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Academic Positions

- 01/2017–present Lecturer in Politics, Department of Political Economy, King's College London
- 09/2014–07/2017 Post-Doctoral/Senior Researcher, Department of Political Science, University of Zurich
- 01/2013–07/2013 Visiting Scholar, Department of Political Science, Columbia University in the City of New York

Higher Education

- 2011–2015 D.Phil in Sociology, Nuffield College, University of Oxford; Thesis Title: "Bringing The Party Back In: Mobilization and Persuasion in Constituency Election Campaigns" (Examination date: 11/11/2014, Award date: 07/03/2015; Dissertation Advisors: Prof Stephen D. Fisher, Prof Geoffrey Evans, Examiners: Prof Catherine E. de Vries, Prof Edward Fieldhouse)
- 2010–2011 M.Sc in Sociology, Nuffield College, University of Oxford: *Distinction, A.H. Haley Prize*
- 2006–2010 B.A.(Hons) European Social and Political Studies, University College London: *1st Class, Dean's List*
- 2008–2009 International Exchange Programme, Sciences Po Paris

Research Agenda

- Substantive** Comparative and British Political Behavior: Electoral Campaigns, Political Persuasion and Mobilization; Political Influence in Social Networks; Political Activism and Political Recruitment; Party Competition in Multilevel Democracies
- Methods** Randomized Field Experiments, Embedded Experimentation, Design and Analysis of Spillover Experiments, Causal Inference with Observational Data (RD, DiD, IV), Randomization Inference

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- All in the Family? Partisan Disagreement and Electoral Mobilization in Intimate Networks - A Spillover Experiment (with E. de Rooij) – *American Journal of Political Science* 61(2): 289-304.

- The National Effects of Subnational Representation: Access to Regional Parliaments and National Electoral Performance (with E. Dinas) – *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 12(1): 1-35.
- The Role of Partisan Cues in Voter Mobilization Campaigns: Evidence from a Randomized Field Experiment (with E. de Rooij) – *Electoral Studies* 45(1): 63-74.
- Parties Are No Civic Charities: Voter Contact and the Changing Partisan Composition of the Electorate (with P. John) – Forthcoming in *Political Science Research and Methods*.

Work in Progress

Papers Under Review

- First Impressions - Lasting Impressions? The long-term effects of candidate contact on voting intentions.
- Role Models Can Decrease Women's Political Ambition (with F. Gilardi).
- Of UFOs and Politics: How marginalised voters respond to policy promises (with J. Carpenter).
- Does Social Media Promote Civic Activism? A Field Experiment with a Civic Campaign (with L. Kostadinov, N. Marinov and F. Schimmelfennig).

Working Papers

- Mobilizing Campaign Activism: A Field Experiment with Party Members (with G. Neuenschwander).
- Invasive Parties: How credible extreme parties affect mainstream parties' positions (with D. Bischof).
- Federalism and Party System Fragmentation: On the Unintended Consequences of Increasing Decentralization (with D. Bischof).
- How Issue Ownership Shapes Campaign Effects: A Field Experiment in the 2014 UK Elections (with K. Cunningham and P. John).

Book Reviews

- "Partis socialistes et classe ouvrière. Ruptures et continuités du lien électoral en Suisse, en Autriche, en Allemagne, en Grande-Bretagne et en France (1970-2008) Rennwald, Line, Neuchâtel, Editions Alphil-Presses universitaires suisses, 307 p., ISBN 978-2-88930-030-3" — Forthcoming in *Swiss Political Science Review*.

Teaching

- 2018 **Causal Inference**, course convener for postgraduate module, Department of Political Economy, King's College London.
- 2017 **The Political Sociology of Social Networks**, course convener for 2nd year undergraduate module, Department of Political Economy, King's College London.
- 2017 **Design, Conduct and Analysis of Randomized Field Experiments**, postgraduate course (with Alex Coppock and Eline de Rooij), European Field Experiments Summer School in Palermo.
- 2017 **Comparative Public Policy**, course convener for core module in MA Public Policy, Department of Political Economy, King's College London, evaluation lecture: 4/5, evaluation seminar: 4.4/5.
- 2017 **Statistics for Political Science**, 1st year undergraduate seminar in BA Politics, Department of Political Economy, King's College London.
- 2016/2017 **Do Campaigns Matter? The US Presidential Election Campaign in Comparative Perspective**; final year undergraduate module, course convener, Department of Political Science, University of Zurich, evaluation: 5.4/6.
- 2015/2016 **The Policy Lab: Experimenting with Public Policy**; final year undergraduate module, course convener, Department of Political Science, University of Zurich.
- 2015 **BA-Thesis Research Design**; Final Year Undergraduate Seminar, course convener, Department of Political Science, University of Zurich, evaluation: 6/6.
- 2014 **The Policy Lab: Policy-Making in an Uncertain World**; final year undergraduate option, course convener, Department of Political Science, University of Zurich, evaluation: 5.9/6.
- 2014 **Experimental Political Science**; Graduate Methods Course, Design and Analysis of Randomized Field and Survey Experiments, Department of Political Science and IR, University of Oxford, evaluation: 4.7/5.
- 2012–2014 **Tutor in PPE Political Sociology**, Pembroke College, Magdalen College, Hertford College, Balliol College and Mansfield College, University of Oxford: No evaluation conducted.

Teaching Assistance

- 2014 Quantitative Methods and Data Analysis, Leading Lab Sessions in R, Stata, and Excel, Various MA and M.Sc Programmes, University of Oxford.
- 2013/2014 Quantitative Research Methods, Tutorials in Statistical Concepts and Data Analysis in STATA, M.Sc Programme in Migration Studies, University of Oxford.

Grants and Awards

- 2017-2019 British Academy Small Grant, "Seeking the Personal Vote: How Legislators Exploit the Party Line" (with Kyriaki Nanou and Daniel Bischof), 9'870 GBP.
- 2017 Faculty Research Grant, "Issue Ownership Field Experiment" (with Peter John), Faculty of Social Science and Public Policy, King's College London, 10'000 GBP.
- 2011–2014 Nuffield D.Phil Studentship (all fees and maintenance) awarded by Nuffield College Sociology and Political Science Groups.
- 2011 A.H. Haley Prize for Best Overall Performance in M.Sc Sociology, University of Oxford.
- 2010–2011 M.Sc Studentship (all fees & partial maintenance) awarded by Nuffield College Sociology Group.
- 2007–2011 Scholar of the German Academic Merit Foundation, BA and M.Sc scholarships.
- 2008-2010 Ambassador Scholar, Boston Consulting Group & German Academic Merit Foundation.
- 2010 Dean's List Award for Outstanding Academic Performance in UCL Faculty of Arts and Humanities.
- 2010 4th Year Seasonal Prize for Outstanding Academic Performance in UCL ESPS Department.

Professional Experience

Invited Talks

- 2017 Operation Libero, Zurich, Switzerland: Experimentelle Politik - Experimente zu den Möglichkeiten und Herausforderungen einer neuen, progressiven Politik.
- 2017 Behavioural Insights Team, London, United Kingdom: Lessons from 5 years of campaign experiments: How can we overcome political divides to change behaviour?
- 2017 Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen, Denmark: First Impressions - Lasting Impressions: The short- and long-term effects of candidate contact on voting intentions.
- 2016 Internationale Konferenz für Politische Kommunikation, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Berlin, Germany: Roundtable "Science - so what? Wissenschaft und Bauchgefühl in Kampagnen".
- 2015 Department of International Relations, Koc University, Istanbul: Does Social Media Promote Civic Activism? A Field Experiment with a Civic Campaign.
- 2015 Department of Political Science, Sabanci University, Istanbul: Does Social Media Promote Civic Activism? A Field Experiment with a Civic Campaign.
- 2014 Carlos III-Juan March Institute (IC3JM), Madrid: Bringing The Party Back In: Party Affiliation and Voter Mobilization in Grassroots Election Campaigns.

- 2014 Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford, Political Economy Seminar: The National Effects of Sub-National Representation: How Parties' Access to Regional Parliaments Shapes National Elections
- 2014 Nuffield College, Qualitative and Field Work-Based Research Seminar: Designing and Conducting Randomized Field Experiments with Political and Social Actors

Professional Service and Memberships

- Section Head (with Eline de Rooij), Experimental Research, 2018 MPSA Annual Conference.
- Co-Organiser, European Field Experiments Summer School, Palermo, 5-9 June 2017.
- Reviewer: American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Political Science Research & Methods, European Political Science Review, Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties, Journal of Public Policy, Research & Politics, Political Studies, Swiss Political Science Review.
- Membership: American Political Science Association (APSA), Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), European Political Science Association (EPSA), PSA Expert Group on Elections, Public Opinion and Parties (EPOP).
- 2015-2017 : Member of the Admissions Committee, Master in Comparative and International Studies (MACIS), ETH and University of Zurich.

Conference Participation

- 2017 EPSA 2 papers presented, discussant
- 2017 MPSA 2 papers presented
- 2017 EPOP 2 papers presented
- 2016 APSA: 2 papers presented
- 2016 EPSA: 2 papers presented, discussant, panel chair
- 2016 Ninth Annual NYU-CESS Experimental Political Science Conference: 1 paper presented
- 2015 EPOP: 2 papers presented
- 2015 APSA: 2 papers presented
- 2015 EPSA: 2 papers presented, discussant, panel chair
- 2015 MPSA: 3 papers presented, discussant, panel chair
- 2014 APSA: 1 paper presented
- 2014 EPSA: 2 papers presented, discussant, panel chair

- 2014 MPSA: 2 papers presented
- 2013 MPSA: 2 papers presented
- 2013 EPSA: 2 papers presented
- 2012 MPSA: 1 paper presented

Methods Training

- 2013 Experimental Research: Design, Analysis, and Interpretation; Columbia University 14-weeks methodology course for graduate students; instructor: Prof Donald P. Green (Columbia University)
- 2012 Causal Analysis: Propensity score matching, difference-in-differences estimation, and regression discontinuity designs; ERSC Euqal Soc Methods Workshop; instructor: Prof Dominik Hangartner (LSE Methodology Institute)
- 2012 Causal Inference: Instrumental variable regression; difference-in-differences estimation, and regression discontinuity designs; EUI Methods Workshop; instructor: Dr Elias Dinas (University of Oxford)
- 2012 Mathematical Tools for Social Scientists; GESES Cologne; instructor: Dr Martin Elff (University of Konstanz)
- 2012 Time Series Analysis; Advanced Methods Course; Department of Politics and International Relations; instructor: Dr Kat Chzhen (University of Oxford)
- 2011 Panel Data Analysis; Advanced Methods Course; Department of Politics and International Relations; instructor: Prof Raymond Duch (University of Oxford)
- 2011 Multilevel Modelling; Advanced Methods Course; Department of Politics and International Relations; instructor: Prof Sara B. Hobolt (LSE)

Policy and Media Experience

- 2016 Interviews on US Election Campaign and UK EU Referendum Campaign with various Swiss newspapers and radio stations
- 2014–present Blog on Labour Party Politics for Huffington Post UK: www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/florian-foos
- 2015 UK General Election Campaign Commentary on Swiss Radio 24
- 2006–2014 Member of the Board and Advisor on Education Policy: Community Foundation Palatinate, Germany
- 2009 German Embassy London, Political Department: Research Intern

Languages

- English (fluent), German (native), French (fluent), Romanian (intermediate)

References

- Catherine E. de Vries D.Phil Examiner; Professor of Politics, Department of Government, University of Essex:
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- Fabrizio Gilardi Post-Doctoral Advisor; Chair of Public Policy, Department of Political Science, University
of Zurich: gilardi@ipz.uzh.ch
- Donald P. Green Research Host; Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science, Columbia
University in the City of New York: dpg2110@columbia.edu
- Stephen D. Fisher D.Phil Advisor; Associate Professor in Political Sociology, University of Oxford, Trinity
College: stephen.fisher@trinity.ox.ac.uk
- Peter C. John Professor of Political Science and Public Policy, Department of Political Science, University
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