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## Research Interests

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

## Employment

2023 -	King's College London <b>Assistant Professor (Lecturer) of Public Policy</b> School for Government, The Policy Institute
2022 - 2023	King's College London <b>Assistant Professor (Lecturer) of Political Economy (Fixed)</b> Department of Political Economy
2022	Fordham University <b>Adjunct Professor of Communication</b> Department of Communication and Culture
2020-2021	University College London <b>Teaching Fellow</b> Department of Political Science

## Education

2019 - 2022	King's College London <b>PhD Political Science</b> Thesis: <i>Opening the Floodgates of Hate: An Investigation into Golden Dawn's Online Extremism</i> Committee: Nick Anstead (London School of Economics), Eugenia Siapera (University College Dublin)
2017 - 2018	King's College London <b>MA Education Policy</b> Thesis: <i>Investigating the Internal Impact of the Fiscal Crisis on Greek Tertiary Education</i>
2009 - 2014	Aristotle University of Thessaloniki <b>BA German Language and Literature</b> Thesis: <i>An Exploration of Populism and Greek Language</i>

## Publications

- (12) Samaras, G. (2026). **Modular Messaging and Multimodal Influence amidst Democratic Fragility in Greece: Unpacking New Democracy's Party Funded Media Network.** Accepted in *Information, Communication & Society*. Available upon request.
- (11) Samaras, G. (2026). **Under New Stewardship: Affective–Algorithmic Dynamics of Conspiracy Memes on X during the 2024 US Election.** Accepted in *Visual Studies*. Available upon request.
- (10) Samaras, G. (2025). **Misuse, Mislabelling, and the Broken Path of the 'Hard-Right': Challenging Non-scientific Political Discourse.** *European Political Science*, 25(01). DOI: 10.1017/S1682098325100027
- (09) Samaras, G. (2025). **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
- (08) Samaras, G. (2025). **Mnemonic Normalisation in the Visual Politics of the German Far-Right.** *Language and Communication*, 105. DOI: 10.1016/j.langcom.2025.10.001
- (07) Samaras, G. (2025). **The Digital Ethnonation: Multimodal Extreme-Right Propaganda and National Identity on YouTube.** *Mediterranean Politics*, 31(2). DOI: 10.1080/13629395.2025.2545670
- (06) Samaras, G. (2025). **From Protest to Paradox: A Decade of SYRIZA's Ascent, Governance and Decline.** *Frontiers in Political Science*, 7. DOI: 10.3389/fpos.2025.1663569
- (05) Samaras, G. (2025). **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
- (04) Samaras, G. (2025). **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
- (03) Samaras, G. (2025). **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
- (02) Samaras, G. (2025). **Decoding the Symbolic Storm Fuelling Greek Far-Right Politics: a Visual Essay.** *Visual Studies*, 40(2). DOI: 10.1080/1472586X.2025.2483230
- (01) Samaras, G. (2025). **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

## Monograph

- (01) Samaras, G. (2025). **Who Rules the Land of Denial?** Book Project under contract with Palgrave Macmillan and Springer Nature. *New Perspectives on South-East Europe Series*. Forthcoming.

## Working Papers

- (08) Biagio, R & Samaras, G. **Inequality and Fiscal Policy in a Spatially Uneven Green Industrial Transition: a New-Keynesian Model with UK Data.**
- (07) Samaras, G. **The Department That Ate Itself: DOGE, Elon Musk and the Politics of “Efficiency”.** Under Consideration in *Political Insight*. Available upon request.
- (06) Samaras, G. **After Austerity: Youth, Gender, and the Battle for Equality in Greece.** *Foundation for European Progressive Studies Working Paper*.
- (05) Samaras, G, Rigkos-Zitthen, I & Alves, D. Materialised Sovereignty: **How the Far-Right Rewrites Climate Politics.** Working Paper.
- (04) Samaras, G. **Violence as Virtue? Masculine Norms and Support for Golden Dawn.** Under Review in *Terrorism and Political Violence*. Available upon request.
- (03) Samaras, G & Tsagkroni, B. **Governing Through Signifiers: Far-Right Discourse in the European Parliament.** Under Review in *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications*. Available upon request.
- (02) Samaras, G. **A Diagnostic Toolkit for Police Organisational Failure: Four Case Studies from Greece.** Under Review in *Public Money & Management*. Available upon request.
- (01) Samaras, G. **Gendered Authoritarianism.** Under Review in *Sexuality, Gender & Policy*. Available upon request.

## Book Chapters

- (02) Samaras, G. (2027). **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.
- (01) Samaras, G. (2026). **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

- (08) Biagio, R & Samaras, G. (2025). **Inequality and Fiscal Policy in a Spatially Uneven Green Industrial Transition: a New-Keynesian Model with UK Data.** ETERON Research Proposal.
- (07) Samaras, G. (2025). **Demokratia dismantled.** *Index on Censorship*, 54 (1). DOI: 10.1177/03064220251332621
- (06) Samaras, G. (2024). **The Politics of Memory in the Italian Populist Radical Right.** *LSE Review of Books*.

(05) Samaras, G. (2023). **Populism in Power: Discourse and Performativity in SYRIZA and Donald Trump**. *LSE Review of Books*.

(04) Samaras, G. (2023). **The culture of democracy—a sociological approach to civil society**: edited by Bin Xu, Cambridge, Polity, 2022. *Democratization*. ISBN 1509543988. DOI: 10.1080/13510347.2022.2142209

(03) Samaras, G. (2023). **The Capitol Riots. Digital Media, Disinformation, and Democracy Under Attack**. *International Journal of Press-Politics*. DOI: 10.1177/19401612231172315

(02) Samaras, G. (2022). **Rise of the Extreme Right: A Lowy Institute Paper**: edited by Lydia Khalil, Melbourne, Penguin, 2022, ISBN 1761046357. *Politics, Religion & Ideology*. DOI: 10.1080/21567689.2022.214628

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

### Research Grants

**ETERON Institute**. Gender Divide: Study into Greek Voting Behaviour (£20,000)

**King's College London**. School of Politics and Economics Education Award (£2,000)

**King's College London**. Postgraduate Research Bursary Grant (£1,000)

**King's College London**. Social Sciences and Public Policy Bursary Grant (£1,000)

### Recent Talks and Workshops

#### **The Dark Side of Public Policy**

December 15, 2025. University of Copenhagen

#### **Adoption, Memory, and Reform: How Is Greece Shaping Policy for Its Diaspora**

November 19, 2025. King's College London

#### **The Fascination of the Far-Right: Why are the Youth appealed by Far-Right Politics in 2025?**

October 28, 2025. King's College London

#### **Hellenic Observatory Research Seminar Series**

October 22, 2025. London School of Economics

#### **International Relations Society**

October 16, 2025. King's College London

#### **UK Civil Service & The Policy Process**

June 10-11, 2025. King's College London

#### **Greece's Gender Divide: Unmasking the Crisis of Femicides**

June 05, 2025. The Hellenic Centre. London, United Kingdom

**The 11th PhD Symposium on Contemporary Greece and Cyprus**

May 29, 2025. London School of Economics

**Trump & the New World that is Emerging**

May 15, 2025. ETERON Institute, Athens, Greece

**Athens Music Week 2025**

May 08-09, 2025. Athens, Greece

**Delphi Economic Forum X**

April 09-12, 2025. Delphi, Greece

**The Future of Democracy Across the West - Extremism and Emotionality**

February 05, 2025. University College London

**A Discussion on the Gender Divide in Greece - Panel Discussion w/ ETERON**

January 27, 2025. King's College London

**Polytechnic Uprising: 51 Years Later – Democracy & Contemporary Challenges**

November 17, 2024. ETERON Institute, Athens, Greece

**ENA Institute Conference**

November 16, 2024. Athens, Greece

**Jersey Civil Service - Politics of Survival**

November 12, 2024. King's College London

**Workshop: Movement Parties and Backlash Politics**

October 14-15, 2024. Berlin Sozial Science Center

**Gender Divide Research Results - Panel Discussion**

September, 27, 2024. ETERON Institute, Athens, Greece

**Ministry of Defence (MoD) - Populism in the Era of Radicalisation**

September 24, 2024. London, United Kingdom

**European Elections 2024 | Radicalisation and Social Trends in Greece**

July 01, 2024. ETERON Institute, Athens, Greece

**Riding the Wave: Europe's Stance on Far-Right Extremism**

September 09, 2024. University of Groningen

**Popaganda 10 Year Anniversary Roundtables**

April 28, 2024. Athens, Greece

**Delphi Economic Forum IX**

April, 10-13, 2024. Delphi, Greece

**Democracy and the Role of Wiretapping in Modern Europe**

March 18, 2024. London, United Kingdom

**The Persistence of Democratic Authoritarianism**

January 22, 2024. Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

## **Affiliation & External Roles**

**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.

**ENA Institute.** Research Associate.

**ETERON Institute.** Advisory Board.

## **Conferences and Seminars**

Political Studies Association 2026. University of Oxford. Oxford, United Kingdom.

ECPR General Conference 2025. Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

ECPR General Conference 2023. Charles University. Prague, Czech Republic.

ECPR General Conference 2022. University of Innsbruck. Innsbruck, Austria.

European Political Science Association 2022. Prague, Czech Republic.

Political Studies Association 2022 Annual Conference. University of York. York, United Kingdom.

Political Studies Association of Ireland 2021. University. College Dublin. Dublin, Ireland.

Forget Open Society 2021. Critical Conversations on a Contested Concept. OSRP. Oslo, Norway.

Common Ground, Common Future 2021. University of Oslo. Oslo, Norway.

Political Studies Association 2021: Random Access Memories. Online.

School of Politics and Economics PGR Series 2021, King's College London. London, UK.

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

South by Southwest (SXSW) 2014. Austin, Texas.

## **Selected Bylines & Opinion**

Even if Nigel Farage did become Britain's next PM, it won't be for long – here's why. *The Independent*.

Trump is on a quest to poison global political culture. *POLITICO*.

How Nigel Farage's biopolitics captured Westminster. *openDemocracy*.

France's left is celebrating Le Pen's conviction. But gloating will make it harder to beat the far right. *The Guardian*.

Elon Musk has designs on the whole of Europe. *The New Statesman*.

What a second Trump presidency would mean for the European far-right. **King's College London**.

AfD Germany is a sign its young men driving the rise of the far right across Europe. *The Independent*.

How the European left can take on the far right. *The New Statesman*.

The battle for the future of France is only beginning. *Al Jazeera*.

Europe's Centre Right Is Enabling the Authoritarian Turn. *Jacobin*.

Britain's Riots Are Designed to Terrorize Muslims. *Jacobin*.

The Death of the Greek Left: A Political Tragedy. *Verso*.

The Greek Left: Into the Ice Age? *El Pais*.

The New Ursula: How von der Leyen learned to stop worrying and love Meloni. **Euronews**.

The Greek far-right – a rising threat in the EU election storm. *Kathimerini*.

Greece's 'Watergate' explained. **The Conversation**.

### **Selected Media Engagement**

Could Donald Trump really win the Nobel Peace Prize over Gaza peace plan? *Metro*.

The School for Government podcast. **King's College London**.

Clashes in London as 110,000 join far-right rally against immigration. **Al Jazeera**.

'MAGA is turning global' says expert on far-right extremism. **Channel 4 News**.

Why the far right is becoming increasingly popular in Europe. **BBC News**.

Meet the political movement that's too right wing for Nigel Farage. *POLITICO*.

Matthew Wright Show 07/06/2025. **LBC News**.

Tax Reforms for a Fairer Future. **Delphi Economic Forum X**.

19-year-old Winnipeg man tied to neo-Nazi group 'not a crazy terrorist,' grandma says. **CBC News.**

Trump has a plan for revenge – and some willing volunteers. *The Telegraph.*

Allying with Europe's far right. **Al Jazeera.**

World leaders react as President Trump makes big moves on Day 1 of his second term. **CBS News.**

Political Instability in Canada and beyond. **Sky News.**

Austria: Freedom Party path to power may boost EU far right. **DW News.**

Austrian election projection: Far right in first place. **BBC News.**

How the Trump Shooting Reflects Growing Danger Among World Leaders. *TIME Magazine.*

Austria entering uncharted territory with far-right party's vote gains. **ABC News.**

What do we know about Donald Trump's top team? *iNews.*

European right-wing politicians call for 'preserving nation-state in Europe. **Voice of America.**

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

Ali Miraj Show. **LBC News.**

Why do voters swing to the far-right? **BBC Radio Scotland.**

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

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

## **Academic Service**

Into Academia Tutor. King's College London.

Senior Tutor. King's College London.

King's 100. King's College London.

## **Accreditation & Membership**

Advance HE Fellow of Higher Education (PR214272).



## **Reviewing Experience**

Nations and Nationalism, New Media & Society, Populism, Journal of Modern Greek Studies, UK Research and Innovation Fellowships, Mediterranean Politics, Distinktion, Humanities and Social Sciences Communications.

## **Other Information**

Language Skills: English, German, Greek, Dutch

Software: R, Stata, MAX, MSP

Nationality: Greek

## **Academic References**

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