

# Samuel A. T. Johnston Curriculum Vitae

**Research interests.** My main field of study is comparative politics, particularly party competition over different forms of nationalism and the European Union's (EU) influence on how parties utilise nationalism. In addition, I also research how parties behave during election campaigns, as well as politics in Ireland and the United Kingdom (UK). To understand these areas, I utilise a variety of methodologies, including quantitative text analysis, comparative quantitative analyses, quasi-experimental designs, and qualitative process tracing.

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## EMPLOYMENT

09/2023 – 08/2026. **ERC Fellow in Politics,**

*School of Politics and International Relations, University College Dublin.*

In this position, I am part of the Moral Agency in Election Campaigns project, which seeks to understand how candidates, campaign consultants, journalists, and citizens understand their moral responsibilities during elections, and whether they fulfil these responsibilities. I am responsible for the UK case study, and in helping to develop the project's overall understanding of the literature and methodological strategy.

09/2022 – 08/2023. **Teaching Fellow in European Comparative Politics,**

*School of Politics and International Relations, University College Dublin.*

I was responsible for teaching four modules at both the undergraduate and master's level, as well as supervising master's theses. Three of the modules were on EU politics, and the fourth was on party politics. I also taught a guest seminar on advanced case selection for the PhD module in Qualitative Methods. Furthermore, as part of the School's plagiarism committee, I was also responsible for adjudicating on suspected cases of plagiarism.

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## EDUCATION

09/2018 – 08/2022. **PhD Candidate**, *Department of Political Science, Trinity College Dublin.*

Supervisor: Dr. Emanuel Coman

The central goal of my thesis was to understand the EU's effect on what form of nationalism parties across contemporary Europe prioritise. In particular, my thesis focused on ethnoregional, anti-immigrant, and irredentist appeals. My main argument is that the EU causes parties to reduce the importance of forms of nationalism related to the central state, and instead prioritise sub-national identity.

09/2017 - 08/2018. **Masters of Science: International Politics.** *Trinity College Dublin.*

Grade: Distinction.

Thesis title: Render Unto Whom? The Modern Cosmopolis and Expanding Spheres of Moral Obligation

09/2013 - 08/2017. **Bachelor of Arts (Honours): Philosophy, Political Science, Economics, and Sociology.** *Trinity College Dublin.*

Major: Political Science.

Grade: First.

Patrick Keatinge Prize, given annually to the best Political Science student.

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## PUBLICATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS

Johnston, Samuel A. T. (2020). 'The 2019 European Parliament Elections in Ireland', *Irish Political Studies*, 35:1, 18-28.

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. (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., and Harrington, Sinéad C. M. (2023). 'Campaigning in the Dark:

Theorising Campaign Strategies from the 2022 Seanad By-Election’, *Irish Political Studies*, forthcoming.

Johnston, S. A. T. (2023): ‘Fixing the Boundary of a Nation: How the European Union Influences Nationalism in Contemporary Europe’ (Under review).

Johnston, Samuel A. T. (2023). ‘Reduced Urgency, Fewer Options? How the EU Influences Kin-State Politics in Contemporary Europe’ (Under review).

Harrington, Sinéad C. M. and Johnston, Samuel A. T. (2023). ‘Knowing Me, Knowing You: The Effect of Information on Election Campaign Strategies’, *Working Paper*.

Lindqvist, Jesper and Johnston, Samuel A. T. (2023). ‘Globalisation as a Cleavage or Cause? Examining the Existence of a Transnational Cleavage in Europe’, *Working Paper*.

Sprong, Stefanie and Johnston, Samuel A. T. (2023). ‘Anti-immigration Attitudes and the Presence of Radical Right Parties – The Curious Case of Ireland’, *Working Paper*.

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## GRANTS

2019 **Irish Research Council Postgraduate Scholarship**

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

2015 **TCD Foundation Scholarship**

Tuition fees, free college accommodation, and a stipend of €250 for five years.

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## CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

23/06/2023. **European Political Science Association, Glasgow.**

Paper: ‘Globalisation as a Cleavage or Cause? Examining the Existence of an Integration-Demrcation 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.**

- 24/06/2021 Paper: Defining 'Our People': How the European Union Influences Nationalism in Contemporary Europe  
**European Political Science Association, Online.**
- 10/10/2020 Paper: Choose Your Target Wisely: Explaining Nationalism's Variation in Contemporary Europe  
**Political Studies Association of Ireland, Online.**
- 10/10/2020 Paper: Choose Your Target Wisely: Explaining Nationalism's Variation in Contemporary Europe  
**Political Studies Association of Ireland, Online.**
- 10/10/2020 Paper: Seeking an Adversary: The Radical Right and the Saliency of Pro-Immigration Positions in Green Party Speeches
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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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

- Introduction to EU Politics
- Politics of European Governance
- Engaging Brussels (an applied master's module involving a field trip and engagement project)
- Understanding Political Parties (covers why parties exist, and their internal life)

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

- Irish Politics B (covers both Irish policy-making and Northern Irish politics)

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).
  - Nominated for the Dermot McAleese Teaching Awards in 2021
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## OTHER ACTIVITIES

01/2023 **Reviewer for Party Politics**

09/2022 – Present **SPIRe Plagiarism Committee Member**

24/11/2022 **SPIRe PhD Forum – 'Networking, Co-Authorship, & Conferences'**

08/2022 – 11/2022 **Reviewer for European Journal of Political Research**

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

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

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

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## **SKILLS**

Programs R, STATA, SPSS, Nvivo.

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## **REFERENCES**

Dr. Emanuel Coman,  
Assistant Professor,  
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Dr. Jos Dornschneider-Elkink,  
Associate Professor and Head of School,  
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