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## Research Interests

Primary Political Communication, Far-right Politics, Mobilisation.  
Secondary Political Violence, Media Policy.

## Employment

2023 - King's College London  
Assistant Professor (Lecturer) of Public Policy  
International School for Government, The Policy Institute

2022 - 2023 King's College London  
Assistant Professor (Lecturer) of Political Economy (Fixed)  
Department of Political Economy

2022 Fordham University  
Adjunct Professor of Communication  
Department of Communication and Culture

## Education

2019 - 2022 King's College London  
Ph.D., Political Science  
Thesis: *Opening the Floodgates of Hate: An Investigation into Golden Dawn's Online Extremism*  
Committee: Nick Anstead (London School of Economics),  
Eugenia Siapera (University College Dublin)

2017 - 2018 King's College London  
Master of Arts, Education Policy  
Thesis: *Investigating the Internal Impact of the Fiscal Crisis on Greek Tertiary Education*

2009 - 2014 Aristotle University of Thessaloniki  
Bachelor of Arts, German Language and Literature

## Publications

- Monograph *Who Votes for the Far-right? Lessons learned from Greece.* Palgrave Macmillan. Forth.
- Peer-reviewed articles *Hide & Seek on Twitter and Facebook: Conceptualising Golden Dawn's Online Key Messaging.* Accepted at *Discourse, Context and Media.* Forth.
- Greece and Migration Policy Communication in the Global Pandemic.* Accepted at *Policy Branding Series, Media, and Communication.* Forth.
- Media Manipulation and the Role of State: Propaganda and Persuasion in Russia.* Accepted at *Routledge Handbook of Language and Mind Engineering.* Forth.
- Working Papers *A Nostalgia for the Dictatorship: How Religion and Masculinity Shaped the Voting Behaviour of Greek Far-Right Voters.*
- Approaching Far-right Voters in Qualitative Research.*
- Golden Dawn's Visual Diary: An Analysis of Video Content shared by Greek Extremists from 2012 to 2019.*
- Greek Politics and Socioeconomic Deprivation: Exploring the gap between Voting Behaviour and Poverty.*
- Running a Party from Prison: Leadership and Communications of the Far-Right Hellenes.*
- Book Reviews *The Capitol Riots: Digital Media, Disinformation, and Democracy Under Attack.* *The International Journal of Press/ Politics.* Forth.
- The Culture of Democracy - A Sociological Approach to Civil Society.* Democratization.
- Rise of the Extreme Right: A Lowy Institute Paper.* Penguin Special. *Politics, Religion, and Ideology.*
- Populism in Power: Discourse and Performativity in SYRIZA and Donald Trump.* LSE Review of Books
- The Politics of Memory in the Italian Populist Radical Right.* LSE Review of Books.
- Other Publications *Normalisation and Co-Existence.* ETERON Papers.
- The Far-right in Greece and the Parliament.* ENA Institute Papers.
- The Outlawing of Golden Dawn: A Decade of Extremism and Violence.* European Institute of the Mediterranean.

Has Covid-19 Proved a Crisis Too Far for Europe's Far-Right Outsiders? LSE European Politics and Policy.

## Teaching Experience

2021 - 2022	London School of Economics 2021, 2022 - Politics and European Institutions (Lecturer)
2020 - 2022	University College London 2020, 2021 - How to Argue about Politics (TA) 2021 - Policy Making (TA) 2022 - Qualitative Research Methods (TA)
2019 - 2022	King's College London 2019, 2020 - Women and Politics (TA) 2020, 2021, 2022 - Authoritarianism (TA) 2021 - Lived Democracy (TA) 2021, 2022 - Making of Modern Europe (TA) 2022 - States and Markets (TA) 2022 - Conspiracy Theories (TA)

## Affiliation & External Roles

2024-	ETERON Institute. Advisory Board Member.  Hellenic Observatory, London School of Economics. Senior Research Associate.  EKKE. Member of the Scientific Committee of the Greek Review of Social Research  International Research Collaborator. University of Crete.
2023-	ENA Institute. Research Associate
2021-	Brigham Young University. Team Populism Fellow.

## Grants & Awards

2024	ETERON - Gender Divide: Study into Greek Voting Behaviour
2023	King's College London SPE Education Award
2022	London School of Economics Teaching Award Nomination
2021, 2022	King's College London, PGR Bursary Grant
2021, 2022	King's College London Teaching Excellence Nominations
2021	King's College London, SSPP Bursary Grant
2019 - 2022	Onassis Three Year Doctoral Scholarship

## Invited Talks

- 2024  
Populism and Social Cohesion. Ministry of Defence UK.  
Lecture Series on Political Instability. Home Office UK.  
MA Public Policy Lecture. Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.  
Policy Excellence in the UK. HM Treasury.
- 2023  
The Wiretapping Scandal in Greece and Digital Freedom. Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office.
- 2021  
Online Extremism: The Case of Greece. Infotagion hosted by Damian Collins MP.  
Far-Right Extremism in Greece's Education System. Syriza Thessaloniki.  
Fake News and Manipulation on Social Media. King's College London Talk – PPE Undergraduate Lecture.  
Right-Wing Extremism in Greece. King's College London PPE Society.  
Extremism in Greece from 2010 to 2020: A Decade of Violence. Aristotle University of Thessaloniki Lecture.
- 2020  
Left or Right: USA at the Junction of Trumpism. King's College London, Chinese Affairs Society Lecture.
- 2019  
The Future of Populism: A Changing Europe. King's College London, PGR Series.

## Conferences

- 2024  
Delphi Economic Forum IX.
- 2023  
ECPR General Conference. University of Innsbruck. Charles University.
- 2022  
ECPR General Conference. University of Innsbruck. Innsbruck, Austria.  
European Political Science Association 22. Prague, Czech Republic.  
Political Studies Association 22 Annual Conference. University of York. York, UK.
- 2021  
Political Studies Association of Ireland. University College Dublin. Dublin, Ireland.

Forget Open Society? Critical Conversations on a Contested Concept. OSRP. Oslo, Norway.

Common Ground, Common Future. University of Oslo. Oslo, Norway.

Political Studies Association: Random Access Memories. Online Conference.

School of Politics and Economics PGR Series, King's College London. London, UK.

2019 A New Politics of Populism? Democracy in the 21st Century. De Montfort University. Leicester, UK.

2014 Greece's Music Scene in Times of Crisis. South by Southwest (SXSW). Austin, TX.

### **Bylines & Opinion**

2024 The Independent, The New Statesman, Al Jazeera, Jacobin, Kathimerini.

2023 Verso, El Pais, Euronews, The Conversation.

### **Selected Media Engagement**

2024 How Trump Shooting Reflects Growing Danger. TIME Magazine.

Ali Miraj Show. LBC News.

European right-wing politicians call for 'preserving nation-state in Europe,' end to Ukraine aid. Voice of America.

On holiday with Europe's right-wingers. POLITICO.

Greek Solution: Greece's far right gathers steam before EU elections. France 24.

House passes bill that could lead to US ban of TikTok. CNN.

Kasselakis, a political unknown and ex-banker, wins race to lead Greek left. Al Jazeera.

The Far-Right Just Made a Shock Comeback in Greece. Vice News.

Mitsotakis sworn in as Greek PM, promises more jobs and 'big changes'. ABC News.

Far-right victories in Greece highlight trend across Europe. NBC News.

Democracy and the Role of Wiretapping in Modern Europe. King's College London.

## Academic Service

2023/24	Into Academia Tutor. King's College London. Senior Tutor. King's College London. Programme Lead – PGCert. King's College London. King's 100. King's College London.
2021	Digital Course Reviewer. Department of Government, London School of Economics.
2020	Widening Participation Tutor. King's College London. Course Reviewer. Department of Political Economy, King's College London.
2019	Communications and Events Assistant. Department of Political Economy, King's College London.

## Accreditation & Membership

2021-	Authoritarianism and Populism Research Group. King's College London.  Advance HE Fellow of Higher Education (PR214272).
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## Reviewing Experience

2023/24	Nations and Nationalism. Media & Society. Populism. Modern Greek Studies. UK Research and Innovation Fellowships.
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## Language & Software

Language	English, German, Greek, Dutch
Software	Python, CSS, HTML, Node Graph, Adobe Suite, MAX/MSP

## Miscellaneous

For the past decade, I have been creating music under my artistic name, *Plastic Flowers*, both recording and performing. Besides my solo music projects, I frequently collaborate with Jazz bands and create mixtapes, including the *Onassis Foundation*.

## Academic References

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