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RESEARCH INTERESTS / EXPERTISE

Political Behaviour, Political Representation, Public Opinion, European Union Politics, Gender, Quantitative Research Methods, Text Analysis, Survey Experiments.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Quantitative Politics April 2020 - now
School of Politics and IR & Q-Step Centre, *University of Kent*
• Affiliations: Political Psychology Lab, Q-Step Centre, Global Europe Centre

Visiting Fellow in European Politics May 2020 - now
European Institute, *London School of Economics*
• Affiliations: LSE Political Behaviour Research Group

LSE Fellow in European Politics Sept 2017 - March 2020
European Institute, *London School of Economics*
• Affiliations: LSE Political Behaviour Research Group

Lecturer in Comparative Politics Sept 2016 - Aug 2017
Dept. of Political and Cultural Studies, *Swansea University*
• Affiliations: Political Analysis and Governance (PAG) Research Group

Adjunct Lecturer Sept 2015 - Aug 2016
Centre for European Studies - *Trinity College Dublin*
• Co-convener of the interdisciplinary course “EU1002 - Introduction to Social Science”

EDUCATION

PhD in Political Science Sept 2012 - Apr 2017
Department of Political Science, *Trinity College Dublin*

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

Committee: Prof. Gail McElroy (Supervisor); Prof. Simon Hix (External Examiner); Prof. William Phelan (Internal Examiner)

MPhil in European Studies Sept 2010 - Dec 2011
Centre for European Studies, *Trinity College Dublin*
Distinction

BA Linguistics and Journalism Sept 2007 - Jul 2010
Facoltà di Lingue e Letterature Straniere, *Università degli Studi di Cagliari*
110/110 cum laude
• Visiting Erasmus Student 2009-2010 *University College Dublin*

PUBLICATIONS

1. Sorace, M. (*forthcoming*) “Productivity-Based Retrospective Voting: Legislative Productivity and Voting in the 2019 European Parliament Elections” - *Politics*
2. Sorace, M. (*forthcoming*) “The Politics of Debate in the European Parliament” book chapter in: Bäck, H. et al. *Politics of Debate in Democracies* - Oxford University Press
3. Sorace, M., Hobolt S. B. (2020) “A Tale of Two Peoples: Motivated Reasoning in the aftermath of the Brexit Vote” *Political Science Research and Methods*, First View, 1-18
4. 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.
5. Sorace, M. (2018) “Legislative Participation in the EU: An analysis of questions, speeches, motions and declarations in the 7th European Parliament”. *European Union Politics*, 19(2), 299-320.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

1. Archibugi, M. and Sorace, M. “Is Brexit a contest between low-earning Leavers and high-earning Remainers?” *LSE Brexit Blog* 18th March 2019
2. Sorace, M. “Topic-modelling the 2019 European Parliament elections: The long awaited battle over the ‘soul of Europe’?” *LSE European Politics and Policy Blog* 14th February 2019
3. Sorace, M. and Hobolt, S. B. “Distorted perceptions: how Leavers and Remainers view the economy – and with what consequences” *LSE British Politics and Policy Blog* 14th August 2018
4. 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
5. Sorace, M. “Taking back control, actually: reforming the European Parliament elections” *LSE European Politics and Policy Blog* 19th June 2017

GRANTS

<i>RIF Fund 2019/2020</i> LSE	£11,440
<i>Research Seed Fund 2019/2020</i> LSE European Institute	£2,000
<i>Research Seed Fund 2018/2019</i> LSE European Institute	£1,920
<i>Warren E. Miller Scholarship 2015</i> University of Michigan (ICPSR)	\$4,000 (ca. £3,300)
<i>GoI Postgraduate Scholarship 2014-16</i> Irish Research Council	€47,600 (ca. £43,300)
<i>TCD Studentship Award</i> Trinity College Dublin	€36,000 (ca. £32,700)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS **EPOP** 2018; **EPSA** 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020; **APSA** 2016 (Poster), 2020;
ECPR 2015

PUBLIC TALKS

1. “Brexit and Public Opinion: How to Reconcile the Divide?” *LSE Civil Service Lecture Series*, 20/03/2019
2. “Can the EU Regain Democratic Legitimacy?” *King’s College London European Society*, 21/01/2019
3. “The Five Star Movement” *Politics.co.uk* Podcast with Ian Dunt 18/05/2018
4. “Analysis of the Italian Election” *Chatham House Webinar* 05/03/2018
5. “What do the Italian Elections mean for Europe?” *London School of Economics Public Events* 31/01/2018
6. “Taking Back Control: Fact or Fiction? Parties’ responsiveness to voters in the European Parliament” Brexit Public Event, *Department of Political and Cultural Studies, Swansea University* 10/05/2017
7. “Voter and party-level explanations of the changes within the Republican Party” Public event US Elections 2016: Alternative Perspectives *Department of Political and Cultural Studies, Swansea University* 20/10/2016.

WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

1. “Competing and Competitive Legislatures and the Policy-Opinion Link” - *Connected Politics Lab - University College Dublin*, 23 September 2020
2. “Competing and Competitive Legislatures and the Policy-Opinion Link” - *ECR Seminar Series*, 29 July 2020
3. “Retrospective Voting in the 2019 European Parliament Elections” , The European Elections 2019 Workshop, *ACES, University of Amsterdam*, 30 January 2020
4. “20 Years of Legislative Debate in the EP” , The Politics of Legislative Debate Workshop, *University of Mannheim*, 23-25 October 2019
5. “Gendered political agendas in the Irish Dáil” , Political Campaigning, Messaging, and Rhetoric workshop, *University College London*, 5 September 2019
6. “The EU and Political Representation: Controversies, Open Puzzles and Novel Empirical Strategies” , EU Decision-Making Workshop, *University of Cologne*, 21-22 November 2018
7. “R Crash Course” , VAM Workshop Series, *European Institute, London School of Economics and Political Science*, 05 March 2018

TEACHING*Graduate*

2020-2021	Making Your Own Data: Web Scraping & Text Mining
2020-2021	Qualitative Methods in Politics
2017-2020	Dissertation Supervision (26)
2019-2020	Evidence and Analysis in Policy-Making
2019-2020	Policy Incubator (Capstone-style Policy Project)
2019-2020	The Politics and Policies of Brexit
2018-2020	Europeanisation: The EU's impact on policy, politics and politics
2017-2020	Policy-making in the European Union
2017-2019	History and Theory of European Integration
2016-2017	European Union Politics
2015-2016	Research Methods for Political Science (TA)

Undergraduate

2016-2021	Dissertation Supervision (16)
2020-2021	Making Sense of Politics
2017-2018	People, Politics and Institutions in Europe
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	Introduction to Politics and IR
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)

TEACHING AWARDS

LSE Class Teacher Awards 2019 - Winner - LSE
LSE Class Teacher Awards 2018 - Highly Commended (Inspiring Teaching) - LSE
Dermot McAleese Award for Teaching Excellence 2015 - Winner - TCD
Teaching Award for Postgraduate Students 2015 - School Nominee - TCD

TEACHING CERT.

Certificate in Academic Teaching
 Centre for Academic Practice (CAP), Trinity College Dublin

2012

METHODS TRAINING	<i>Postgraduate Certificate in Statistics</i>	2015
	School of Computer Science and Statistics, Trinity College Dublin Distinction	
	<i>EITM Certificate in Multivariate Analysis</i>	2015
	ICPSR, University of Michigan Grade: A+	
	<i>EITM Certificate in Maximum Likelihood Estimation</i>	2015
	ICPSR, University of Michigan Grade: A	
	<i>Quantitative Text Analysis</i>	2014
	PhD module, Trinity College Dublin Grade: A	
	<i>Quantitative Analysis II</i>	2013
	PhD module, Trinity College Dublin Grade: A	
	<i>Quantitative Analysis I</i>	2012
	PhD module, Trinity College Dublin Grade: B+	
SOFTWARES	Stata, R, SPSS, WordStat/QDA Miner, QGIS, L ^A T _E X	
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	<i>Reviewer</i> Comparative Political Studies; European Union Politics; Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties; West European Politics; European Journal of International Relations; Politique Européenne	
	<i>Conference Chair/Discussant</i> EPSA Annual Conference (2019)	
	<i>Public Speaker Programme Convener</i>	2020-Present
	University of Kent	
	<i>Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee Member</i>	2019-Present
	London School of Economics - University of Kent	
	<i>Personal Tutor/Academic Advisor</i>	2016-Present
	Swansea University - London School of Economics - University of Kent	
	<i>Cumberland Lodge Conference Coordinator</i>	2019-2020
	European Institute - London School of Economics	
	<i>Editor - LEQS Discussion Paper Series</i>	2018-2020
	European Institute - London School of Economics	
	<i>Research Stream Coordinator</i>	2017-2020

Stream: Governance and Democracy in the EU
European Institute - London School of Economics

Committee Member - BA Politics Curriculum Review 2016-2017
Department of Political and Cultural Studies - Swansea University

PhD Representative and Research Seminar Convener 2015-2016
Trinity Research In Social Science (TRISS) - Trinity College Dublin

Academic and Legal Staff 2013
Irish Constitutional Convention

**RESEARCH
ASSISTANCE**

- Project: *MEPs' Professional Backgrounds* (2013)
Principal Investigator: Prof. Gail McElroy
Trinity College Dublin
- Project: *Psychological Traits of Irish Election Candidates* (2013)
Principal Investigator: Prof. Gail McElroy
Trinity College Dublin

LANGUAGES

Italian: Mothertongue
French: Fluent
English: Fluent