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RESEARCH INTERESTS / EXPERTISE

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

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

Teaching Assistant & Adjunct Lecturer Sept 2012 - Aug 2016
Department of Political Science & Centre for European Studies - *Trinity College Dublin*

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*

CERTIFICATES

Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education
Higher Education Academy Fellow 2021
University of Kent & AdvanceHE

Postgraduate Certificate in Statistics 2015
School of Computer Science and Statistics, Trinity College Dublin

EITM Certificates in Multivariate Analysis and MLE 2015
ICPSR, University of Michigan

**PEER-
REVIEWED
PUBLICATIONS**

1. **Sorace, M.**, Hobolt S. B. (2021) “A Tale of Two Peoples: Motivated Reasoning in the aftermath of the Brexit Vote” *Political Science Research and Methods*, 9(4), 675-692
2. **Sorace, M.** (2021) “Productivity-Based Retrospective Voting: Legislative Productivity and Voting in the 2019 European Parliament Elections” - *Politics*
3. **Sorace, M.** (2021) “European Parliament: Debating in a Legislature with Competing Incentives”. In: Bäck, H. et al. *The Politics of Debate* - Oxford University Press
4. **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.
5. **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.

**OTHER
PUBLICATIONS**

1. Bruter, M., Harrison, S., **Sorace, M.**, Vives, E. (2021) “The Conference on the Future of Europe - Putting Local and Regional Authorities at the Heart of European Democratic Renewal” - Policy Report *European Committee of the Regions - Commission for Citizenship, Governance, Institutional and External Affairs*.
2. Archibugi, M. and **Sorace, M.** “Is Brexit a contest between low-earning Leavers and high-earning Remainers?” *LSE Brexit Blog* 18th March 2019
3. **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
4. **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
5. **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
6. **Sorace, M.** “Taking back control, actually: reforming the European Parliament elections” *LSE European Politics and Policy Blog* 19th June 2017

GRANTS	<i>RIIF Fund 2020</i>	£11,440
	LSE	
	<i>Research Seed Fund 2019/2020</i>	£2,000
	LSE European Institute	
	<i>Research Seed Fund 2018/2019</i>	£1,920
	LSE European Institute	
	<i>Warren E. Miller Scholarship 2015</i>	\$4,000
	University of Michigan (ICPSR)	(ca. £3,300)
	<i>GoI Postgraduate Scholarship 2014-16</i>	€47,600
	Irish Research Council	(ca. £43,300)
	<i>TCD Studentship Award</i>	€36,000
	Trinity College Dublin	(ca. £32,700)
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	APSA 2016 (Poster), 2020; EPSA 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021; EUSA 2022; MPSA 2019, 2021; EPOP 2018; ECPR 2015	
PUBLIC TALKS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “Brexit 100 Days: Public Opinion” <i>Dare to Ask Series - University of Kent</i>, 12/04/2021 2. “Brexit and Public Opinion: How to Reconcile the Divide?” <i>LSE Civil Service Lecture Series</i>, 20/03/2019 3. “Can the EU Regain Democratic Legitimacy?” <i>King’s College London European Society</i>, 21/01/2019 4. “The Five Star Movement” <i>Politics.co.uk</i> Podcast with Ian Dunt 18/05/2018 5. “Analysis of the Italian Election” <i>Chatham House Webinar</i> 05/03/2018 6. “What do the Italian Elections mean for Europe?” <i>London School of Economics Public Events</i> 31/01/2018 7. “Taking Back Control: Fact or Fiction? Parties responsiveness to voters in the European Parliament” Brexit Public Event, <i>Department of Political and Cultural Studies, Swansea University</i> 10/05/2017 8. “Voter and party-level explanations of the changes within the Republican Party” Public event US Elections 2016: Alternative Perspectives <i>Department of Political and Cultural Studies, Swansea University</i> 20/10/2016. 	
WORKSHOPS / INVITED TALKS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “Vox Populi, Vox Dei: Preferences for Various Models of Democracy” - <i>Electoral Democracy Seminar Series - University of Montreal</i> , 16 March 2021 2. “Vox Populi, Vox Dei: Are Process Preferences Thermostatic?” - <i>European Politics Online Workshop - Syracuse University & Bocconi University</i>, 16 February 2021 3. “Competing and Competitive Legislatures and the Policy-Opinion Link” - <i>Connected Politics Lab - University College Dublin</i>, 23 September 2020 4. “Competing and Competitive Legislatures and the Policy-Opinion Link” - <i>ECR Seminar Series</i>, 29 July 2020 	

5. “Retrospective Voting in the 2019 European Parliament Elections” , The European Elections 2019 Workshop, *ACES, University of Amsterdam*, 30 January 2020
6. “20 Years of Legislative Debate in the EP” , The Politics of Legislative Debate Workshop, *University of Mannheim*, 23-25 October 2019
7. “Gendered political agendas in the Irish Dàil” , Political Campaigning, Messaging, and Rhetoric workshop, *University College London*, 5 September 2019
8. “The EU and Political Representation: Controversies, Open Puzzles and Novel Empirical Strategies” , EU Decision-Making Workshop, *University of Cologne*, 21-22 November 2018
9. “R Crash Course” , VAM Workshop Series, *European Institute, London School of Economics and Political Science*, 05 March 2018

TEACHING

Graduate

2020-2022	Making Your Own Data: Survey Analysis, Web Scraping & Text Mining
2020-2021	Qualitative Methods in Politics (PhD-level Research Measurement Course)
2017-2022	Dissertation Supervision (30)
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

2016-2022	Dissertation Supervision (30)
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

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer
 American Political Science Review; Comparative Political Studies; European Union Politics; Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties; West European Politics; European Journal of International Relations; Politique Européenne

<i>EDI Director</i> University of Kent	2021-Present
<i>Teaching Review Committee - European Politics Lead</i> University of Kent	2021-Present
<i>Member of the 2024 Task Force</i> European Election Studies, Voter Study	2020-Present
<i>Public Speaker Programme Convener</i> University of Kent	2020-2021
<i>Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee Member</i> London School of Economics - University of Kent	2019-2021
<i>Conference Chair/Discussant</i> EPSA Annual Conference	2019; 2021
<i>Cumberland Lodge Conference Coordinator</i> European Institute - London School of Economics	2019-2020
<i>Editor - LEQS Discussion Paper Series</i> European Institute - London School of Economics	2018-2020
<i>Research Stream Coordinator</i> Stream: Governance and Democracy in the EU European Institute - London School of Economics	2017-2020
<i>Committee Member - BA Politics Curriculum Review</i> Department of Political and Cultural Studies - Swansea University	2016-2017
<i>PhD Representative and Research Seminar Convener</i> Trinity Research In Social Science (TRISS) - Trinity College Dublin	2015-2016
<i>Academic and Legal Staff</i> Irish Constitutional Convention	2013

SOFTWARES Stata, R, SPSS, WordStat/QDA Miner, QGIS, L^AT_EX

LANGUAGES
Italian: Native Language
English: Native/Bilingual Proficiency
French: Fluent