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| Affiliations | Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Technical University of Munich | Oct. 2021 - Present |
| | Research Affiliate, NYU Center for Social Media and Politics | May 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

[18] Artificial Intelligence, Social Media, and the Politics of Anti-Technology (with T. Zeitzoff). Accepted. *American Journal of Political Science.*

    2025 Best Conference Paper Award (APSA's Information Technology and Politics Division)

[17] Economic Evaluations and Partisan Faultfinding (with J. Bisbee). 2025. *Political Science Research and Methods.*

[16] Can AI-Attributed News Challenge Partisan News Selection? Evidence from a Conjoint Experiment (with A. Zoizner et al.) 2025. *The International Journal of Press/Politics.*

[15] Conspiracism and Government Distrust Predict COVID-19 Vaccine Refusal (with Y. Theocharis). 2025. *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications.*

[14] Explaining 2020 Trump Support: The Role of Anti-Muslim, Pro-Police, and Anti-BLM Attitudes (with N. Lajevardi). 2025. *Electoral Studies.*

[13] The Trump Advantage in Policy Recall Among Voters (with J.A. Tucker and J. Nagler). 2025. *American Politics Research,* 53(2), pp. 91-102.

[12] Justifying an Invasion: When is Disinformation Successful? (First author, with 23 co-authors.) 2024. *Political Communication,* 41(6), pp. 965–986.

[11] Toxic Speech and Limited Demand for Content Moderation on Social Media (with F. Pradel, Y. Theocharis & S. Kosmidis). 2024. *American Political Science Review,* 118(4), pp. 1895-1912.

[10] Left-Right Political Orientations Are Not Systematically Related to Conspiracism (with A. Enders, C. Klofstad, S. Littrell, J. Miller, Y. Theocharis & J. Uscinski). 2024. *Advances in Political Psychology.*

[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,* (4)1.

[7] Division Does Not Imply Predictability: Demographics Continue to Reveal Little About Voting and Partisanship (with S.S. Kim). 2024. *Political Behavior,* (46)1, pp. 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.* 14(62), pp. 1-11.

[5] Geographic Boundaries and Local Economic Conditions Matter for Views of the Economy (with J. Bisbee). 2023. *Political Analysis.* 31(2), pp. 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, (18)1, pp. 144-160.

[3] Democratic deconsolidation revisited: Young Europeans are not dissatisfied with democracy. 2019. *Research & Politics*. (6)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*, (9)1.

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

SELECTED PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

[2] Free Speech Attitudes and Support for Moderating Toxic Content (with S. Kosmidis and Y. Theocharis)

[1] The Dark Side of American Politics: Assessing the Impact of Dark Psychological Traits on Non-normative Political Attitudes and Behaviors (with J. Uscinski, A. Enders, and C. Klofstad)

RECENT GRANTS

Fellowship for excellent researchers, EU Recovery and Resilience Plan, **€58,705**	2024-26
The Center for Growth and Opportunity Research Grant (with T. Zeitzoff), **$18,000**	2023
Reboot Social Media grant, TUM Think Tank (with 3 co-PIs), **€35,500**	2022

OTHER AWARDS

TUM funding award to design a project-based course: *AI, Society and Governance*, **€6,638**

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

Good Authority Fellowship, **$2,500**

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

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

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

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 SchoolGraduate Fellowship, Oscar Mayer Fellowship, Marshall Goldman grant (Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies at Harvard University), James H. and Emily A. Stone fellowship, Harvard Kennedy School Institute of Politics Director's award for the service in Governor Schwarzenegger's Office, UWC Scholarship

CONFERENCES & INVITED TALKS

2025: University of Houston, Royal Holloway Workshop on Content Moderation, Free Speech and Platform Governance workshop, University of Southern Denmark, TUM-Georgetown workshop, Slovak Academy of Sciences, University of Innsbruck (scheduled), APSA (scheduled), APSA Pol-Comm pre-conferenece (scheduled), Zurich Digital Democracy Workshop (scheduled), Austrian Political Science Assoc. conference (scheduled)

2024: MENA/Asian PolMeth meeting (NYU Abu Dhabi), EUI Workshop on Political Behaviour in Central and Eastern Europe, APSA, Annual Meeting of the German Political Psychology Network, EPFL Center for Digital Trust, Bundeswehr Univeristy, VŠE Prague Research Seminar Series

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, European Economic Association

Teaching

INSTRUCTOR	**Technical University of Munich** • R and Data Visualization (2022-25) • AI, Society and Governance (Winter 2024, Spring 2025, and scheduled for Winter 2025) • 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** (Summer 2023) **Harvard University**: Economics 970: Experiments in Economics (Spring 2011)
TEACHING ASSISTANT	**New York University**: Dept. of Politics Data Fellow (statistical consulations), Inequality, Populism and Voting (Nagler), Politics Senior Honors (Harvey & Dawes), Introduction to Polical Theory (Landa) **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, Nature Human Behavior, Scientific Reports, Public Opinion Quarterly, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Political Psychology, Electoral Studies, PLOS One, The International Journal of Press/Politics, European Political Science Review, Scientific Data, Humanities and Social Sciences Communications, Democratization, JQD:DM, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Applied Economics Letters, Kyklos *Workshop co-organizer*: The Evolution of Digital Platforms, TUM-Georgetown meeting (May 2025) *University service*: Graduate admissions (TUM), *Coordinator*: Munich Data Science Lightning Talks *Editorial Board*: Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media
PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP	Washington Post, The Monkey Cage (9 articles) Good Authority Fellow (2025-26) Occasional publication of policy briefs and reports (e.g. a Free Expression report https://osf.io/s3kcw)

References

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