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Academic Positions

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| since 2024 | <i>Postdoctoral Research Assistant</i>
Queen Mary University of London, School of Politics & International Relations |
| 2022–2023 | <i>Lecturer in Political Behaviour & Quantitative Methods (fixed-term)</i>
University of Essex, Department of Government |
| 2022–2023 | <i>Lecturer in Political Behaviour (fixed-term)</i>
University of Essex, Department of Government |
| 2020–2021 | <i>Pre-doctoral Research Assistant</i>
University of Strathclyde, Department of Government & Public Policy |

Visiting Positions

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| 2023 | <i>Visiting Ph.D. Student</i> , European University Institute |
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Education

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| 2025 | <i>Ph.D. Research in Politics</i> , University of Strathclyde |
| 2025 | <i>EITM</i> , University of Mannheim |
| 2017 | <i>M.Sc. in Political Analysis (with distinction)</i> , Aristotle University of Thessaloniki |
| 2014 | <i>B.Sc. in Political Sciences</i> , Aristotle University of Thessaloniki |

Research Interests

Political Behaviour, Comparative Politics, Political Methodology

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

2024. Laura Sudulich, Siim Trumm and **Iakovos Makropoulos**. [Running uphill: A comparative analysis of the gender gap in campaign financing](#). *European Journal of Political Research* 64 (3): 1371-1393.
2023. Sofia Collignon, Wolfgang Rüdig, Chrysa Lamprinakou, **Iakovos Makropoulos** and Javier Sajuria. [Interwined Fates? Members Switching between Niche and Mainstream Parties](#). *Party Politics* 29 (5): 840-852.
2021. Georgios Karyotis, John Connolly, Sofia Collignon, Andrew Judge, **Iakovos Makropoulos**, Wolfgang Rüdig, and Dimitris Skleparis. [What Drives Support for Social](#)

[Distancing? Pandemic Politics, Securitisation and Crisis Management in Britain.](#) *European Political Science Review* 13 (4):467-487.

2021. Sofia Collignon, **Iakovos Makropoulos**, and Wolfgang Rüdig. [Consensus Secured? Elite and Public Attitudes to 'Lockdown' Measures to Combat Covid-19 in England.](#) *Journal of Elections Public Opinion and Parties* 31(sup1): 109-121.

Book Chapters

2022. **Makropoulos, Iakovos**, Sofia Collignon, Heiko Giebler, Wolfgang Rüdig, Javier Sauria and Bernhard Wessels. [Determinants of Personalised Campaigning: A Comparative Analysis.](#) Chapter 5, in Lieven De Winter, Rune Karlsen and Hermann Schmitt (eds.), *Parliamentary Candidates Between Voters and Parties. A Comparative Perspective*. London: Routledge

Other Publications

2023. Georgios Karyotis and **Iakovos Makropoulos**. [The new Greeks: No longer the underdog?](#) Chapter 8, in Vasiliki Tsagkroni (ed.), *First Thoughts on the 25 June 2023 Election in Greece*. Greek Politics Specialist Group Pamphlet: 8
2023. Georgios Karyotis and **Iakovos Makropoulos**. [The Secret Code: Affective Polarisation and Electoral Behaviour in Greece.](#) Chapter 26, in Vasiliki Tsagkroni (ed.), *First Thoughts on the 21 May 2023 Election in Greece*. Greek Politics Specialist Group Pamphlet: 7
2023. Roula Nezi, Georgios Karyotis and **Iakovos Makropoulos**. [Culture wars? Assessing the impact of affective polarisation on cultural battles.](#) *GreeSE Papers: Hellenic Observatory, London School of Economics and Political Science*, Paper No. 190.
2022. Georgios Karyotis, Chrysa Lamprinakou, **Iakovos Makropoulos**, Vasiliki Tsagkroni, Lamprini Rori, Dimitris Skleparis and Dimitris Tsarouchas. [Youth and the European Union: Attitudes, determinants and intergenerational dynamics \[Greek\],](#) *diaNEOSis*, 4.2022
2019. **Makropoulos, Iakovos**. [SYRIZA's Victorious Defeat.](#) Chapter 26, in Panagiota Manoli (ed.), *First Thoughts on the 7 July 2019 Election in Greece*. Greek Politics Specialist Group Pamphlet: 6

Public Engagement Activities

2024. Laura Sudulich, Siim Trumm, **Iakovos Makropoulos**. [The gender gap in campaign financing: an uphill struggle,](#) *The Loop, ECPR's Political Science Blog*, 26 November 2024
2024. Mitya Pearson, Wolfgang Rüdig, **Iakovos Makropoulos** and Tomas Maltby. [Why Green parties remain key players after the 2024 European Parliament elections,](#) *European Politics and Policy at LSE*, 22 July 2024
2023. **Makropoulos, Iakovos**. [Greece's 2023 Elections: The Need for Safety?.](#) *Party Systems & Governments Observatory*, University of Nottingham, 17 July 2023

Invited Presentations

2023. The Party Soldier, the Young Careerist, and the Outsider. How Distinctive Career Paths affect Party Dissent. Presented at the University of Essex (March 2023)
2022. The Party Soldier, the Young Careerist, and the Outsider. How Distinctive Career Paths affect Party Dissent. Presented at the University of Strathclyde (February 2022)
2019. A Protest like Any Other? The Macedonian movement and opposition to the Prespa Agreement in Greece. Presented at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (December 2019)

Working Papers

- The Rise of the Young Careerist and its Consequences on Congruence with Voters.
- The Party Soldier, the Young Careerist, and the Outsider. How Distinctive Career Paths affect Party Dissent.
- The Most Important Issue facing your Country”. How do Candidates’ Career Experiences affect Priority Congruence with Voters?
- Mapping the Gaps: Assessing Harassment and Abuse Protection Policies for Elected Officials in Major U.S. Cities (with Sofia Collignon, Rebekah Herrick, and Sue Thomas)
- Pathways to Power: Candidate Selection and Career Trajectories in Politics (with Sergio J. Ascencio)
- The symbolic power of women leaders and women’s legislative representation: A text-as-data study of parliamentary speeches and legislative proposals (with Maria Žuffová)
- Echo Chamber: How do we construct public opinion using emotions? (with Sofia Collignon and Wolfgang Rüdig)
- Protest like Any Other? The Macedonian movement and opposition to the ‘Prespa Agreement’ in Greece (with Chrysa Lamprinakou, Wolfgang Rüdig, and Georgios Karyotis)
- Analyzing Green Party Goals: Instrumentalism vs Post-Instrumentalism (with Wolfgang Rüdig, Benoît Rihoux, Jo Buelens, Sofia Collignon and Javier Sajuria) *Older version R & R in Comparative Political Studies*

Selected Conference Participation

- 2025 European Political Science Association, Madrid
- 2025 European Consortium for Political Research, Thessaloniki
- 2024 Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago
- 2023 European Political Science Association, Glasgow
- 2022 Elections, Public Opinion and Parties, Political Studies Association, Newcastle
- 2021 Midwest Political Science Association, Virtual

- 2020 European Political Science Association, Virtual
- 2020 European Consortium for Political Research, Virtual
- 2019 European Consortium for Political Research, Wrocław
- 2019 Elections, Public Opinion and Parties, Political Studies Association, Glasgow
- 2018 European Consortium for Political Research, Hamburg
- 2018 Elections, Public Opinion and Parties, Political Studies Association, London

Competitive Grants and Awards

- Travel Research Fund, Queen Mary University of London, £600
- Research Excellence Award for the degree of Ph.D. in Politics, funded by the ESRC & University of Strathclyde, Department of Government and Public Policy, £60,000
- Best Performance at UG Level, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (2012)
- Graduate School Conference Fund, University of Strathclyde, £1000
- Travel Grant, University of Strathclyde, £250

Teaching Experience

University of Essex

Postgraduate Level: Theory and Explanation in Political Science (Spring 2023)

Undergraduate Level: Political Behaviour (Autumn 2022); Measuring Public Opinion (Spring 2022 & Autumn 2022); Parties and Elections (Spring 2022); Electoral Behaviour (Spring 2022 & Spring 2023); Career Portfolio (Autumn 2022 & Spring 2023)

University of Strathclyde

Undergraduate Level: European Politics (Spring 2020 & Spring 2021); Political Philosophy (Autumn 2017 & Autumn 2019); Politics 1a: Concepts and Processes (Autumn 2017); Politics 1b: Decision Making and Outcomes (Autumn 2018); International Relations and Global Politics (Autumn 2019)

Essex Summer School

Methods: Introduction to Statistics For Survey Data Analysis (Summer 2023)

Additional Research Experience

- 2025– *Research Assistant for Prof. Georgios Karyotis (University of Glasgow)*
Responsibilities involved organisation of datasets and conduction of analyses.
- 2021–2022 *Research Assistant for Dr. Roula Nezi (University of Surrey)*
Cultural Divides and Affective Polarisation project, funded by the LSE Hellenic Observatory. Work included merging of the ESS, CSES, Eurobarometer, EVS
- 2017–2021 *Research Assistant for Dr. Wolfgang Rüdig (University of Strathclyde)*
Tasks included developing UK survey questionnaires, coordinating the distribution of questionnaires to candidates, and managing the collected data
- 2020–2021 *Research Assistant for Prof. Georgios Karyotis (University of Glasgow)*
Responsibilities involved conducting statistical analyses of a public opinion survey related to the Covid-19 in the UK
- 2020-2021 *Research Assistant for Dr. Zac Greene (University of Strathclyde)*
Work included content analysis of party conference and parliamentary speeches related to the Norface network funded EU-in-Action project and Carnegie Trust project
- 2018–2019 *Research Assistant for Dr. Mark Shephard (University of Strathclyde)*
My responsibilities involved coding responses assisting with the Mapping the Networked Socialisation of University Students in a Digital Age project
- 2015–2016 *Research Assistant for Prof. Ioannis Andreadis (AUP)*
Work included telephone interviews for the ELNES project (Greek Voter Study 2015)

Professional Service

Supervisor UG and PG level dissertations, University of Essex
Recruitment Engagement Officer UG level, University of Essex
Mentor to 1st year Ph.D. students, University of Strathclyde
Conference Assistant, EPOP, University of Strathclyde
Conference Assistant, Party Congress Research Group, University of Strathclyde

Association Memberships

American Political Science Association
European Political Science Association
Elections, Public Opinion and Parties, section of the Political Studies Association

Additional Methods Training

Causal Inference (Prof. Elias Dinas), 2017

Methods Workshop, Panteion University

Multilevel Modelling (Prof. Harvey Goldstein and Prof. George Leckie), 2018

Centre for Multilevel Modelling, University of Bristol

Multilevel Modelling (Prof. Levente Littvay and Dr. Milos Popovic), 2018

ECPR Winter School, University of Bamberg

Quantitative Text Analysis (Dr. Zac Greene), 2018

University of Strathclyde

Survey & Field Experiments (Dr. Rachel Bernhard), 2024

Oxford Spring School in Advanced Research Methods

Statistical and Computer Skills

R, STATA, Python, SPSS, Mplus, MLwiN, L^AT_EX

Language Proficiency

Greek (native), English (proficiency), German, Italian

Non-professional Organizations - Qualifications

2017–2019 Football Referee, Scottish Football Association

2011–2017 Football Referee, Greek Football Association

1999–2005 Sea Scout, 3rd Sea Scout Unit Thessaloniki

References

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