







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Current Position

PhD Candidate *University College Dublin* **Dublin, Ireland** 09/2021 - present

- Dissertation: Assessing Strategic Crisis Communication and Political Strategy in the European Union in the Euro Crisis.
- Supervision: Assoc.-Prof. James P. Cross

Research Assistant *University College Dublin* **Dublin, Ireland** 01/2022 - present

Projects: Irish Polling Indicator Project and Irish Politics Data with Dr. Stefan Müller

- Collect demographic data on Irish public opinion to estimate support for parties in Ireland, sources: *Sunday Times*, *Behaviour & Attitudes* and *RedC polls*.
- Collect the most important issues in Ireland, source: *Ireland Thinks Polls* (Kevin Cunningham).
- Pre-process party manifestos in Ireland for Local and European Parliament elections and combine them into a text corpus. (Michael Pidgeon shared a subset of manifestos: <https://pidgeon.ie/>)

Education

Cert Higher Education Teaching Support *University College Dublin* 2021-2022

MSc International Development *University College Dublin* 2019-2020

Dissertation: How economic satisfaction modifies the effect of levels of education on attitudes towards integration.

- Relevant Courses: Intro to Statistics, Data Visualization in R & Research Methods in Political Science

BA International Business and Foreign Affairs *Pontifical Catholic University of Ecuador* 2011-2016

Dissertation: The Role of Ecuador in the South-American Integration: UNASUR case.

- Relevant Courses: Mathematics, Political Science Theory, Finance, Accounting I and II.

Research

Working Papers.....

Grandstanding under the Spotlight: Unveiling Elites Crisis Communication in the Council of the European Union (*with James P. Cross and Yen-Chieh Liao*).

Exceptional Measures for Exceptional Times: Deciphering Emergency Politics Motivators in the Council of the European Union in the Euro Crisis (*Paula Montano*).

Work in Progress.....

Sharing Debt or Grandstanding? Strategic Parliamentary Communication in the Face of the Euro Crisis (*Paula Montano*).

Strategic Crisis Jargon in the EU? Mapping Crisis Communication in the Council of the European Union (*Paula Montano*).

Datasets and Code.....

Irish Local and EP Election Manifestos (*With Stefan Müller and Artur Baranov*) 2024

- Data: <https://github.com/stefan-mueller/iemanifestos>
- Dashboard: <https://irishpoliticsdata.shinyapps.io/manifestoexplorer/>

Irish Demographic Polling Datasets (*With Stefan Müller and Thomas Pluck*) 2024

- Data: <https://github.com/Irish-Dem-Polling/datasets>
- Dashboard: <https://irishpoliticsdata.shinyapps.io/demographicpolling/>

flaiR, R wrapper to access flaiR NLP library for R users (*With Yen-Chieh Liao*) 2024

- GitHub Repository: <https://davidycliao.github.io/flaiR/>

Research Grants and Awards

Total Value of Grants: €81,320

APSA Pol Com Travel Award, Political Communication Section APSA Conference	\$500 (€461)	2024
Vera E. Troeger Scholarship for Women in Political Methodology.	£1,200 (€1,409)	2024
Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis		
Research Grant School of Politics and International Relations UCD	€750	2024
PEC Travel Grant Political Studies Association of Ireland	€800	2023
Research Grant School of Politics and International Relations UCD	€600	2023
Fellowship for Women in Political Methodology (Full tuition cost and accommodation)		2023
University of Basel		
Research Grant School of Politics and International Relations UCD	€300	2022
Iseult Honohan Doctoral Scholarship UCD	€77,000	2021-2025

Teaching

University College Dublin – Undergraduate level (Head Tutor / Teaching Assistant)

POL20050: Research Methods in Political Science	Spring 2022/2023/2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducted hands-on tutorials for learning the DeclareDesign package for experimental research in R.• Conducted hands-on tutorials for learning research methods for data analysis in R.• Conducted tutorials for learning research methods in STATA.	
POL20010: Individuals and the State: The idea of Freedom in the History of Political Thought	Autumn 2024/2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prepared guidelines for using generative AI tools for enhancing writing assignments. (with Dr. James P. Cross)	
INRL20160: Introduction to EU Politics	Autumn 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducted a lecture on 'Writing Skills and Peer Review Process'.• Review and provide feedback on blog posts on EU Politics.	
INRL10010: Foundations of Political Theory and International Relations	Autumn 2021/2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prepared interactive and engaging tutorials for discussing political theory and international relations content.	

Conferences and Workshops

American Political Science Association	09/2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Featured paper: <i>Grandstanding in the EU? Elites crisis communication under the spotlight.</i>• Location: Philadelphia, United States	
European Political Science Association	07/2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Featured paper: <i>Grandstanding under the Spotlight: Unveiling Elites Crisis Communication in the Council of the European Union.</i>• Featured paper: <i>Exceptional Measures for Exceptional Times: Deciphering Emergency Politics in the Council of the European Union in the Euro Crisis.</i>• Location: Cologne, Germany	
Standing Group in the EU Conference, ECPR	06/2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Featured paper: <i>Exceptional Measures for Exceptional Times: Deciphering Emergency Politics in the Council of the European Union in the Euro Crisis.</i>• Location: Lisbon, Portugal	
COMPTEXT	05/2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Featured paper: <i>Grandstanding under the Spotlight: Unveiling Elites Crisis Communication in the Council of the European Union.</i>• Location: Amsterdam, Netherlands	
Discourse in the Data PhD Workshop, Duitsland Instituut Amsterdam	04/2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Featured paper: <i>Grandstanding under the Spotlight: Unveiling Elites Crisis Communication in the Council of the European Union</i>• Location: Amsterdam, Netherlands	
Political Studies Association of Ireland	2022, 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Featured paper: <i>Emergency Politics in the EU Council: Assessing European Elites Communication in the Euro Crisis.</i>• Location: Dublin, Ireland	
PhD Workshop, School of Politics and International Relations, UCD	2022, 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working paper: <i>Emergency Politics in the EU Council: Assessing European Elites Communication in the Euro Crisis.</i>• PhD project research design.• Location: Dublin, Ireland	

Academic Service

PhD Representative, School of Politics and International Relations, UCD	07/2023 – present
Co-organiser, COMPTXT Conference (Hosted by UCD)	05/2022
Committee Member Diversity & Inclusion for Ad Astra Applicant Pool, UCD	01/2022
Conference Support, PSAI Conference (Hosted by UCD)	10/2021

Training and Summer Schools

Essex Summer School Social Science Data <i>University of Essex</i>	08/2024
• Course: <i>Ideal Point Estimation, Item Response Theory, and Scaling Methods for Surveys and Behaviour.</i>	
Oxford LLMs A Workshop for Social Science Researchers <i>University of Oxford</i>	09/2023
• Courses: <i>Fundamentals of Large Language Models, Model Interpretation and Debiasing, Recent Developments: Large Language Models and Alignment and coding sessions.</i>	
Summer School for Women in Political Methodology <i>University of Basel</i>	07/2023
• Courses: <i>R packages and Functions, Advanced Graphics in R, Web-Scraping, Text Analysis, Word Embeddings, Images as Data.</i>	
Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis <i>University of Essex</i>	07/2022
• Course: <i>Introduction to Quantitative Text Analysis</i>	

Quantitative Skills

- **Programming languages:** R (advanced), Python (intermediate), Git, GitHub, \LaTeX (advanced)
- **Natural Language Processing:** Embeddings (GloVe, Text2Vec), Scaling Methods, Machine Learning, Gen AI (Large Language Models)

Languages

Spanish (native) - English (fluent) - French (fluent) - German (CEFR: B1)

Academic References

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