BENEDETTA GIOCOLI

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EDUCATION

University of Oxford   Oct 2023 - Jun 2025

MPhil Politics (Comparative Government)

Grade TBD

· Fully funded by the Department of Politics and International Relations (DPIR), University of Oxford.

· Relevant coursework: Comparative Government, Research Design, Intermediate Statistics, Causal Inference, Social Networks, Computational Methods.

University College London (UCL)   Sep 2020 - Jun 2023

BSc (Hons) Philosophy, Politics and Economics with Social Data Science

First Class Honours, Dean's List

· Dissertation: *Estimating the causal impact of radical right representation on political system support*, supervised by Professor Peter Dinesen.

· Relevant coursework: Political Behaviour, British Parliamentary Studies, Public Policy, Politics, Causal Analysis, Data Mining, Data Analysis, Quantitative Research Methods.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Topics: political behaviour, social and political identities, political trust, attitude and opinion formation, democratic representation, radical-right parties.

Methods: causal inference, experiments, quantitative text analysis, machine learning.

RESEARCH PAPERS

Giocoli, Benedetta. *The impact of 'Partygate' on identification with the Conservative Party.* Work in progress.

As Research Assistant

Dinesen, Peter and Kim Sønderskov. Work in progress.

Kollberg, Markus, Peter Dinesen, and Kim Sønderskov. Work in progress.

Denza, Eileen and Lauge Poulsen. (2023). *Settling Russia's Imperial and Baltic Debts.* American Journal of International Law, 117(3), pp. 1–36.

Norman, Julie. (2022). *Other People's Terrorism: Ideology and the Perceived Legitimacy of Political Violence.* Perspectives on Politics, 1-18.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Department of Political Science, UCL   Jun 2023 - Current

Research Assistant to Professor Peter Dinesen

- Currently analysing data on attitudes toward identity politics of Twitter users.
- Currently analysing self-reported justifications for immigration attitudes.
- Currently building database of social, political, and institutional trust data sets.
- Conducted literature review on crystallisation and stability of political attitudes.
- Evaluated ecological validity of experimental frames to estimate the effect of identity politics rhetoric on policy preferences.

Department of Political Science, UCL   Feb 2023 - Current

Research Assistant to Professor Lauge Poulsen

- Analysed data and wrote report on investment protection in the context of climate policy.
- Conducted archival research on investment protection and debt settlement.

Centre on US Politics, UCL   Oct 2021 - Current

Research Assistant to Dr. Julie Norman

- Analysed data to estimate the relationship between threat perception, social trust, and polarisation.
- Conducted preliminary analyses on experimental survey data to determine the impact of various frames on support for racial policies.
- Analysed experimental survey data to estimate the impact of partisanship and ideology on perceptions of political violence.

RESEARCH METHODS TRAINING

Causal Analysis in Data Science, UCL: randomisation inference; experiments; matching; instrumental variables; regression discontinuity; difference-in-differences; synthetic control.

Mining Social and Geographic Datasets, UCL: spatial network analysis; mobility analysis and modelling; machine learning for social media data.

Data Analysis, UCL: logistic regression; panel and multilevel data models, including MRP; model assessment and selection methods; spatial analysis; quantitative text analysis; web scraping.

Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods, UCL: statistical inference with p-values, confidence intervals, and pseudo-Bayesian simulation; linear regression.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

University of Oxford

· DPIR Studentship. 2023 - 2025. Value: £82,000 ca.

University College London (UCL)

· Faculty of Social and Historical Sciences Dean's List. 2023.[1]
· Department of Political Science second-year nominee for Faculty of Social and Historical Sciences Undergraduate Scholarship for Excellence. 2022.[2]

SKILLS

Programming: R (proficient); Python (intermediate).

Software: LaTeX, Jupyter Notebook, Microsoft PowerPoint (proficient); STATA, Tableau, Microsoft Excel (intermediate).

Languages: Italian (native); English (fluent); French (advanced); German (intermediate); Spanish (beginner).

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Boston Consulting Group (BCG). Summer Associate. Jun 2022 - Sep 2022.

University College London (UCL). Transition Mentor. Oct 2021 - Dec 2021.

Polis Analysis. Growth and Engagement Intern. Aug 2021.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.

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[1]Awarded to the top graduating students in the Faculty.
[2]Awarded to the student who achieves the best results in second-year examinations in the Department.