

## Tom G. Paskhalis

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### SUMMARY

I am a computational political scientist, specialising in comparative politics, political communication, quantitative methods and text analysis.

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

*Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Social Media and Politics* 2019 -  
**New York University**, New York, US

### EDUCATION

*PhD, Social Research Methods* 2015 - 2020  
**London School of Economics and Political Science**, London, UK

Dissertation title: "Essays in Political Text: New Actors, New Data, New Challenges."  
Supervisors: Kenneth Benoit, Benjamin Lauderdale

*Visiting Scholar, Center for Data Science* 2018  
**New York University**, New York, US

*MSc (with distinction), Social Research Methods* 2013 - 2014  
**London School of Economics and Political Science**, London, UK

*BA, Political Psychology* 2007 - 2012  
**St Petersburg State University**, St Petersburg, Russia

### WORKING PAPERS

"Interest Group Access and Campaign Spending Limits: Evidence from Brexit."

"Gender, Justice and Deliberation: Women's Presence without Influence in Peace-making."  
(with Denisa Kostovicova)  
*R&R* at the *International Studies Quarterly*

"Independent Media Under Pressure: Evidence from Russia.", *under review*  
(with Bryn Rosenfeld and Katerina Tertychnaya)

"Parliament Strikes Back: Agenda-setting and Power Voids in Stuart England."  
(with Toni Rodon)

### SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

"Record Linkage with Text: Merging Data Sets When Information is Limited."

"Path to Fake: Who Goes and How Did They Get There?"  
(with Jonathan Nagler)

"Fake News in the Comparative Perspective."  
(with Kevin Aslett, Zhanna Terechshenko, Cody Buntain, Joshua Tucker and Jonathan Nagler)

"Social Media and Electoral Integrity."  
(with Denis Stukal, Gregory Eady, Joshua Tucker and Jonathan Nagler)

"Emotion Shift and Transitional Justice: Micro- and Macro-level Effects in Justice Debates in the Balkans."  
(with Denisa Kostovicova and Ivor Sokolic)

## SOFTWARE

**tabulizer**: R Bindings for PDF Table Extractor Library ‘Tabula’. [CRAN GitHub](#)  
**RgovUK**: R Package for Downloading Data from Gov.UK Publications. [GitHub](#)

## AWARDS & GRANTS

Harriman Institute/Carnegie Corporation research grant (\$8K) 2020  
Text as Data Conference travel grant 2018  
Santander Travel Fund (£2K, NYU research visit) 2018  
Clifford C. Clogg scholarship (ICPSR fees waiver) 2017  
ESRC Data Analysis Workshop bursary 2016  
LSE Postgraduate Travel Fund 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019  
LSE PhD studentship 2015-2019

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

*ICPSR Summer Program*, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, US 2017  
Courses taken: Bayesian Modelling for Social Sciences, Network Analysis  
*ESRC Advanced Training Initiative*, Nottingham Trent University, Nottingham, UK 2016  
Courses taken: Nonlinear and Latent Variable Models,  
Introduction to Advanced Bayesian Multilevel Modelling  
*Mathematics for Information Systems* 2011 - 2013  
Faculty of Mathematics and Mechanics, St Petersburg State University, St Petersburg, Russia  
*ECPR Summer School*, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia 2011  
Courses taken: Quantitative Text Analysis

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

*Research Assistant*, Bryn Rosenfeld, USC 2019  
*Researcher*, AHRC [Art & Reconciliation](#), KCL/LSE 2017 - 2019  
*Research Assistant*, Denisa Kostovicova, LSE 2016 - 2019  
*Research Assistant*, Tomila Lankina, LSE 2015  
*Research Assistant*, Alexander Herzog & Maja Kluger Rasmussen, LSE 2014

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Instructor*, MY591 [Introduction to R workshop](#) (MSc/PhD) 2018/19  
*Instructor*, [Text Analysis in R workshop](#) (MSc/PhD) 2018/19  
*Teaching Assistant*, MY470 [Computer Programming](#) (MSc/PhD) 2018/19  
*Teaching Assistant*, MY452 [Applied Regression Analysis](#) (MSc/PhD) 2017/18  
*Teaching Assistant*, MY451 [Introduction to Quantitative Analysis](#) (MSc/PhD) 2016/17, 17/18  
*Teaching Assistant*, MY459 [Quantitative Text Analysis](#) (MSc/PhD) 2015/16  
Department of Methodology, LSE  
  
*Teaching Assistant*, ME314 [Introduction to Data Science and Machine Learning](#) 2019  
LSE Summer School  
  
*Teaching Assistant*, SC104 [Automated Collection of Web and Social Data](#) 2018  
*Teaching Assistant*, SC105 [Big Data Analysis in the Social Sciences](#) 2018  
ECPR Summer School, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary  
  
[Methods Surgery](#), LSE 2015 - 2018

## NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

*Data Science Intern* 2014  
**YPlan**, London, UK

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

(C = chair, D = discussant, NP = non-presenting coauthor, P = presenter)

APSA, virtual	2020 (P, expected)
IC2S2, virtual	2020 (C)
EPSA, virtual	2020 (NP)
Columbia University Graduate Students' Workshop, New York, US	2019 (P)
APSA, Washington DC, US	2019 (P)
ISPP, Lisbon, Portugal	2019 (P)
EPSA, Belfast, UK	2019 (C,D,P)
CEEISA-ISA, Belgrade, Serbia	2019 (P)
Oxford-LSE Politics Graduate Student Conference, Oxford, UK	2019 (D,P)
ASN, New York, US	2019 (P)
PSA Political Methodology Group Annual Conference, Warwick, UK	2019 (P)
Text as Data, Seattle, US	2018 (NP)
Conflict Research Society, Birmingham, UK	2018 (P)
APSA, Boston, US	2018 (P)
EPSA, Vienna, Austria	2018 (P)
Manifesto Corpus Conference, Berlin, Germany	2018 (P)
PSA Political Methodology Group Annual Conference, Essex, UK	2018 (P)
APSA, San Francisco, US	2017 (P)
EPSA, Milan, Italy	2017 (P)
BISA, Brighton, UK	2017 (P)
LSE Applied Text Analysis Conference, London, UK	2017 (D,P)
ECPR Standing Group on Interest Groups, Copenhagen, Denmark	2016 (P)

## INVITED TALKS

Political Science and Political Economy Group, Work in Progress, LSE, London, UK	2019
Political Behaviour Group, LSE, London, UK	2019
Conflict Research Group, LSE, London, UK	2018
Centre for Women, Peace and Security, LSE, London, UK	2017
European University, St Petersburg, Russia	2011

## OTHER WRITING

*“Debate Twitter: Mapping User Reactions to the 2020 Democratic Presidential Primary Debates”* with Megan A. Brown, Zhanna Terechshenko, Niklas Loynes and Jonathan Nagler. Published as CSMaP data report, 2020.

*“Text Illuminations: From the Method to the Artefact”* with Denisa Kostovicova, Ivor Sokolic and Nela Milic. Published at LSE Blogs, 2018.

## COMPUTER SKILLS

*Statistics:* R, Stata, SPSS, Stan, JAGS

*Programming:* R, Python, bash

*Miscellaneous:* git, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, MySQL, AWS/OpenStack, Qt/PyQt, REST API

## LANGUAGES

*English* (proficient), *Russian* (native), *Greek* (advanced), *German* (basic)

## SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIP

*Organiser:*

*Co-founder* and *coordinator* (2018/19) of the [Quantitative Methods Reading Group](#)

*Member:*

American Political Science Association,  
European Political Science Association

*Service in Conference Program Committees:*

IC2S2: International Conference on Computational Social Science (2019, 2020)

*University Service:*

Statistical modelling for Graduate Admissions Office, LSE