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**Research Interests** Political Communication, Media Policy, Far-right Mainstreaming, Digital Governance

**Academic positions** Assistant Professor (Lecturer) of Public Policy 2023-  
School for Government, King's College London

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

Adjunct Professor of Communication 2022  
Department of Communication, Fordham University

Guest Lecturer 2021-2022  
Department of Government, London School of Economics

Teaching Fellow 2020-2022  
Department of Political Science, University College London

**Education** PhD, Political Science 2022  
King's College London  
Committee: Nick Anstead (London School of Economics)  
Eugenia Siapera (University College Dublin)  
Thesis: Opening the Floodgates of Hate: An Investigation into Golden Dawn

Master of Arts, Education Policy 2017-18  
King's College London

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

**Book** Samaras, Georgios. *Who Rules the Land of Denial? The Rise of Far-right Extremism in Greece during the Economic Crisis*. Under contract with *Palgrave Macmillan*. Forthcoming.

**Peer-Reviewed Publications** Samaras, Georgios. *Modular Messaging and Multimodal Influence amidst Democratic Fragility in Greece: Unpacking New Democracy's Party Funded Media Network*. *Information, Communication & Society*. Forthcoming.

Samaras, Georgios. *Under New Stewardship: Affective–Algorithmic Dynamics of Conspiracy Memes on X during the 2024 US Election*. *Visual Studies*. Forthcoming.

Samaras, Georgios. *“Harder to Be a Man, Harder to Be a Woman”: Zero-Sum Equality Talk among Precarious Youth in Greece*. *Foundation for European Progressive Studies*. Forthcoming.

Samaras, Georgios. Misuse, Mislabeling, and the Broken Path of the 'Hard-Right': Challenging Non-scientific Political Discourse. *European Political Science*, 25(1). DOI: 10.1017/S1682098325100027

Samaras, Georgios. Old Prejudices, New Flags: Greece's Far-Right, Palestine, and the Zionist Turn since the Genocide. *Journal of Palestine Studies*, 54(4). DOI: 10.1080/0377919X.2025.2599553

Samaras, Georgios. Mnemonic Normalisation in the Visual Politics of the German Far-Right. *Language and Communication*, 105. DOI: 10.1016/j.langcom.2025.10.001

Samaras, Georgios. The Digital Ethnonation: Multimodal Extreme-Right Propaganda and National Identity on YouTube. *Mediterranean Politics*, 31(2). DOI: 10.1080/13629395.2025.2545670

Samaras, Georgios. From Protest to Paradox: A Decade of SYRIZA's Ascent, Governance and Decline. *Frontiers in Political Science*, 7. DOI: 10.3389/fpos.2025.1663569

Samaras, Georgios. Derailing Truth: Tripartite Discourse and Public Outrage over Greece's Tempe Valley Disaster. *Journal of Contingencies and Crisis Management*, 33(3). DOI: 10.1111/1468-5973.70062

Samaras, Georgios. Battleground Europe: The Rise of Anti-Woke Movements and Their Threat to Democratic Values. *Frontiers in Political Science*, 7. DOI: 10.3389/fpos.2025.1568816

Samaras, Georgios. Hide and Seek: Extreme-Right Leadership and Communication Tactics Behind Bars in Greece. *Distinktion: Journal of Social Theory*, 26(2). DOI: 10.1080/1600910X.2025.2487790

Samaras, Georgios. Decoding the Symbolic Storm Fuelling Greek Far-Right Politics: a Visual Essay. *Visual Studies*, 40(2). DOI: 10.1080/1472586X.2025.2483230

Samaras, Georgios. Weaponising Religion in Greece Post Economic Crisis: An Analysis of Far-Right Political Discourse from 2019 to 2024. *Journal of Empirical Theology*, 38(1). DOI: 10.1163/15709256-20240018

**Working Papers** Samaras, Georgios. ICE as Domestic State Terror: Operation Metro Surge and the Production of Fear in Minneapolis. Under Consideration in *Critical Studies on Terrorism*.

Samaras, Georgios. Decadent Brussels or Fortress Europe? Punitive Europeanism on the Greek Far-right. Under Consideration in *Mediterranean Politics*.

Samaras, Georgios. Make Britain Great Again: The Morphology of Restorationist Re-politics. Under Review in *Politics*.

Biagio, Rosso & Samaras, Georgios. Inequality and Fiscal Policy in a Spatially Uneven Green Industrial Transition: a New-Keynesian Model with UK Data.

Samaras, Georgios, Riggos-Zitthen, Ioannis & Alves, Daniel. [Materialised Sovereignty: How the Far-Right Rewrites Climate Politics](#).

Samaras, Georgios. [Masculinity Under Pressure: Economic Crisis and the Radicalisation of Greek Far-Right Voters](#). Under Review in *Terrorism and Political Violence*.

Samaras, Georgios & Tsagkroni, Billy. [Governing Through Signifiers: Far-Right Discourse in the European Parliament](#). Under Review in *European Societies*.

Samaras, G. [Transphobic Guardrail Laundering and the Mainstreaming of Restriction](#). Under Consideration in *Social Politics*.

#### **Book Chapters**

Charting Extremism: New Methodological Frontiers in Interviewing Hard-to-Reach [Voters](#). In: L. Hubbard & L. Sugiura (eds.), *Methods in Hate Research, Volume 1: Methodological Approaches*. Palgrave Macmillan. Forthcoming.

Samaras, Georgios. [Tempe Crash and the Triple Discourse](#). In: A. Galanopoulos & M. Louka (eds.), *On the tracks of trauma. Tempi: Memory, Struggle, Justice*. Topos Books.

#### **Other Publications**

Samaras, Georgios. [DOGE, Pseudo-Efficiency, and the Politics of Self-Destruction](#). *Political Insight*, 17(1).

Samaras, Georgios. [Demokratia Dismantled](#). *Index on Censorship*, 54 (1). DOI: 10.1177/03064220251332621.

Samaras, Georgios. [Greek views on gendered violence and equality: unveiling attitudes and concerns](#). *LSE Blogs*.

Samaras, Georgios. [The Politics of Memory in the Italian Populist Radical Right](#). *LSE Review of Books*.

Samaras, Georgios. [Populism in Power: Discourse and Performativity in SYRIZA and Donald Trump](#). *LSE Review of Books*.

Samaras, Georgios. [The culture of democracy—a sociological approach to civil society: edited by Bin Xu](#), Cambridge, Polity, 2022. *Democratization*. DOI: 10.1080/13510347.2022.2142209

Samaras, Georgios. [The Capitol Riots. Digital Media, Disinformation, and Democracy Under Attack](#). *International Journal of Press-Politics*. DOI: 10.1177/19401612231172315

Samaras, Georgios. [Rise of the Extreme Right: A Lowy Institute Paper: edited by Lydia Khalil](#), Melbourne, Penguin, 2022. *Politics, Religion & Ideology*. DOI: 10.1080/21567689.2022.214628

Samaras, Georgios. [Outlawing Golden Dawn: Dealing with Right-Wing Extremism in Greece](#). *European Institute of the Mediterranean Yearbook 2021*.

<b>Selected Public Writing</b>	<p>Samaras, Georgios. France's left is celebrating Le Pen's conviction. Gloating will make it harder to beat the far right. <i>The Guardian</i>.</p> <p>Samaras, Georgios. Trump is on a quest to poison global political culture. <i>POLITICO</i>.</p> <p>Samaras, Georgios. AfD Germany is a sign its young men driving the rise of the far right across Europe. <i>The Independent</i>.</p> <p>Samaras, Georgios. How the European left can take on the far right. <i>The New Statesman</i>.</p> <p>Samaras, Georgios. The battle for the future of France is only beginning. <i>Al Jazeera</i>.</p> <p>Samaras, Georgios. How Nigel Farage's biopolitics captured Westminster. <i>Open Democracy</i>.</p> <p>Samaras, Georgios. Greece's Broken Democracy Is a Warning for Europe. <i>Jacobin</i>.</p> <p>Samaras, Georgios. The Death of the Greek Left: A Political Tragedy. <i>Verso</i>.</p>
<b>Research Projects</b>	<p>Gender Divide in Greece – Analysis of radical tendencies amongst Greek voters. <b>ETERON</b>. Principal Investigator.</p> <p>Gender Divide in Europe – Analysis of radical tendencies amongst European voters. <b>Foundation for European Studies</b>. Principal Investigator.</p>
<b>Teaching</b>	<p>Approaches to Policymaking (Postgraduate) <span style="float: right;">2023, 2024, 2025, 2026</span>  <b>King's College London</b></p> <p>The Policy Process (Postgraduate) <span style="float: right;">2023, 2024, 2025</span>  <b>King's College London</b></p> <p>Climate Change Policy (Postgraduate) <span style="float: right;">2023, 2024, 2025, 2026</span>  <b>King's College London</b></p> <p>Media and Communications (Postgraduate) <span style="float: right;">2024, 2025</span>  <b>King's College London</b></p> <p>The Policy Economy of Inequality (Undergraduate) <span style="float: right;">2023</span>  <b>King's College London</b></p> <p>Social Policy (Undergraduate) <span style="float: right;">2023</span>  <b>King's College London</b></p> <p>States and Markets (Undergraduate) <span style="float: right;">2022</span>  <b>King's College London</b></p> <p>Media and Communication Policy (Undergraduate) <span style="float: right;">2022</span>  <b>Fordham University</b></p> <p>Qualitative Research Methods (Undergraduate) <span style="float: right;">2022</span></p>

	University College London	
	Politics and Institutions in Europe (Undergraduate) <a href="#">London School of Economics</a>	2021, 2022
	Public Policy Making (Undergraduate) <a href="#">University College London</a>	2021
	Authoritarianism (Undergraduate) <a href="#">King's College London</a>	2020, 2021, 2022
	How Politics Works (Undergraduate) <a href="#">University College London</a>	2020, 2021
	Women and Politics (Undergraduate) <a href="#">King's College London</a>	2019
<b>Supervision</b>	Georgios Tsialas PhD Supervision - <a href="#">King's College London</a>	2025-
	Bianca Russo Postgraduate Supervision, <a href="#">King's College London</a>	2026
	Bethan Rowlands Postgraduate Supervision, <a href="#">King's College London</a>	2026
	Cruz Glynka Postgraduate Supervision, <a href="#">King's College London</a>	2025
	Anita Panesar Postgraduate Supervision, <a href="#">King's College London</a>	2025
	Paul Davidson Postgraduate Supervision, <a href="#">King's College London</a>	2024
	Priya Patel Postgraduate Supervision, <a href="#">King's College London</a>	2024
	Maria Lopes Undergraduate Supervision, <a href="#">King's College London</a>	2023
<b>Conferences</b>	Political Studies Association	2022, 2023, 2026
	European Consortium for Political Research	2022, 2023, 2025, 2026
	European Political Studies Association	2022
<b>Invited Talks</b>	2026: Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, King's College London, London School of Economics, University of Oxford, Jagiellonian University	
	2025: University of Copenhagen, King's College London, London School of Economics, The Hellenic Centre, ETERON, Delphi Economic Forum, University College London	

2024: Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Delphi Economic Forum, ETERON Institute, Free University Berlin, Ministry of Defense, University of Groningen, ENA Institute

**Selected Press**

2026: *The Guardian*, BBC Radio 4, France 24, ARD1, CNBC, *Australian Financial Review*, *The Express*, *The i Paper*

2025: *The New York Times*, Sky News, BBC News, Channel 4 News, *POLITICO*, LBC News, Al Jazeera, Metro, CBC News, *The Telegraph*, DW News

2024: BBC News, *POLITICO*, ABC News, *TIME Magazine*, France 24, BBC Radio, Voice of America, CNN, *Fortune*, Hellenic Broadcasting Corporation, *The i Paper*

**Academic Service**

Senior Tutor, School for Government 2023-  
King's Staff 100, King's College London 2024-  
Into Academia Tutor, King's College London 2022, 2023, 2024  
Undergraduate Support, University College London 2022  
Digital Officer, London School of Economics 2021  
REF SSPP Internal Reviewer, King's College London 2020  
Political Economy Press Officer, King's College London 2019

**Other Roles**

Fellow, *Human Act* 2025-  
Fellow, Reactionary Research Politics Network 2025-  
Research Associate, Hellenic Observatory, *London School of Economics* 2024-  
Advisory Board, *ETERON Institute* 2024-  
Research Associate, *ENA Institute* 2023-  
Fellow, *Brigham Young University* 2021-  
Policy Adviser to Greek MP, *Hellenic Parliament* 2019-2023

**Skills**

Language: Fluent in English, German, Greek. Intermediate in Dutch  
Software: R, Stata, MAX, MSP, Gephi