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RESEARCH INTERESTS & EXPERTISE

Comparative Politics, European Union Politics, Political Behaviour, Political Representation, Quantitative and Qualitative Content Analysis, Ideological Scaling, Public Opinion, Survey Analysis, Quantitative Methods.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Postdoctoral Fellow **London School of Economics and Political Science**
September 2017 – now

Lecturer **Swansea University**
September 2016 – August 2017
Lecturer in Comparative Politics

Sessional Lecturer **Trinity College Dublin**
September 2015 – September 2016
Part-time lecturer for the social science course on European Union Politics (European Studies department)

EDUCATION

PhD **Trinity College Dublin**
Political Science, 2012-2017

“Input Democracy in the European Union: Political Representation in Inputs to EU Executives”

Prof. Gail McElroy (supervisor)
Prof. Simon Hix (external examiner)
Prof. William Phelan (internal examiner)

MPhil **Trinity College Dublin**
European Studies, 2010-2011
Distinction

“Halved Rulers: Media Systems and Political Culture in Italy and Romania”

BA **Università degli Studi di Cagliari**
Linguistics and Journalism, 2007-2010
110/110 cum laude

University College Dublin
Visiting Erasmus Student, 2009-10

PUBLICATIONS

- Sorace, M. (2018) Legislative Participation in the EU: An analysis of questions, speeches, motions and declarations in the 7th European Parliament *European Union Politics*, forthcoming
- Sorace, M. (2018). The European Union democratic deficit: Substantive representation in the European Parliament at the input stage. *European Union Politics*, 19(1), 3-24.

BLOG POSTS

- Sorace, M. The European Parliament is more representative of European citizens than we give it credit for *LSE European Politics and Policy Blog* – 8th January 2018
- Sorace, M. Taking back control, actually: reforming the European Parliament elections *LSE European Politics and Policy Blog* – 19th June 2017

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

EPSA General Conference 2018

EPSA General Conference 2017

APSA Annual Meeting 2016 (poster)

EPSA General Conference 2016

ECPR General Conference 2015

TALKS

What do the Italian Elections mean for Europe? LSE Public Events 31/01/2018

Taking Back Control: Fact or Fiction? Parties' responsiveness to voters in the European Parliament. Presented as part of the Brexit Public Event, Department of Political and Cultural Studies, Swansea University, 10/05/2017

Voter and party-level explanations of the changes within the Republican Party presented as part of the public event "US Elections 2016: Alternative Perspectives", Department of Political and Cultural Studies, Swansea University, 20/10/2016.

GRANTS

Warren E. Miller Scholarship 2015 - *University of Michigan, ICPSR*

Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship 2014-2016 - *Irish Research Council*, PhD research proposal quality scored at 94/100.

Trinity College Dublin Studentship Award 2012-2014 - *Trinity College Dublin*

Undergraduate Study Grants, 2008-2010 - *Autonomous Region of Sardinia*
Awarded on the basis of merit

AWARDS and HONOURS **and Dermot McAleese Award for Teaching Excellence 2015 - Trinity College Dublin, School of Philosophy and Social Sciences**

Best University Graduate Award 2010 – Università degli Studi di Cagliari
Campus-wide award to the 13 best students on the basis of grades and time of completion.

Best Foreign Languages Graduate Award 2010 - Università degli Studi di Cagliari, School of Foreign Languages
School-wide award to the 3 best students on the basis of grades and time of completion.

High School Excellence Award 2007 - Ministry for Education, Italian Government
Nation-wide award to the top 0.6% of Italian High School Graduates.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate

2017-2018 *People, Politics and Institutions in Europe (Seminars)*
2016-2017 *Introduction to Politics and IR*
2016-2017 *Politics and the People*
2016-2017 *The State and Political Institutions*
2016-2017 *Researching Politics: Political Representation*
2016-2017 *Parliamentary Studies*
2016-2017 *Dissertation Supervision*
2015-2016 *European Union Politics*
2015-2016 *Research Methods for Political Science (TA)*
2013-2015 *Comparative Politics (TA)*
2012-2013 *Introduction to Political Science (TA)*

Graduate

2017-2018 *Master Dissertation Supervision*
2017-2018 *Policy-making in the European Union (Seminars)*
2017-2018 *History and Theory of European Integration (Seminars)*
2016-2017 *European Union Politics*
2015-2016 *Research Methods for Political Science (TA)*

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

EITM Certificate in Multivariate Analysis

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2015
Grade: A+

EITM Certificate in Maximum Likelihood Estimation

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2015
Grade: A

Postgraduate Certificate in Statistics

Trinity College Dublin, School of Computer Science and Statistics, 2014-2015
Grade: Distinction

Certificate in Academic Teaching

Trinity College Dublin, Centre for Academic Practice, 2012

**STATISTICAL
SOFTWARES/
PROGRAMMING**

Stata
R
SPSS
Python
Wordstat/QDA Miner

**RESEARCH
ASSISTANCE**

Project: Professional Backgrounds of Members of the European Parliament (2013)

Principal Investigator: Prof. Gail McElroy
Trinity College Dublin

Project: Psychological Traits of Prospective Election Candidates (2013)

Principal Investigator: Prof. Gail McElroy
Trinity College Dublin

**SERVICE /
PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE**

Personal Tutor/Academic Advisor (2016-now)

Swansea University; London School of Economics

PhD Representative and Postgraduate Seminar Convener (2015-2016)

Trinity Research In Social Science (TRISS)
Trinity College Dublin

Academic and Legal Staff (2013)

Irish Constitutional Convention
