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## Current Appointments

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2024- **University of Oxford** · Oxford, United Kingdom  
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Blavatnik School of Government  
Associate Member, St Antony's College

## Education

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2019-2024 **Texas A&M University** · College Station, TX  
Ph.D. in Political Science  
Dissertation: "Government-Initiated Votes of Confidence and Related Features of Parliamentarism"  
Committee: José Cheibub (Chair), Scott Cook, Robert Harmel, Alexander Pacek, Mallory Compton  
Fields: Comparative Politics, Methods, American Politics

2015-2019 **University of Strathclyde** · Glasgow, United Kingdom  
BA (Hons) in Politics and International Relations & Economics

## Research Interests

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Comparative political institutions, electoral and policy outcomes, representation, coalition governance, constitutional law

## Publications and Projects

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### Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2025 [7] "Early Parliamentary Dissolutions and Judicial Review: Lessons From Comparative Cases." *Comparative Legal History*. Accepted for publication.
- 2024 [6] "Term Limits in Parliament and Electoral Disconnection: The Case of the Five Star Movement." With Paolo Gambacciani and Marco Improta. *European Political Science Review*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S1755773924000304>.
- [5] "Varieties of Democracy and Life Satisfaction: Is There a Connection?" With Alexander C. Pacek and Benjamin Radcliff. *Social Science Quarterly* 105(4):1152–1163.
- [4] "Governments and Parliaments in a State of Emergency: What Can We Learn From the COVID-19 Pandemic?" With Paolo Gambacciani and Marco Improta. *The Journal of Legislative Studies*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/13572334.2024.2313310>.
- 2023 [3] "Executive Power and Accountability in Italy and the Government's Response to Covid-19." With Paolo Gambacciani and Marco Improta. *Interdisciplinary Political Studies* 9(1):43–64.
- [2] "Something Old, Something New? Votes of Confidence, Parliamentary Dissolution, Election Timing, and Judicial Review Under the Dissolution and Calling of Parliament Act 2022." *Parliaments, Estates and Representation* 43(2):194–211.
- 2022 [1] "Elections, Governments, Heads, and Legislatures in Italy 1720-2021." *Italian Journal of Electoral Studies (IJES)* Research Note 2:1–7. <https://doi.org/10.36253/qoe-11332>.

## Other Writing

2023 [1] "The Leopard Paradox? Meloni's Institutional Reforms in Italy." *Verfassungsblog: On Matters Constitutional*, 2023/6/01. <https://dx.doi.org/10.17176/20230601-231110-0>.

## Datasets

2025 [2] "Parliamentary Events Dataset, 1945-2024." With José A. Cheibub.

2022 [1] "Elections, Governments, Heads, and Legislatures in Italy 1720-2021." Harvard Dataverse, V1. <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/IBX5T7>.

## Manuscripts Under Review (Available upon request)

- [6] "Defining and Classifying Government-Initiated Votes of Confidence in Parliamentary and Semi-Presidential Democracies." (Revised & resubmitted)
- [5] "From the Cradle to the Grave? The Impact of Welfare Spending on the Quantity of Life." With Alexander C. Pacek and Benjamin Radcliff. (Revised & resubmitted)
- [4] "Dissolutions and Resignations: Full-Power Governments and Caretaker Administrations in Parliamentary Democracies, 1945-2020." With José A. Cheibub. (Revise & resubmit)
- [3] "Status Threat and the Expansion of Voter Identification Requirements in the U.S." (Revise & resubmit)
- [2] "Government Tax Policy and Small Businesses: Regression Discontinuity Evidence From Scotland." With Manuela Muñoz.
- [1] "Many of Us Are Not Like the Others: Country of Origin and Latino Voting Behavior in the U.S." With Lindsey P. Gonzalez, Manuela Muñoz, and Kristy M. Pathakis.

## Working Papers (Available upon request)

- [5] "Assessing Rare Events." With Hankyeul Yang.
- [4] "When Do Governments Call a Vote of Confidence? Evidence From 14 Parliamentary and Semi-Presidential Democracies."
- [3] "Voters' Evaluations of the Incumbent and Government-Initiated Votes of Confidence."
- [2] "Caretaker Periods and the Formation of Parliamentary Governments."
- [1] "The Emergence and Evolution of Italian Parliamentarism."

## Ongoing Projects

- Understanding the Variation in Government Responses to COVID-19 (With the OxCGRT team)
- Legislative Activity and Political Accountability During Caretaker Periods
- The Vote of Confidence Procedure in Peru (With Pablo Valdivieso-Kastner)
- Parliamentary Speeches and Re-Election Incentives (With Paride Carrara, Paolo Gambacciani, and Edoardo A. Viganò)
- Democratic Backsliding and Subjective Well-Being (With Alexander C. Pacek)
- The Latino Vote in the U.S. (With Lindsey P. Gonzalez, Manuela Muñoz, and Kristy M. Pathakis)
- Early Elections in Parliamentary Democracies (With José A. Cheibub and Scott J. Cook)
- Parliamentary Dissolutions (With José A. Cheibub) [Book project]

## Teaching

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### University of Oxford, Blavatnik School of Government

— Summative Assessor

Spring 2025 **The Politics of Policymaking** (Graduate)

### Texas A&M University, Department of Political Science

— Instructor of Record

Fall 2023 **POLS 322: Western European Government and Politics** (Undergraduate)

— Teaching Assistant

Spring 2023 **POLS 626: Comparative Political Institutions** (Graduate)

Fall 2020 **POLS 352: Empirical Democratic Theory** (Undergraduate)

## Other Experience

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### Research Assistance

2022-2023 **Parliamentary Emotive Expression (ParLEE)**, University of Strathclyde

2019-2023 Prof. José A. Cheibub, Texas A&M University

2019-2022 Dr. Benjamin G. Ogden, Texas A&M University

### Public Sector

2018 **Economic Development Intern**, Glasgow City Council

*Nominated for Intern of the Year Award*

## Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

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- 2025 **Blavatnik School of Government Research Support Grant**, University of Oxford (£2000)  
**Social Sciences Division Fixed-Term Researcher Support Fund**, Research England (PI, 2024-2025)
- 2024 **Blavatnik School of Government Research Support Grant**, University of Oxford (£2000)
- 2023 **Texas A&M 2023-2024 Dissertation Fellowship**, Graduate and Professional School (>\$45,000)  
**First Generation Scholar Travel and Accessibility Grant**, American Political Science Association  
**POLS Summer Dissertation Grant**, Texas A&M University (\$2,500)
- 2022 **Travel Grant**, Texas A&M Office of Graduate and Professional Studies  
**Travel Grant**, Texas A&M Graduate and Professional Student Government [Declined]
- 2021 **Prestage-Cook Travel Award**, Southern Political Science Association [Declined]  
**Diversity Grant**, American Political Science Association  
**Travel Grant**, American Political Science Association  
**POLS Summer Research Bursary**, Texas A&M University (With Manuela Muñoz, \$2,000)
- 2020 **Ph.D. Grant**, Mays Innovation Research Center (With Manuela Muñoz, \$3,000)
- 2019 **Graduate Assistantship**, Texas A&M University (Stipend+tuition, 2019-2024)  
**Best Dissertation in Honours Politics Award**, University of Strathclyde

## Conference Participation and Invited Talks

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### Conferences

American Political Science Association	2021-2023, 2025
European Consortium for Political Research (Standing Group on Parliaments)	2021-2023
European Political Science Association	2022-2023, 2025
Midwest Political Science Association	2024-2025
Political Studies Association (Specialist Group on Parliaments)	2021
Southern Political Science Association	2022-2023

### Invited Talks

2025 "Understanding the Variation in Government Responses to COVID-19." Pandemic Sciences Institute, University of Oxford

## Professional Service

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### Reviewer

*Global Public Health, Italian Political Science Review, Journal of Happiness Studies, Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics, Latin American Politics and Society, Legislative Studies Quarterly, PLOS ONE*

### Panel Chair (C) / Discussant (D)

- 2025 American Political Science Association ("Party Competition and Policymaking" - D)
- American Political Science Association ("Coalitions in Legislatures" - C)
- American Political Science Association ("Crisis and Scandal in Legislative Politics" - C)
- Midwest Political Science Association ("Executives and Legislatures" - D)
- 2022 European Political Science Association ("Government Formation, Stability and Responsiveness" - D)

### Mentorship

- 2021 **Aggie Mentor**, Liberal Arts Mentoring Program, Texas A&M University
- 2024- **College Advisor**, St Antony's College, University of Oxford

## Skills

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### Programming and Software

R, STATA, PYTHON, SPSS, GIT, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

### Languages

English (Fluent), Italian (Native), Spanish (Intermediate), French (Intermediate), Latin (Intermediate), German (Basic)

## References

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