictability: Demographics Continue to Reveal Little About Voting and Partisanship (with Seo-young Silvia Kim). 2024. *Political Behavior*, Volume 46, pages 67–87.

[6] 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 G. Eady, T. Paskhalis, R. Bonneau, J. Nagler and J.A. Tucker). 2023. *Nature Communications*.

[5] Geographic Boundaries and Local Economic Conditions Matter for Views of the Economy (with J. Bisbee). 2023. *Political Analysis*. Volume 31, Issue 2, p. 288-294.

[4] Don't Republicans Tweet Too? Using Twitter to Assess the Consequences of Political Endorsements by Celebrities (with C. Vaccari, J. Nagler and J.A. Tucker). 2020. *Perspectives on Politics*, Volume 18, Issue 1, pp. 144-160.

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

[2] How Many People Live in Political Bubbles on Social Media? Evidence From Linked Survey and Twitter Data (with G. Eady, J. Nagler, A. Guess and J.A. Tucker). 2019. *SAGE Open*, Volume 9.

[1] The Happiness Gap in Eastern Europe (with S. Djankov and E. Nikolova). 2016.
Journal of Comparative Economics, Volume 44, Issue 1, pp. 108-124.

Under Review

[5] The Trump Advantage in Policy Recall (with J. A. Tucker and J. Nagler). *R&R*.

[4] Economic Evaluations and Partisan Faultfinding (with J. Bisbee). *R&R*.

[3] Artificial Intelligence, Social Media, and the Politics of Anti-Technology (with T. Zeitzoff).

[2] Vaccine Refusal and Dissatisfaction with Democracy (with Y. Theocharis)

[1] From Anti-Muslim to Anti-BLM: Unpacking the Dynamics of Group Attitudes and Electoral Competition in American Presidential Elections (with N. Lajevardi).

IN PROGRESS

Free Speech Attitudes and Support for Moderating Toxic Content (with Spyros Kosmidis and Yannis Theocharis)

Programmatic Competition Despite Populism and Identity Politics

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

Grievance Rhetoric and Political Representation in Modern Democracies (with M. Hinterleitner)

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)

Examining Ad Delivery Algorithms in the 2024 EP elections Authors (with F. Votta, S. Kruschinski, T. Dobber, A. Cerroni, L. Sandberg, M. F. Hove, R. Dassonneville, B. Guinaudeau, J. P. Cross, C. Gahn, and M. Bene)

GRANTS & AWARDS

The Center for Growth and Opportunity Research Grant (with T. Zeitzoff) **$18,000**

Reboot Social Media grant, TUM Think Tank (with F. Pradel, Y. Theocharis & S. Kosmidis) **€35,500**

TUM funding award for a project week course design: *AI, Society and Governance* **€6,638**

HfP Seed Funding Grant for survey research **€5,000**

TUM Global Initiative (with Y. Theocharis) **€10,000**

Craig Newmark Fellowship, approx. **$14,000**

MacCracken Fellowship, approx. **$150,000**

Other awards: Shelby Davis Scholar ($40,000), Fellowship from the NYU Provost's Global Research Initiatives, George Downs Prize (2018 and 2019), Travel grants (Center for Social and Political Behavior; NYU Dean's office; APSA), Fama-Miller Center Research Grant, University of Chicago Booth School of Business Graduate Fellowship, Oscar Mayer Fellowship at the University of Chicago, Marshall Goldman grant awarded by the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies at Harvard University, James H. and Emily A. Stone Fund research fellowship, Harvard Kennedy School Institute of Politics Director's award for the service in Governor Schwarzenegger's Office, United World College Scholarship

CONFERENCES & INVITED TALKS

2024: MENA/Asian PolMeth meeting (NYU Abu Dhabi, poster), EUI Workshop on Political Behaviour in Central and Eastern Europe, APSA (scheduled), Annual Meeting of the German Political Psychology Network (scheduled), Prague Economic Seminar (scheduled)

2023: Zurich disinformation workshop, University of Miami Conspiracy Theory conference, CSMaP Annual Conference in Florence, MPSA (virtual), EPSA, APSA PolComm pre-conferenece, APSA main conference, World Association for Public Opinion Research annual conference (WAPOR), TUM Workshop on Content Moderation

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

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

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

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

Earlier: PolMeth Annual Meeting in Provo (poster), University of Zurich (Technocratic Challenge to Democracy Workshop), European Economic Association (Malaga and Gothenburg meetings), American Economic Association, Tilburg Institute for Behavioral Economics Research

Teaching

INSTRUCTOR	**Technical University of Munich** • Telling Stories with R and Data Visualizations (2022-25) • AI, Society and Governance (2024) • Political Information in the Digital Age: Insurgent Politics and Conspiracy Theories (2021-24) • Campaigns, Elections, and Social Media (Winter 2022, Spring 2023) • Seminar on applications of behavioral economics to politics (Winter 2021, Spring 2022) • Introduction to Politics and Technology (guest lecturer, Winter semester 2023) **Summer Institute in Computational Social Science, LMU Munich** • Collecting Digital Trace Data (Summer 2023) **Harvard University**, Department of Economics • Economics 970: Experiments in Economics (Spring 2011)
TEACHING ASSISTANT	**New York University**: Inequality, Populism and Voting (Nagler), Introduction to Polical Theory (Landa), Politics Senior Honors (Harvey & Dawes) **University of Chicago**: Big Data (Taddy, Booth School of Business) **Harvard University**: Psychology and Economics (Laibson and Shleifer), Dealing with the Global Financial Crisis (Rogoff), Principles of Economics (Laibson, Acemoglu, List, Watson), International Trade and Policy (Helpman), Economics, Media and Democracy (Aghion and Berner)

Professional Activity

SERVICE	*Reviewer:* American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, Political Analysis, Political Behavior, Political Communication, Scientific Reports, Scientific Data, Public Opinion Quarterly, Electoral Studies, PLOS One, The International Journal of Press/Politics, European Political Science Review, Humanities and Social Sciences Communications, Democratization, JQD:DM, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Applied Economics Letters, Kyklos, National Science Centre of Poland *Member of the Editorial Board*: Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media *University service*: Graduate admissions (TUM), *Coordinator*: Munich Data Science Lightning Talks
PUBLICATIONS AFTER NON-BLIND REVIEW	"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. Washington Post, The Monkey Cage (9 articles), Peterson Institute Policy Briefs (2 papers)
OTHER EXPERIENCE	Consultant, Projects on high-risk AI, fake news discernment, and other topics　　　　2023-24 Research analyst, **Peterson Institute for International Economics**　　　　2014-16

References

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