

Samuel A. T. Johnston

Research interests. My main field of study is comparative politics, within which I have two main research interests. Firstly, I research the European Union's (EU) effect on party competition. In particular, I research how parties frame the EU in their communication and the EU's influence on party uses of different forms of nationalism. Secondly, I research the dynamics of electoral campaigns, with a particular focus on the role of normative considerations in decision-making and the effect of low information environments on candidate strategies. To understand these areas, I utilise a variety of methodologies, including quantitative text analysis, comparative quantitative analyses, survey experiments, and qualitative process tracing.

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EMPLOYMENT

- 09/2023 – present. **ERC Postdoctoral Fellow in Politics,**
School of Politics and International Relations, University College Dublin.
- 09/2022 – 08/2023. **Teaching Fellow in European Comparative Politics,**
School of Politics and International Relations, University College Dublin.

EDUCATION

- 09/2018 – 08/2022. **PhD.** *Department of Political Science, Trinity College Dublin.*
Supervisor: Dr. Emanuel Coman
- 09/2017 - 08/2018. **MSc: International Politics.** *Trinity College Dublin.*
Grade: Distinction.
- 09/2013 - 08/2017. **BA (Honours): Philosophy, Political Science, Economics, and Sociology.** *Trinity College Dublin.*
Grade: First.
Major: Political Science.
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GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2023 **Irish Research Council Postdoctoral Fellowship**
Ireland's most prestigious and competitive postdoctoral fellowship, which lasts for two years and comes with a salary of around €40,000 per annum and research expenses. Declined to take up a three-year ERC postdoctoral position.
- 2021 **TCD Dermot McAleese Teaching Award nomination.**
- 2019 **Irish Research Council Postgraduate Scholarship**
Ireland's most prestigious and competitive postgraduate research award. Stipend of around €52,200 as well as tuition fees and research expenses.
- 2018 **TCD Ussher Award**
Stipend of €13,000 per annum and tuition fees given to a small number of PhD students in each faculty.
- 2017 **TCD Patrick Keatinge Prize**
Awarded annually to the Political Science student graduating with the highest grade.
- 2015 **TCD Foundation Scholarship**
Awarded to those who achieved the top grade in the highly competitive scholarship examination. The scholarship included tuition fees, free college accommodation, and a stipend of €250 for five years.

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS

Published

- Johnston, Samuel A. T. (2024). 'Reduced Urgency, Fewer Options? How the EU Influences Kin-State Politics in Contemporary Europe', *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, forthcoming.
- Johnston, Samuel A. T. (2024). 'Fixing the Boundary of a Nation: How the European Union Influences Nationalism in Contemporary Europe', *Comparative European Politics*, 22, 538-555.
- Johnston, Samuel A. T., and Harrington, Sinéad C. M. (2024). 'Campaigning in the Dark: Theorising Campaign Strategies from the 2022 Seanad By-Election', *Irish Political Studies*, 39:1, 1-23.
- Johnston, Samuel A. T. (2023). 'Choose Your Target Wisely: Explaining Nationalism's Variation in Contemporary Europe', *West European Politics*, 46:1, 196-218.
- Johnston, Samuel A. T. and Sprong, Stefanie (2023). 'Seeking an Adversary: The Radical Right and the Saliency of Pro-Immigration Positions in Green Party Speeches', *Party Politics*, 29:2, 347-358.
- Johnston, Samuel A. T. (2021). 'Appendices' in Michael Gallagher, Michael Marsh, and Theresa Reidy (eds.) *How Ireland Voted 2020: The End of an Era*. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, 341-360.
- Johnston, Samuel A. T. (2020). 'The 2019 European Parliament Elections in Ireland', *Irish Political Studies*, 35:1, 18-28.

Under consideration

Lindqvist, Jesper and Johnston, Samuel A. T. 'When Parties Don't Act Like They are Supposed to: Evidence Against the Emergence of an Integration-Demarcation Cleavage in the European Union', *Party Politics*, under review.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

09/2022 – 08/2023. **Teaching Fellow**, *University College Dublin*.

- Introduction to EU Politics, Undergraduate, Second Year.
- Politics of European Governance, Masters.
- Engaging Brussels, Masters. This was an applied module that involved a field trip to EU institutions in Brussels and an engagement project.
- Understanding Political Parties, Masters.
- Supervised Master's theses

01/2022 – 08/2022. **Lecturer**, *Trinity College Dublin*.

- Irish Politics B (covered both Irish policy-making and Northern Irish politics), Third Year.

09/2017 – 08/2022. **Teaching Assistant**, *Trinity College Dublin*.

- History of Political Thought (Course leader: Dr. Gavin Morrison; Dr. Peter Stone).
 - Irish Politics (Course leader: Prof. Michael Gallagher; Dr. Lisa Keenan).
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ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE

09/2023 – 05/2024 **Co-chair of SPIRe's Comparative Politics Seminar**

09/2022 – 08/2023 **SPIRe Plagiarism Committee Member**

09/2019 - 09/2021 **PhD Representative**

09/2018 - 08/2019 **MSc Representative**

09/2017 - 08/2018 **Secretary to the Scholars, Trinity Foundation Scholars' Committee**

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

18/10/2024. **Political Studies Association of Ireland, Dublin**.
Paper: 'Satisfaction with Citizens in Democratic Elections?'

18/10/2024. **Political Studies Association of Ireland, Dublin**.
Chair: Contemporary Politics in the Republic of Ireland panel.

15/08/2024. **European Consortium for Political Research, Dublin**.

- 22/10/2023. Paper: ‘Satisfaction with Citizens in Democratic Elections?’.
Political Studies Association of Ireland, Belfast.
Paper: ‘A Little Less Byzantine? Encouraging Practical Engagement with the EU Among Students’.
- 21/10/2023. **Political Studies Association of Ireland, Belfast.**
Paper: ‘Globalisation as a Cleavage or Cause? Examining the Existence of an Integration-Demarcation Cleavage in Europe’.
- 20/10/2023. **Political Studies Association of Ireland, Belfast.**
Chair: Innovations in Computational Political Communication panel.
- 23/06/2023. **European Political Science Association, Glasgow.**
Paper: ‘Globalisation as a Cleavage or Cause? Examining the Existence of an Integration-Demarcation Cleavage in Europe’.
- 19/10/2022. **SPIRe Seminar Series, UCD, Dublin.**
Paper: ‘Knowing Me, Knowing You: Election Campaigns Under Extreme Uncertainty’.
- 15/10/2022. **Political Studies Association of Ireland, Waterford.**
Paper: ‘Knowing Me, Knowing You: Election Campaigns Under Extreme Uncertainty’.
- 27-8/06/2022. **The Comparative Politics of Europe, EUI, Florence.**
Paper: ‘One Last Job: Explaining Irredentism’s Saliency in Contemporary Europe’.
- 24/06/2022. **European Political Science Association, Prague.**
Paper: ‘Defining ‘Our People’: How the European Union Influences Nationalism in Contemporary Europe’.
- 25/06/2022. **European Political Science Association, Prague.**
Discussant: Economic Voting panel.
- 09/10/2021. **Political Studies Association of Ireland, Dublin.**
Paper: Defining ‘Our People’: How the European Union Influences Nationalism in Contemporary Europe
- 24/06/2021. **European Political Science Association, Online.**
Paper: Choose Your Target Wisely: Explaining Nationalism’s Variation in Contemporary Europe
- 10/10/2020. **Political Studies Association of Ireland, Online.**
Paper: Seeking an Adversary: The Radical Right and the Saliency of Pro-Immigration Positions in Green Party Speeches.

SKILLS

Programs R, STATA, SPSS, Qualtrics, Nvivo, Excel.

REFERENCES

Dr. Emanuel Coman,	Dr. Joseph Lacey,	Dr. Jos Dornschneider-Elkink,
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Trinity College Dublin.	University College Dublin.	University College Dublin.
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