

# Samuel A. T. Johnston Curriculum Vitae

**Research interests.** My main field of study is comparative politics, particularly party competition and the European Union (EU). My research focuses on the EU's influence on what forms of nationalism political parties decide to prioritise in their ideology, particularly in terms of how the EU incentivises parties to prioritise sub-national identity, rather than nationalism associated with the central state. In addition, I also research how different party families compete on nationalist issues, and Irish politics. To understand these areas, I utilise a variety of methodologies, including quantitative text analysis, qualitative process tracing, and comparative quantitative analyses.

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## EMPLOYMENT

09/2022 – Present.

**Teaching Fellow in European Comparative Politics,**

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

I am responsible for teaching four modules at both the undergraduate and master's level. Three of the modules are on EU politics, and the fourth is on party politics. I also taught a guest seminar on advanced case selection for the PhD module in Qualitative Methods. As part of the School's plagiarism committee, I am 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, S. A. T. (2023): 'Defining 'Our People': How the European Union Influences Nationalism in Contemporary Europe' (Under review).
- Johnston, Samuel A. T. (2023). 'One Last Job: Explaining Irredentism's Saliency in Contemporary Europe', (Under review).
- Johnston, Samuel A. T., and Harrington, Sinéad C. M. (2023). 'Campaigning in the Dark: Theorising Campaign Strategies from the 2022 Seanad By-Election' (Under review).
- 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

- 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: 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
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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 09/2022 – Present. **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**

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