

# Peter Bristow

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## EDUCATION HISTORY

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### University of Oxford

Oct 2021 – June 2023

Master of Philosophy (MPhil) candidate in European Politics (Political Science), Keble College Oxford.

- Modules undertaken in European Governance (merit), Political Economy of Inequality and Democracy and UK Politics as well as political science research methods courses including: Statistics for Social Sciences (distinction); Causal Inference (distinction); Analysing Vote Choice Data (distinction) and Research Design in Comparative Political Science (merit).
- Quantitative thesis focusing on Scottish public opinion about the Union and independence. In particular, I am using panel data analysis and an original survey experiment to assess the impacts of Brexit and *relative* government performance evaluations on voters' independence attitudes.

### London School of Economics and Political Science

Sep 2018 – July 2021

Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Politics and Economics – First Class Honours (77% average)

- Modules undertaken in both disciplines including: Quantitative Methods (Mathematics and Statistics); Microeconomic Principles (95<sup>th</sup> %ile); Macroeconomic Principles (98<sup>th</sup> %ile); Public Economics (96<sup>th</sup> %ile); Political Economy; British Government (1<sup>st</sup> in cohort of 31); Politics and Institutions in Europe (95<sup>th</sup> %ile); Government, Politics and Public Policy in the European Union and Italian Level 5 (B2).

### Dulwich College (London)

Sep 2011- July 2018

- A level: 3A\*s and 1A. A\*s in Mathematics, Economics and Italian; A in History. (2018)
- Additional Mathematics: A (2016)
- GCSE/IGCSE level: 11A\*s and 1A, including Maths and English (2016).

### Other Academic Achievements:

- Selected by the Scottish Election Study (SES) team to field an original survey experiment in the November 2022 Scottish Opinion Monitor (SCOOP) survey, conducted by YouGov. **Nov 2022**
- Presented research at the Devolved Elections Summer School (academic conference). **May 2022**
- School Prizes awarded: Barclays Bank Prize for Economics; the Lord George Prize for Economics and the Dulwich College Upper School Italian Prize. **July 2018**
- President of Dulwich College Economics Society. **2017/2018**

## EMPLOYMENT/ WORK EXPERIENCE

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- **Intern at Office of Jack Chambers TD, Houses of the Oireachtas (Irish Parliament)** **Sept 2022**
  - At the Office of Jack Chambers TD - Government Chief Whip, Minister of State for Sport, Gaeltacht Affairs and Defence – my responsibilities included: designing detailed policy briefs to support Irish sports clubs through the cost-of-living squeeze; liaising with policy advisors to analyse the cost feasibility and distributional implications of various ‘cost-of-living’ policy proposals; drafting speaking notes and social media communications for the Minister; researching opposition policy proposals; responding to and making representations on behalf of constituents in the Dublin West constituency.
- **Academic Research Assistant at London School of Economics and Political Science.** **July-Aug 2020**
  - Assisted Dr Florian Foos, Assistant Professor in Political Behaviour in the Department of Government on two research projects. This involved collecting and compiling data on constituency-level campaign spending across numerous UK elections as well as assisting with the design of social media communications and the running of ‘focus groups’ with young first-time voters.
- **Student Mentor at Immerse Education.** **July-Aug 2022**
  - Assisted the College Manager in the running of a residential Oxford Summer School at St Edmund Hall College, Oxford. My duties as mentor included: accompanying the 15-18-year-old students to and from the airport; registering students twice daily; liaising with tutors and college staff to facilitate the running of daily classes in multiple subject areas; organising educational and recreational activities for participants

including hosting 'university applications' workshops; leading excursion trips to London and Cambridge and being responsible for the wellbeing of >30 minors.

- **Retail and Stockroom Assistant at The Wimbledon Shop (AELTC)** **June-July 2022**
  - As part of the Court 1 Wimbledon Shop retail team, my responsibilities included: assisting with the intake of stock deliveries each day during the Championships 2022, tracking the flow of stock around the grounds, transferring stock to the smaller express shops, assisting guests with their shopping experience, processing transactions at the tills and providing first-class customer service for guests, players and AELTC members.
- **Self-employed AS and A-Level Economics Tutor.** **Dec 2020 – June 2022**
  - Tutored an A-Level economics student microeconomics and macroeconomics on a weekly basis to an A\* grade. This involved introducing and discussing a wide range of elementary topics within the discipline to a new student of economics, from basic consumption theory to market failures to macroeconomic policy, as well as marking and giving feedback on essays. This required excellent communication and listening skills as well as an ability to cater my teaching style to individual needs.
- **Bartender (Part-time) at The Sundridge Park Club** **July 2021- Present**
  - Tend the bar at The Sundridge Park Club (Tennis, Squash and Padel). Duties and responsibilities include: preparing drinks for members in a professional and friendly manner; operating the till and handling cash; restocking and replenishing bar inventory as well as ensuring all licensing laws are adhered to.
- **'Call-Taker' on ITV's Election Night Programme (ITN).** **Dec 2019**
  - Received and verified 100s of live results from constituency counts across the UK and updated the results live on screen as part of ITV's Election Newsroom on the night of the 2019 UK General Election.
- **Shadowing Tom Brake MP (Liberal Democrat Brexit Spokesperson).** **July 2019**
  - Whilst shadowing a prominent MP during the Brexit negotiation period, I liaised with his political and policy advisors and attended several strategy and policy meetings. I gained a valuable insight into the Westminster policymaking process, parliamentary procedure and the internal workings of MPs' offices.
- **Work experience at Blink Films production company.** **July 2019**
  - Supported the creative and editorial teams on their latest Channel 4 documentaries, including 'Cop Car Workshop' and 'Shut Ins'.

## **VOLUNTARY EXPERIENCE**

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- **Treasurer, LSESU Drama Society.** **May 2020 – May 2021**
  - Administered and managed the finances of LSE's largest creative student society (200+ members). This involves accounting for all society revenue, authorising all society expenditure in line with LSESU financial procedures and allocating a £12,000 budget between 4 different production streams.
- **Social Secretary, LSESU Drama Society.** **May 2019 – May 2020**
  - Organised bi-weekly social events and West End theatre trips for a society of 200+ members. Also supervised and worked as part of the 'front of house' team for multiple student theatre productions.

## **SKILLS AND INTERESTS**

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- **Languages:**
  - English (Native), Italian (Intermediate – B2/C1 under CEFR), French (Basic – A2 under CEFR).
- **IT skills:**
  - Proficient in using statistical software 'R' for statistical modelling.
  - Proficient in using spreadsheet software (e.g., Excel/ Google Spreadsheets), presentation software (e.g., PowerPoint/ Google Slides) and data visualisation software 'Tableau'.
- **First Aid skills:**
  - Completed Workplace First Aid training with High-Speed Training (2022).
- **Drama, Sports and Music:**
  - Performed and directed in numerous university drama productions; LAMDA Silver Medal in Acting with Merit (2017).
  - Rowing (1st Rowing Squad at school; Keble College rowing; 2014 National Schools Regatta Champion)
  - Violin (Grade 7), Piano (Grade 5) & Music Theory (Grade 5).