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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

Data manager

University College Dublin, Ireland

January 2026 – August 2026

Project: "Irish Electoral Studies Archive" - funded by UCD

Principal Investigator: Dr. Jos Dornschneider-Elkink, UCD

- Key responsibilities in handling data infrastructure
- Co-led the harmonisation and integration of approx 100 Irish election studies datasets
- Designing and coding a unified codebook using R and LaTeX
- Designed a multi-stage validation using semi-automated (AI) and manual methods
- Liaising with Irish research community when gathering information on existing datasets

Data analyst

An Coimisiún Toghcháin (The Electoral Commission), Ireland

September 2024 – Present

Line manager: Dr. Mary-Clare O'Sullivan, Head of Electoral Integrity and Research

- Data cleaning and preparation of datasets
- Data analysis and dissemination to support election research
- Supporting ad-hoc data and research-related activities as required
- Collaborating with An Coimisiún's Research Manager and relevant staff

Research Assistant

Dublin City University, Ireland

February 2024 – August 2024

Project: "Deliberative spaces for democracy" - funded by the EU Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme

Principal Investigator: Prof. Jane Suiter, DCU

- Quantitative data analysis using experimental methods
- Produce a data analysis report for review and dissemination to the European Commission
- Co-authored two academic papers (one published, one not submitted)
- Dissemination of research at the American Political Science Association annual conference in Philadelphia, PA, USA, in September 2024

Research Assistant

University College Dublin, Ireland

September 2023 – June 2024

Project: "Irish Electoral Studies Archive" - funded by UCD

Principal Investigators: Dr. Jos Dornschneider-Elkink, UCD, and Dr. Rory Costello, UL

Research Assistant

University of Limerick, Ireland

February 2023 – September 2023

Project: "Public Policy Agendas on a Shared Island (PPASI)" - funded by the Irish Research Council (IRC)

Principal Investigator: Dr Conor Little, UL

- Entry-level NLP skills

- Coding of manifestos and bills using the Comparative Agendas Project codebook

Research Assistant

University of Cork, Ireland

January 2023 – July 2023

Project: "Inclusive Learning Management Systems for students with disabilities, social disadvantages, and learning difficulties in Higher Education" - funded by the CACSSS of UCC

Principal Investigator: Dr Amin Sharifi Isaloo, UCC

- Theoretical knowledge of Universal Design for Learning (UDL)
- Survey design and deployment using Qualtrics
- Data analysis and report
- Dissemination of results at the AdvanceHE Annual Conference in Keele University, UK

Ph.D in Politics (Structured)

University of Limerick, Ireland

September 2018 – Submitted May 2026

Project: "Bringing politics back in: Causes and consequences of Positive and Negative Partisanship in Europe between 1999-2024" - Self-funded

Supervisor: Dr Rory Costello, University of Limerick

- Created a large, harmonised cross-national dataset integrating EES, CSES, ParlGov, and CHES (1999–2024)
- Enabled cross-national and longitudinal analysis of party systems and voter behaviour across Europe
- Developed data pipelines for merging individual- and party-level datasets, including harmonisation of variables across surveys and time
- Applied quantitative methods to analyse the role of positive and negative partisanship in shaping electoral participation in Europe
- Conducted statistical analysis using R, including regression modelling and data visualisation
- Ongoing work includes the preparation of co-authored and single-authored articles based on dissertation research

Bachelor of Arts, Joint Honours in Sociology and Politics (First Class)

The University of Limerick, Ireland

2013 – 2018

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Comparative European Politics (PO4023)

Module convenor and lecturer

2022 – 2023

Teaching assistant

2019 – 2021

- Led full delivery of an elective undergraduate module (70+ students), including lectures, tutorials, and assessment design
- Data-driven approach to the conceptualisation of the mass-elite linkage, government, and parties
- Introduced an innovative assessment method based on "memes"
- Achieved **4.81/5 average Students Evaluation of Teaching** score (full report available on request):
 - "The subject matter of this module is progressive, the explanations are clear and concise, and the exercises undertaken are very helpful in understanding the module content."
 - "Kevin's communication style and delivery are excellent. He has an uncanny knack of simplifying the most complicated subject matter. He also brings a huge level of enthusiasm and humour to the lectures and the tutorials. Lastly, I feel he goes above and beyond the call of duty with his availability and unrestricted accessibility to every one of his students for any difficulties we may encounter. There is always a prompt response to emails, and he works extremely hard to find and offer solutions."

Preparing for an FYP (HP4066)

- Co-lecturer 2023 – Present
- Designed and delivered lectures on core aspects of political research to all Politics and Public Administration students
 - Includes introductory "taster" classes on research design

European Studies (ES4001/2)

- Co-lecturer 2020 – 2023
- Delivered weekly lectures to 25+ students for 5 weeks each term
 - Co-designed an introductory course on the European Union, its history, policies, and governance
 - Designed a legislative negotiation simulation incorporating political groups, committees, and institutional roles

Mature Student Access Course (AS2001)

- Co-lecturer 2021 – 2022
- Delivered weekly 3-hour lectures to 10 mature students
 - Fully designed an introductory course on politics and international governance

Working in the 21st Century (PA4004)

- Co-lecturer 2020 – 2021
- Delivered three 2-hour online lectures to over 100 students from various fields of study
 - Fully designed an introductory course on data analytics applied to the workplace

Government and Politics of the EU (PO4015)

- Teaching Assistant 2019 – 2021
- Taught three tutorials with 15-20 students each week for 2 terms
 - Module led by Dr Rory Costello, Senior Lecturer:
 - "You will be a big loss to the module - I know the students love you, and I know how much work you put in. I'll be lucky to find someone half as good to replace you."

Introduction to Public Administration (PA4022)

- Teaching Assistant 2019 – 2021
- Taught three tutorials with 15-20 students each week for 2 terms
 - Module led by Dr Chris McInerney whose approach is based on Problem-Based Learning (PBL):
 - "I have been thankful for your teaching. I've been delighted to have you involved in the modules. Trying to find a replacement, that will be a serious challenge!"

Other teaching experience:

- PO4118 Ireland EU membership - Tutor (2025-2026)
- PO4015 Government and politics of the EU - Tutor (2025-2026)
- PO4051-52 Introduction to Politics and Public Admin - Tutor - Pr. Neil Robinson (2019-2020)

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Papers

Suiter, J., K. Saude, and B. McNally (2025). "Climate Change Assemblies as Spaces for the Potential Mitigation of Climate Policy Misperceptions: A Survey Experiment". In: *Environmental Science & Policy* 164, p. 103995. URL: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1462901125000115> (visited on 02/07/2025).

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- PSAl, Galway, Ireland, September 2025. Presentation on attitudes towards parties, party elites, and partisan groups based on NEDS data 2024. Co-authored with Dr. Rory Costello, UL, Ireland.
- PSAl, Dublin, Ireland, October 2024. Co-presentation of the Irish Electoral Studies Archive with Dr. Adam Whittle (Electoral Commission, Ireland).
- APSA, Philadelphia, USA, September 2024. Paper coauthored with Pr. Jane Suiter (lead; DCU, Ireland) and Dr. Brenda McNally (DCU, Ireland) *Climate Change Assemblies as Spaces for the Potential Mitigation of Climate Policy Misperceptions: A Survey Experiment*.
- AdvanceHE annual conference at Keele University, UK, in July 2023. Paper coauthored with Dr Amin Sharifi Isaloo (UCC, Ireland): *Inclusive Learning Management Systems in Higher Education*
- Dusseldorf Graduate Conference on Party Research 2023 (February 2023). Paper title: *The effects of Negative Partisanship on electoral behaviour in competitive European party systems between 1999-2019*
- PSAl conference in Waterford, Ireland in October 2022: Updated version of a working paper on *The effect of polarisation on positive and negative partisanship in Western Europe between 1999-2019*
- PSA EPOP conference in Newcastle upon Tyne, UK, in September 2022. Paper on *The effect of polarisation on positive and negative partisanship in Western Europe between 1999-2019*
- Volunteered for the National Symposium on "The European dimension in Irish education after Brexit" organised by Prof. Joachim Fischer at The University of Limerick in May 2022
- EPSA General Conference in Belfast, Northern Ireland in July 2019. (Attendee.)

MEDIA

- "Expert panel on the French Presidential elections 2022", *Maynooth University, Ireland*, April 2022, <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/europe/events/french-presidential-election-2022-main-content>
- "Will Macron win a second term as French president?", *RTE Brainstorm*, January 2022, <https://www.rte.ie/brainstorm/2022/0124/1275497-emmanuel-macron-french-presidential-election-2022/>
- "I want to believe that we can make this better", *Limerick Leader*, November 2021, <https://www.limerickleader.ie/news/home/684487/i-want-to-believe-that-we-can-make-this-better-limerick-campaigner-calls-for-more-ms-support.html>
- "Can Trump's partisan base really help him win again in November?", *RTE Brainstorm*, September 2020, <https://www.rte.ie/brainstorm/2020/0513/1138104-trump-2020-partisan-supporters-republicans-democrats/>

SKILLS

Training courses

- MethodsNET Summer School on Structural Equation Modelling, Nijmegen, The Netherlands (2022)
- ECPR Party Politics Summer School, Aarhus, Denmark (2021)
- ECPR Virtual methods school on causal inference (2021)
- ECPR Virtual methods school on applied regression analysis (2021)
- ECPR Virtual methods school on Multi-Level Modelling (2020)
- ECPR Virtual methods school on Introduction to R (2020)

Other skills

- Quantitative research methods (SEM, MLM, Log Reg)
- Advanced R user (data wrangling, statistical modelling, visualisation)
- Past experience with CMSs and working knowledge of HTML, PHP, SQL
- Reproducible research workflows using Git and GitHub
- LaTeX user for thesis/papers and some presentations (Overleaf)
- Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, and Powerpoint)

ACADEMIC CITIZENSHIP

- Delivered a lecture to secondary pupils for Europe Day 2023 on the history of Ireland's foreign policy
- Co-developed a monthly 'work-in-progress' seminar series for PhD students, supported by the department
- PhD representative at the departmental level between 2020-2022
- Regularly invited by faculty to promote programmes (i.e. European Studies) or to deliver seminars (e.g. teaching practice)

NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Indoor cycling instructor

Limerick, Ireland

2012 – Present

Part-time customer service representative

Academic Registry, University of Limerick, Ireland

2021 – 2022

Security officer

G4S Ireland Limited, Limerick, Ireland

2008 – 2015

Fireman/EMT

French Fire and Rescue Service, Bar le Duc, France

2006 – 2008

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member, Political Studies Association of Ireland (PSAI)

[2019 – Present]

Member, European Political Studies Association (EPSA)

[2020 – 2022]

REFERENCES and TESTIMONIES

Referees are available on request.

VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE and HOBBIES

- Choral singer and musical theatre performer
- Co-organiser of the Great Limerick Run since 2013 (15k runners)
- Master of Ceremony for public events (concerts and sporting events)
- Fundraising and advocacy for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Ireland

- Former Single-Engine Piston pilot