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## Education

DPhil (Doctor of Philosophy) in Politics, University of Oxford 2018 -

- Working title: Essays on the Psychology of Voters
- Supervisor: Professor Geoffrey Evans, Nuffield College

MSc in Comparative Politics, London School of Economics and Political Science 2018

- Distinction
- Dissertation: Moaners, Gloaters and Bystanders in Direct Democracy: The Effects of Identification with the Referendum Camps on Perceived Fairness of Referendums

BA in Social Sciences, University of Zurich 2016

- Major: Political Science; Minor: Media and Communication Studies
- Dissertation: The Impact of Environmental Attitudes on Vote Choice during the Swiss Federal Elections 2011

## Publications

### *Journal Articles*

Schaffner, Florian S. (forthcoming) Moaners, Gloaters and Bystanders: Perceived Fairness of the United Kingdom's 2016 Referendum on the European Union

### *Working Papers*

Schaffner, Florian S. (2020) Empathy and Polarization after Brexit

Schaffner, Florian S. (2020) What if Citizens have too much Compassion or an Empathy Deficit? Explaining Political Attitudes and Behaviour with Empathic Ability

### *Software*

Florian S. Schaffner (2018). websearchr: Access Domains and Search Popular Websites. R package version 0.0.3. Available on CRAN: <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=websearchr>.

bodleianlibraries. R package, available on Github.

Xplorer: Convenient Data Exploration. R package, [available on GitHub](#).

### *Academic Reports*

Brexit identity vs party identity (with Geoffrey Evans), in *Brexit and Public Opinion 2019*, published by The UK in a Changing Europe.

### *Popular Science*

Brexit identities: how Leave versus Remain replaced Conservative versus Labour affiliations of British voters (with Geoffrey Evans), in *The Conversation*, 22 January 2019.

## Teaching

Quantitative Methods for Law, Faculty of Law, University of Oxford (Michaelmas Term 2019)

## Conference and Workshop Presentations

International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP) Annual Meeting, 2020

The 3rd Symposium on the Quantitative Analysis of Textual Data (COMPTXT), 2020

Nuffield Centre for Experimental Social Science (CESS) Colloquium, 2019

Elections, Public Opinion and Parties (EPOP) Conference, 2019

European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference, 2019

European Political Science Association (EPSA) Conference, 2019

Elections, Public Opinion and Parties (EPOP) Conference, 2018

Making Electoral Democracy Work Annual Conference, 2015

## Methods Training

Summer Institute in Computational Social Science      University of Oxford, Trinity Term 2019

Computational Tools in the Social Sciences      University of Oxford, Trinity Term 2019

Experimental Social Science      University of Oxford, Trinity Term 2019

Longitudinal Data Analysis      University of Oxford, Trinity Term 2019

Survey Data Analysis      University of Oxford, Trinity Term 2019

Introduction to Natural Language Processing for the Social Sciences      University of Oxford, Hilary Term 2019

Causal Inference      University of Oxford, Hilary Term 2019

Intermediate Statistics for Political Scientists      University of Oxford, Michaelmas Term 2018

Computer Programming      LSE, Michaelmas Term 2017

Managing and Visualising Data	LSE, Michaelmas Term 2017
Multilevel Modelling	LSE, Lent Term 2017
Longitudinal Data Analysis	LSE, Lent Term 2017
Qualitative Methods: Surveys, Observation, Content Analysis	University of Zurich, Fall Term 2014
Applied Methods of Political Science	University of Zurich, Fall Term 2012-Spring Term 2013
Methods Fundamentals	University of Zurich, Fall Term 2012
Introduction to Political Science Methods	University of Zurich, Spring Term 2012

## Scholarships and Grants

Elections, Public Opinion and Parties Conference, Graduate Support	2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £100.-</li> </ul>	
Summer Institute for Computational Social Science	2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £500.- for survey</li> </ul>	
Balliol College Graduate Projects Fund	2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £250.-</li> </ul>	
Cyrill Foster Fund, DPIR	2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £500.-</li> </ul>	
DPIR-YouGov Omnibus Survey	2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey funding for 24 questions, joint project with Zack Grant, Marco Pastor Mayo, and Thomas Robinson</li> </ul>	
Elections, Public Opinion and Parties Conference, Graduate Support	2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £300.-</li> </ul>	
University of Zurich Study Abroad Scholarship	2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scholarship of CHF 4,500.-</li> </ul>	

## Software Skills

Programming languages: R, Python, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

Statistical packages: STATA

Database management: SQL

Publishing: Git/GitHub, Jupyter Notebooks, Rmarkdown, WordPress

## Research Assistance

Research Assistant, Department of Politics and IR, University of Oxford 12/2019

- Assisted [Dr Nelson A. Ruiz](#) with Python programming for an analysis of Columbian election ballots

Research Assistant, British Election Study 01/2019-04/2019

- Assisted [Professor Jane Green](#) in a project linking contextual data to survey data from the British Election Study

Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Zurich 03/2015-07/2015

- Assisted Dr. Marian Bohl in conducting research on party strategies as part of "[Making Electoral Democracy Work](#)", a large multi-national research project on party strategies and voter behaviour, led by Professor André Blais

Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Zurich 06/2014-09/2014

- Assisted Dr. Ruth Beckmann in creating a qualitative dataset on the structure of interest groups in the German iron and steel sector, including definition of key concepts, operationalization and data collection

## Relevant Employment and Volunteer Experience

Assistant in Political and Economic Affairs / Science, Technology & Education, [Embassy of Switzerland in Australia](#) 02/2018 - 06/2018

Co-Founder, [Agora - the UK's open forum for foreign policy](#) 2017 -

Intern, [Parliament of South Australia](#), as part of semester abroad in Adelaide 07/2015 - 11/2015

## Languages

German (native language)

English (fluent)

French (intermediate)

## References

Professor Geoffrey Evans

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