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Academic Employment

- 2016 - present
Director of the Research Area on Technocracy & Post-doctoral Researcher (Oberassistent) in Comparative Politics
University of Zurich, Department of Political Science
Research Agenda: Technocratic governance and politics of expertise; Technocratic attitudes; Citizen preferences for technocratic, populist and party-based representation; Political distrust.
Methodology: Attitude Measurement; Survey Design; Survey and Conjoint Experiments; Causal Inference with Observational Methods.
- 05-08/2020
Visiting Fellow
European University Institute (invited by Prof. Elias Dinas)
- 2020- present
Affiliated Researcher, Electoral Psychology Observatory
London School of Economics
- 06-12/2018
Parental leave
- 2015 - 2016
Pre-doctoral Researcher in Comparative Politics
University of Zurich, Department of Political Science
- 2013 - 2015
Pre-doctoral Researcher in Political Behaviour
London School of Economics, Department of Government

Education

- 2011 - 2016
PhD in Government, London School of Economics
Awarded on June 30th, 2016
Thesis Title: Citizen attitudes of political distrust: Examining distrust through technical, ethical and interest-based evaluations.
Supervisor: Prof. Michael Bruter
Examiners: Prof. Simon Hix (London School of Economics), Prof. Eva Anduiza (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)
- 2013 - 2015
PGCertHE Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education
London School of Economics, Fellow at the Higher Education Academy (HEA)
- 2007 - 2008
MSc in Politics and Communication
London School of Economics

Publications

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Bertsou, Eri and Daniele Caramani. "People Haven't Had Enough of Experts: Technocratic Attitudes among European Citizens." *American Journal of Political Science* (accepted on 23.12.2019).

Bertsou, Eri (2019). "Rethinking Political Distrust." *European Political Science Review*, 11(2): 213-230. doi:10.1017/S1755773919000080.

Bertsou, Eri (2019). "Political Distrust and its Discontents: Exploring the Meaning, Expression and Significance of Political Distrust." *Societies*, 9(4): 72.

Bertsou, Eri and Giulia Pastorella (2017). "Technocratic Attitudes: A Citizens' Perspective of Expert Decision-Making." *West European Politics*, 40(2): 430-58. doi:10.1080/01402382.2016.1242046.

JOURNAL ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

Bertsou, Eri. "Bring in the Experts? Citizen Preferences for Expert Involvement in Political Decision-Making." *Paper Manuscript Under Review*.

Bertsou, Eri, Michael Bruter and Sarah Harrison. "Distrusting Citizens: Revisiting the Concept and Measurement of Political Distrust and its Consequences." *Paper Manuscript Under Review*.

WORKING PAPERS

"The Electoral Implications of Technocratic Attitudes." *Working paper presented at the LSE Workshop on Electoral Psychology, London, February 6th 2020*.

"Anything But Politics: The Overlap Between Populist and Technocratic Citizen Preferences." *Working paper to be presented at the European University Institute in Spring 2020*.

"Whatever it takes? Winning, procedural violations and perceptions of democratic legitimacy" (with Hannah Werner and Sofie Marien). *Working paper to be presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, April 16-20, 2020*.

"Representation at Any Cost? Changing Modes of Party Support and Implications for Political Behaviour." *Paper prepared for submission*.

"Technocratic Attitudes in Comparative Perspective" (with Daniele Caramani). *Paper prepared for submission*.

"Between Direct Democracy and Representation: the Case of Brexit" (with Daniele Caramani). Jean Monnet Fellowship Conference, EUI, Florence, June 22-23 2017. *Paper prepared for submission*.

PEER-REVIEWED BOOKS

Eri Bertsou and Daniele Caramani Eds. (2020). *The Technocratic Challenge to Democracy*. Routledge.

Own contributions

Bertsou, Eri. “Technocracy and Democracy: Friends or Foes”.

Bertsou, Eri and Daniele Caramani. “Measuring Technocracy”.

BOOK MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Eri Bertsou. *It's Distrust Stupid! Why Citizens Distrust Politics and What It Means For Western Democracies*. Monograph prepared for submission in 2020.

DATASETS

Bertsou, Eri and Daniele Caramani (2020). “Citizens’ Technocratic Attitudes: Expanded to US, Mexico, Brazil, Japan, Australia, Canada.” University of Zurich.

Bertsou, Eri and Daniele Caramani (2017). “Citizens’ Technocratic Attitudes: A Survey of Nine European Countries.” University of Zurich.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MEDIA & OTHER PUBLICATIONS

2016 “Attitudes in established democracies show there is still a place for independent experts in politics”, *LSE European Politics and Policy Blog*, December 2016.

2016 “Le attitudini dei cittadini mostrano che esperti indipendenti hanno ancora un ruolo da giocare nelle democrazie europee”, *DeFacto*, Zurich University’s Academic Blog, December 2016.

2016 “Italian Referendum on Constitutional Reform: What Does the ‘No’ Vote Mean for Italy and Europe”, *The Global Observatory*, December 2016.

2015 “Experts React: The Greek Referendum”, *LSE European Politics and Policy Blog*, July 2015.

2015 Interview on the 2015 Greek Elections, *HotSeat* Government Department, London School of Economics, January 2015.

2015 “Greek parliamentary elections 2015: A final look at the parties and the polling”, *LSE European Politics and Policy Blog*, January 2015.

2014 “With Greek MPs set to vote on the country’s new president, the stakes couldn’t be higher for Greece and the Eurozone”, *LSE European Politics and Policy Blog*, December 2014.

2014 “Fragmentation Is Here to Stay” First Thoughts on the 18 & 25 May 2014 Elections in Greece, *GPSG*, May 2014.

2014 Bertsou, Eri (2014). “The 2014 EP Elections: A Victory for European Democracy?” *LEQS Paper No. 78*

Teaching Experience

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Political Culture

Course convener, Department of Political Science, University of Zurich

Bachelor Dissertation Seminar

Course convener, Department of Political Science, University of Zurich

Comparative Politics and Political Behaviour

Course convener, Department of Political Science, University of Basel

Politics and Institutions in Europe

GTA, Department of Government, London School of Economics

POSTGRADUATE COURSES

Political Representation in Comparative Perspective

Course co-convener, Department of Political Science, University of Zurich

Political Representation Research Paper

Course co-convener, Department of Political Science, University of Zurich

Master Dissertation Seminar

Course convener, Department of Political Science, University of Zurich

Masters Dissertation Supervisor

Chair of Comparative Politics, University of Zurich

Introduction to Quantitative Analysis

GTA, Department of Methodology, London School of Economics

TEACHING AWARDS

- 2015 Awarded Class Teacher Award, Department of Government, LSE
2014 Nominated for Class Teacher Award, Department of Government, LSE

Grants & Awards

- 2019 Grant to expand Research in Technocratic Attitudes, Department of Political Science, University of Zurich (€10,000).
Small grant for Research in Democratic Process and Outcome Preferences, Department of Political Science, University of Zurich (€2,000).
- 2017 Grant for Research in Technocratic Attitudes, Department of Political Science, University of Zurich (€40,000)
- 2012 - 2015 Research Scholarship for Doctoral Studies, Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation (£28,000)
- 2014 Baroness Birk Scholarship, LSE 2014 Departmental Award for Doctoral Candidates (£1,000)
- 2011 Research Scholarship towards MPhil/PhD in Government, Leventis Foundation Scholarship (£5,000)

Presentations, Invited Talks & Workshops

INVITED TALKS

- 2020 “Political Distrust and Citizen Preferences for Technocratic and Populist Politics.” TrustGov’s 1st International Workshop LSE, London, April 20, 2020.
“The Electoral Implications of Technocratic Attitudes.”
Launch of the Electoral Psychology Observatory, London School of Economics, February 6, 2020.
- 2019 “Citizen Preference for Experts in Policy-making.”
Invited Talk at St. Gallen, Political Science Research Seminar, December 3, 2019.
- 2018 “Technocratic Attitudes in Europe.”
Workshop presentation ‘Between Issue Evolution and Populism: Causes and Consequences of Challenger Party Success in European Democracies’, University of Zurich, March 15, 2018.
- 2017 “People Haven’t Had Enough of Experts.”
Invited Talk at Bocconi University, Dondena Seminar Series, November 14, 2017.
“Measuring Technocratic Attitudes Among Citizens in Nine European Democracies.”
Invited Talk at KU Leuven, Centre for Political Science Research, May 23, 2017.
“The Psychology of Political Distrust.”
Invited Talk at Ulrich Saxer-Stiftung Foundation, Workshop for Trust in Media and Politics, Zurich, October 2, 2017
- 2015 “What Aspects of Political Distrust Matter?” Workshop presentation in ‘Electoral Psychology’, London School of Economics, November 24, 2015.
“Political Distrust from the Citizens’ Perspective”. Invited Talk at KU Leuven, Centre for Political Science Research, November 3, 2015.

WORKSHOP DIRECTOR AND PANEL ORGANIZER

- 2019 Panel organizer ‘Political Outsiders and the Challenge to Party Politics’, ECPR Annual Conference, Wrocław, Poland, 4-7 September 2019.
- 2018 Workshop director at ECPR Joint Sessions ‘The Technocratic Challenge to Democracy II’, Nicosia, Cyprus, 10-14 April 2018.
- 2017 Workshop host and co-organizer, ‘The Technocratic Challenge to Democracy’, University of Zurich, 5-6 October 2017.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 PSE, MPSA, EPSA, ECPR
2019 MPSA, ECPR, CES
2018 ECPR Joint Sessions
2017 MPSA, EPSA, ISPP, CES
2016 APSA, EPSA
2015 MPSA, APSA, EPSA, ECPR
2014 MPSA, UACES

METHODS TRAINING

- 2017 European Field Experiments Summer School
- 2015 Multilevel Regression Modelling, ECPR Winter School in Methods
- 2015 Multivariate Analysis and Measurement, LSE Methodology Department
- 2014 Causal Inference for Experimental and Observational Studies, LSE Methodology Department
- 2014 Applied Regression Analysis, LSE Methodology Department
- 2013 Qualitative Methods in the Study of Politics, LSE Methodology Department

Service to the Profession, Membership & Skills

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE: Two PhD Hires in Comparative Politics, University of Zurich; Member of the Admissions Committee for MACIS Master Programme in Political Science, ETH Zurich.

EDITOR: European Politics and Policy EUROPP Blog, LSE Public Policy Group (2013-2014).

REVIEWER: British Journal of Political Science, European Journal of Political Research, Political Studies, Journal of Public Policy, Swiss Political Science Review.

MEMBERSHIP: APSA, APSA Sections 'EPOVB' and 'Political Psychology', MPSA, EPSA, ECPR, ISPP, CES, ISA.

LANGUAGES: English (Fluent), Greek (Fluent), Italian (Advanced), French (Advanced), German (Beginner).

COMPUTER SKILLS: Stata, R, LaTeX, Wordpress.

References

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