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Research and Professional Interests: Legislative Behaviour, Public Policy, NLP, Machine Learning, Statistical Modeling

Education

University College Dublin Dublin, Ireland	January 2021 – Present
Ph.D. in Politics and International Relations	<i>Supervisor: Dr. Stefan Müller</i>
Using natural language processing to examine public policymaking during crises	
Eastern Illinois University Charleston, IL (USA)	August 2018 – January 2021
M.Sc. in Computer Science (Focus: Data Science)	<i>Conferred January 2021</i>
M.A. in Political Science	<i>Conferred January 2020</i>
Université de Rennes Rennes, France	August 2015 – June 2018
Bachelor's Degree in Law and Political Science	

Specialized Skills

Skills: Python, R, SQL, machine learning, data mining and quantitative text analysis, predictive modeling, html/css/javascript

Languages: Arabic (Native), French (Native), English (Bilingual Proficiency)

Research Visits

Koç University	Istanbul, Turkey September 2023 – October 2023
• Guest Researcher at the Center for Computational Social Sciences	
Mannheim Centre for European Social Research	Mannheim, Germany April 2023 – May 2023
• Guest Researcher	
The MZES is an interdisciplinary research institute of the University of Mannheim and the largest social sciences research institute in Germany. Its research focus is located in comparative research on Europe and European integration.	
GESIS - Data Services for the Social Sciences	Cologne, Germany March 2023 – April 2023
• Guest Researcher	
Data archiving, advising and consulting on questions regarding data collection and analysis of web scraped data, quantitative text analysis, and general data science skills (e.g., Python)	

Research Experience

Swiss National Science Foundation	Dublin Ireland July 2023 – Present
• Research Assistant	
Part of a project that uses machine learning to analyse the texts of anonymised grant review reports.	
University College Dublin	Dublin, Ireland January 2021 – Present

- Lab Manager - Connected Politics Lab
The Connected Politics Lab is an interdisciplinary hub for researchers using computational methods
Tasks: website maintenance, workshop and seminar organization, social media management
- Research Assistant
Scraping and processing data on World Bank projects
- Teaching Assistant
Grading assignments for a module on quantitative text analysis

Eastern Illinois University Charleston, IL (USA) | August 2018 – January 2021

- Research Assistant - Department of Political Science
Collecting and scraping data on international human rights treaties
- Graduate Assistant - School of Technology
- Administrative Assistant - Office of International Students and Scholars
- Administrative Assistant - Office of Study Abroad

Datasets

PartyPolls: A web-scraped dataset of past and next elections in multiple European countries.

Taught Workshops

An Introduction to Web Scraping Using R November 2021

Working Papers

Legislating Landlords: Private Interests, Issue Emphasis, and Policy Positions (with Stefan Müller).

Do Legislators Learn how to be Legislators? The Life Cycle to Parliamentary Rhetoric (with Stefan Müller, Gail McElroy, and Shaun Bowler).

Conference Participation

EPSA 2023 - Glasgow, United Kingdom: Do Legislators Learn how to be Legislators? The Life Cycle to Parliamentary Rhetoric. -With Shaun Bowler, Gail McElroy, and Stefan Müller

EPSA 2023 - Glasgow, United Kingdom: A Polarized Transition? The Shifting Dimensions of Polarization During the Energy Crisis.

PSAI 2022 - Waterford, Ireland: Representation in Times of Crisis: Examining Energy Policy Issue Attention and Framing Among Irish Legislators.

ECPR SG Parliaments 2022 - Paris, France: Legislating Landlords and Homeowners: Private Interests, Issue Emphasis, and Policy Positions. -With Stefan Müller

COMPTTEXT 2022 - Dublin, Ireland: Personal Determinants of Geographic Representation: Evidence from Three European Countries

COMPTTEXT 2022 - Dublin, Ireland: Legislating Landlords and Homeowners: Private Interests, Issue Emphasis, and Policy Positions. -With Stefan Müller

PSAI 2021 - Dublin, Ireland: Social Media and Political Responsiveness: Tracking the Interactions between Legislators and the Public.

MPSA 2019 - Chicago, IL: Military Memory: An Examination of the Impact of Veteran Status on Political Ideology across the Life Course.

MPSA 2019 - Chicago, IL: Already Mobilized for Human Rights? Testing for the Compliance Effects of Human Rights Treaty Ratification Processes. -With Paul J. Danyi

Awards & Honors

Guest Researcher Fellowship	MZES Mannheim, Germany
Visiting Researcher Grant	GESIS Cologne, Germany
Ad Astra Ph.D. Scholarship	University College Dublin
Graduate Student Assistantship	Eastern Illinois University
Distinguished International Graduate Student	Eastern Illinois University
Outstanding International Student of the Year	Eastern Illinois University
Williams Grant - The Graduate School	Eastern Illinois University