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**SUMMARY**

Passionate educator and meticulous researcher, my primary research interest concerns the mass-elite linkage and Representative Democracy more generally. In my doctoral thesis I investigate the top-down effect of elite polarisation on mass behaviour in a comparative perspective. I also have some experience in teaching comparative European politics, governance of the EU, and quantitative research methods.

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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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| <i>Fitness instructor</i><br>Freelance, Limerick, Ireland                      | 2012 – 2015 |
| <i>Security officer</i><br>G4S Ireland limited, Limerick, Ireland              | 2008 – 2015 |
| <i>Fireman/paramedic</i><br>French fire and rescue service, Bar le Duc, France | 2006 – 2008 |

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**EDUCATION**

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| <i>Doctor of Philosophy</i> , Political Science<br>University of Limerick, Ireland                   | 2022 (expected) |
| <i>Bachelor of Arts</i> , Joint honours in Sociology and Politics<br>University of Limerick, Ireland | 2018            |

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**TRAINING COURSES, CONFERENCES**

## Training courses

- 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)

## Conferences

- Presented a working paper at the ECPR Summer School on party politics in Aarhus, Denmark (August 2021): *The effect of polarisation on positive and negative partisanship in Western Europe between 1999-2019*
- Presented an overview of PhD research at the Politics and Public Administration department seminar (Mar. 2021)
- Presented at PSIA Virtual postgraduate conference (Jan. 2021)
- Presented at UL AHSS Virtual postgraduate conference (2020)
- Attended Politics of Central and Eastern European countries in Limerick, Ireland (2020)
- Attended PSIA Annual Conference in Maynooth, Ireland (2019)
- Attended EPSA General conference in Belfast, Northern Ireland (2019)
- Co-organised PSIA Annual conference in Limerick, Ireland (2018)

## MEDIA COVERAGE

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- "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/>

## PRIZES AND DISTINCTIONS

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- First class honours degree obtained in 2018 with a QCA of 3.78/4

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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Member, Political Studies Association of Ireland (PSAI) [2019 – Present]  
Member, European Political Studies Association (EPSA) [2020 – Present]

## VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE

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- Co-organiser of the Great Limerick Run since 2013 (16k runners)
- Fundraising and advocacy for the Multiple Sclerosis society of Ireland