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FIELDS

Political Economy, Behavioural Economics, Labour

POSITIONS

2021-2026 **London School of Economics and Political Science**, Research Fellow
2024-2025 **Royal Holloway University of London**, ERC Fellow

VISITING

2024 **Harvard University**, Research visit
2021— **University College London**, Senior Research Fellow
2019 **Yale University**, PhD visit

EDUCATION

2021 **Swansea University**, PhD in Economics
2013 **Cardiff University**, MSc in Financial Economics
2011 **Panteion University**, BSc in Economic & Regional Development

JOB MARKET PAPER

[Airwaves and Iron Fists: Propaganda, Mobilisation, and Repression in Greece](#) (with V. Logothetis)

This paper examines how Cold War dynamics shaped political institutions through the lens of electoral violence and its long-term effects. Focusing on Greece, we exploit variation in clandestine communist radio signal strength as an instrument for local party mobilisation. We show that stronger exposure to propaganda increased leftist electoral success in 1958, which in turn triggered state-led violence in the 1961 elections. Using newly digitised archival data and survey evidence, we document that this repression not only suppressed votes in the short run but also led to lasting declines in institutional trust and social capital. Our findings reveal how Cold War-era political interventions left a deep and enduring imprint on democratic engagement.

PUBLICATIONS

[Origin of \(A\)symmetry: Evolution of Out-Party Distrust in the United States](#) (with B. Klein Teeselink)
Journal of Politics, Vol. 87(2), 2025

[Weather to Protest: The Effect of Black Lives Matter Protests on the 2020 Presidential Election](#) (with B. Klein Teeselink)

Political Behavior, Forthcoming, 2025

- **Media**: *Nature*, *Economist*, *The Nation*, *Daily Caller*, *Social Change Lab*

[Sleeping with the enemy: Partisanship and Tolerance in online dating](#) (with Y. Sleiman and P. Dolan).

Political Science Research & Methods, Forthcoming, 2025

[Partisanship, political alignment, and charitable donations](#) (with B. Klein Teeselink)

Public Choice, Vol. 203, 2025

[‘Not as bad as I thought’: Economic attitudes and motivated reasoning in coalition governments](#) (with G. Kavetsos and C. Krekel)

Political Psychology, Forthcoming, 2025

WORKING PAPERS

[Who Needs Security in a Crisis? Evidence from an In-the-Field job Choice Experiment in Lebanon](#) with Y. Sleiman, E. Pietrostefani and H. Moore
R & R, **Journal of Development Studies**

[Religion, Identity and Preferences](#)

with B. Klein Teeselink

The Employment Effects of Disability Benefits Without Work Restrictions

with B. Klein Teeselink

WORK IN PROGRESS

The demand for human capital repatriation: theory and evidence from a DCE with Greek employers
with V. Monastiriotis, I. Laliotis & E. Kyrkopoulou

BOOK CHAPTERS

[Regional job polarization in OECD countries](#) (with E. Pietrostefani & G. Garofani)
in **OECD Handbook on Labour Markets in Transition**, Edward Elgar

TEACHING

As course instructor

2022-2025	Causal inference for Behavioural Science , Postgraduate, ~80 students, LSE
2024-2025	Business Economics , Year 1, ~130 students, Queen Mary University of London

As teaching assistant

2021-2022	Data Science for Social Sciences , Seminar teaching, LSE
2017-19	Microeconomics II , Seminar teaching, Swansea University
2017-19	Mathematics and Statistics support , Seminar teaching, Swansea University

Supervisor

2021-2025	M.Sc. dissertation supervision , ~15 students a year, LSE - 4 years in a row best dissertation award
2022-25	M.Sc. students mentor , ~15 students a year, LSE

AWARDS & GRANTS

2025	BENEFITS , Horizon Europe, £205,450
2024	MultiPoD , Horizon Europe, £390,900 (co-I)
2023	Shifting Involvements or Shifting Identities? , BA/Leverhulme, £9,700
2023	Endogenous Preferences: Choice to Actions, LSE RIIF, £3,000
2020	Informality in Times of Economic Instability in Lebanon , Leverhulme Trust, £250,012
2019	Public Choice Fellows Grant, Public Choice Society, £1,500
2019	Overseas Institutional Visit Grant, ESRC, £7,500
2016	ESRC Doctoral Award (fees and stipend), ESRC, £75,000

IMPACT

London Longitudinal Study — Co-designed a 10-year study examining the prosperity of over 4,000 households in 15 areas of East London
- [Policy Dashboard](#)

Hellenic Gambling Commission — Designed a policy intervention for betting caps in online casinos (2022)

Presentations and invited seminars

2025: SPSA; EUI Political Behaviour Colloquium; MPSA; IEB Political Economy Workshop; EPOP; WINIR; **2024:** LSE; SPSA; Bank of Greece; PSA; King's Policy Institute; Sheffield; ECPR; EPOP; ASREC; **2023:** LSE; UCL; IOEA (Invited); Oxford; Political Psychology Seminar (PSA); City University London; **2022:** LSE; UCL; ULB (Invited); IOEA; ISPP; Reading; **2021:** LSE; ILO; RELIEF; UCL; **2020:** Panteion University; Public Choice Society Annual Conference; RELIEF Conference; AUEB; **2019:** Yale; Public Choice Society; AUEB; WISERD; WINIR UCL; Oxford; **2018:** Swansea; Athens University of Economics and Business - AUEB; IOEA; Cardiff; SIOE; WISERD

Scientific refereeing

American Political Science Review, Economic Journal, Electoral Studies, Journal of Politics, Nature Human Behaviour, Political Behaviour, Political Psychology

RA/TA Supervision

Lazaros Chatzilazarou (2023-25), Placement: Economist - Deloitte UK

Clemens Bauer-Mitterlehner (2023-24), Placement: Research Fellow - University College London

Mathew Sushil (2022-23), Placement: PhD in Economics and Public Policy - Imperial College London

Giorgio Maarraoui (2020-22), Placement: PhD in Economics - Manchester University