

# Jan Zilinsky

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## Appointment

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Technical University of Munich

## Education

### New York University

Ph.D., Department of Politics, 2016 – 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

“Geographic Boundaries and Local Economic Conditions Matter for Views of the Economy” with James Bisbee. *Conditionally Accepted at Political Analysis*.

“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.

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

“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.

“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.

## Working Papers

The Limited Impact of Russia’s Election Interference on Twitter in the 2016 US Election (with Gregory Eady, Tom Paskhalis, Denis Stukal, Richard Bonneau, Jonathan Nagler and Joshua A. Tucker). *Revise and Resubmit at Nature Communications*.

Group-Economic Evaluations and Measurement of Perceptions of Inequality Using Novel Survey Questions (with Suzanna Linn and Jonathan Nagler). Presented at APSA 2020.

Division Does Not Imply Predictability: Demographics Continue to Reveal Little About Voting and Partisanship (with Seo-young Silvia Kim). *Under review*.

Programmatic Competition in the Age of Identity Politics. *Under review*.

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.

## **Book Chapter**

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

## **Conference and Workshop Presentations**

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

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

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

2018: MPSA, PolMeth Annual Meeting (poster)

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

## **Teaching**

### **Technical University of Munich (Instructor, 2021-Present)**

Technology and Psychology of Persuasion: A Course in Behavioral Political Economy  
Political Information in the Digital Era: Insurgent Politics, Social Media and Conspiracy Theories

### **New York University (Teaching Assistant, 2017-2021)**

Introduction to Political Theory  
Inequality, Populism, and Voting  
Biology and Political Behavior  
Politics Senior Honors I & II

### **University of Chicago, Booth School of Business (Teaching Assistant)**

Big Data (A course on machine learning methods)

### **Harvard University (2011, Instructor)**

Experiments in Economics

## **Harvard University, (2010-11, Teaching Fellow)**

Psychology and Economics  
Dealing with the Global Financial Crisis  
Principles of Economics  
International Trade and Policy  
Economics, Media and Democracy

## **Service**

*Member of the Editorial Board:* Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media

*Referee:* Political Analysis, Public Opinion Quarterly, Electoral Studies, The International Journal of Press/Politics, Political Communication, European Political Science Review, Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Kyklos, National Science Centre of Poland

## **Grants & Awards**

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), Director's award for service in Governor Schwarzenegger's Office awarded by the Harvard Kennedy School, Shelby Davis Scholar, United World College Scholarship

## **Other Publications**

Washington Post, The Monkey Cage (7)  
Peterson Institute Policy Briefs (2)

## **Professional Experience**

Teaching assistant, <b>New York University</b>	2017 – 2021
Data Fellow, Department of Politics, <b>New York University</b>	2020
Research analyst, <b>Peterson Institute for International Economics</b>	2014 – 2016
Research assistant, <b>University of Chicago</b>	Jan. 2014 – Aug. 2014
Research affiliate, <b>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</b>	2009 – 2011
Internship, <b>Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger</b> , Sacramento, CA	Summer 2006

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