

# Despina Alexiadou

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- Comparative and International Political Economy, Policymaking, Political Elites, Technocracy, Representation, Economic and Political Inequality, Parliamentary Democracies, Fiscal, Monetary, Social Welfare, Labour market and Energy Policy.

## EDUCATION

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- Ph.D., Political Science, European University Institute, Florence, Italy, 2005.
- M.A., International Political Economy, University of Warwick, England 2001.
- B.A., International and European Economic and Political Studies, University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece 1999.

## SELECTIVE PUBLICATIONS

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### Books

1. Alexiadou, Despina. 2016. *Ideologues, Partisans and Loyalists: Ministers and Policymaking in Parliamentary*. Oxford University Press, Cambridge (268 pages)

### Book Chapters

1. Greece, Zachary and Despina Alexiadou. 2023. "Parties in Governments and in Coalitions" in *The Routledge Handbook of Political Parties*, edits Neil Carter, Daniel Keith, Gyda M. Sindre, Sofia Vasilopoulou.
2. Alexiadou, Despina. 2020. "Technocrats in Cabinets and their Policy Effects" in *The Technocratic Challenge to Democracy*, edits Daniele Caramani and Eri Bertsou. Routledge, London.
3. Alexiadou, Despina. 2018. "Technocratic Government and Economic Policy" in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*, edit William R. Thompson. Oxford University Press, New York. DOI: 10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.614

### Journal Articles

1. Alexiadou, Despina. 2022 "Cabinet Ministers and Inequality.", *European Journal of Political Research* 61(2): 326-350
2. Alexiadou, Despina and Eoin O'Malley. 2022. "The Leadership Dilemma: Examining the Impact of Strong Leaders on Parties.", *European Journal of Political Research* 61(3): 783-806
3. Alexiadou, Despina, William Spaniel and Hakan Gunaydin. 2022. "When Technocratic Appointments Signal Credibility.", *Comparative Political Studies* 55(3): 386-419

4. Alexiadou, Despina and Hakan Gunaydin. 2019. "Commitment or Expertise? Technocratic Appointments as political responses to economic crises." *European Journal of Political Research* 58(3):845-865
5. Alexiadou, Despina and Danial Hoepfner. 2019. "Platforms, Portfolios, Policy: How Audience Costs Affect Social Welfare Policy in Multiparty Cabinets." *Political Science Research and Methods* 7(3): 393-409
6. Alexiadou, Despina. 2015. "Ideologues, Partisans and Loyalists: Cabinet Ministers and Social Welfare Reform in Parliamentary Democracies." *Comparative Political Studies* 48(8):1051-1086
7. Alexiadou, Despina. 2013. "In Search of Successful Reform: The Politics of Opposition and Consensus in OECD Parliamentary Democracies." *West European Politics* 36 (4): 704-725.
8. Alexiadou, Despina. 2012. "Finding Political Capital for Monetary Tightening: Unemployment Insurance and Monetary Cycles" *European Journal of Political Research* 51(6):809-836

### Datasets Published

1. "Cabinet Ministers and Inequality". Original Biographical Data on Cabinet Ministers in 18 Parliamentary Democracies (1945-2015) <https://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataset.xhtml?persistentId=doi:10.7910/DVN/LPCEXG>
2. "The Leadership Dilemma". Data on Party Leader Control of Party Organisation in 9 West European Countries (1988-2013) <https://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataset.xhtml?persistentId=doi:10.7910/DVN/TFEKZA>
3. "Commitment or Expertise?". Data on the appointments of finance ministers in West Europe, <https://pureportal.strath.ac.uk/en/publications/commitment-or-expertise-techno>
4. "Platforms, portfolio, policy". Data on the partisan control of ministerial portfolios in European multiparty governments, <https://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataset.xhtml?persistentId=doi:10.7910/DVN/ULCSUG>
5. "Ideologues, Partisans and Loyalists". Data on the background of social welfare cabinet ministers, <https://pureportal.strath.ac.uk/en/datasets/replication-data-for-ideologu>
6. "In Search of Successful Reform". Data on consensus/adversarial governments in industrialised democracies, <https://pureportal.strath.ac.uk/en/datasets/replication-data-fo>
7. "Finding Political Capital for Monetary Tightening (2012)". Data on partisan monetary cycles in parliamentary democracies, <https://pureportal.strath.ac.uk/en/datasets/replication-data-for-finding-political-capital-for-monetary-tight>

### IN PROGRESS

#### Working Papers

1. Alexiadou, Despina. "Technocratic and Populist Approaches to Fuel Tax"
2. Alexiadou, Despina and David Fortunato. "Parliamentary Strength and Expertise in European Governments"
3. Alexiadou, Despina and Michael Aklin. "Policy Coordination and Energy Efficiency"
4. Alexiadou, Despina. "Cabinet Reshuffles, Expertise and Policy Reform".

5. Alexiadou, Despina. "Revolving-Door Politics and Income Inequality: A Study on the Role of Finance Ministers in Europe."
6. Alexiadou, Despina. "Who's to blame? How financial crises and technocrats change (or not) the welfare state in Europe."
7. Alexiadou, Despina and Zachary Greene. "Whose side are you on? The Party on the Ground and in Government."
8. Alexiadou, Despina and Jude Hays. "Appointing cabinet ministers."

### **Book Manuscript in Progress**

1. *Political Elites and The Transformation of Social Democratic Parties in Europe.*

### **RECENT AWARDS AND FUNDING**

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1. Volkswagen Foundation grant (1.5 million euros) for the project "Politicians, Policies and the Reproduction of Wealth with Miquel Pellicer", Eva Wegner, and Leticia Barbabela (University of Marburg, Germany), Raquel Pimenta (Fundação Getulio Vargas, Brazil), and Vimal Ranchhod (University of Cape Town, South Africa), January 2024-December 2027.
2. BA/Leverhulme Small Research Grant (£9,982.61) for the project "The role of ministerial policy coordination on energy policy and energy poverty", April 2020-December 2021.
3. Visiting Professor at the Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Cyprus, October 2021
4. Senior Fellow at the Cluster of Politics of Inequality, University of Konstanz, October-November 2020
5. Visiting Professor at the Department of Socio-Economics, Vienna University of Economics and Business, November-December 2018.

### **KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE ACTIVITY: SELECTIVE**

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1. "To Understand the government's welfare policies, look at the ministers' background", *The Loop*: <https://theloop.ecpr.eu/to-understand-your-governments-welfare-policies>
2. "Why Strong Leaders often end up damaging their parties in the medium term", *LSE British Politics and Policy*: <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/politicsandpolicy/strong-leaders-effect/>
3. Opinion Article about the British Chancellor Rishi Sunak in *The Conversation*: <https://theconversation.com/rishi-sunak-can-the-uks-bright-young-chancellor-change-british-politics>

### **LEADERSHIP: SELECTIVE**

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#### **Conferences Organized**

1. Co-Chair of the 2023 European Political Science Association Annual Conference Committee, Glasgow, UK
2. Co-Chair of the Section on Elites and Political Leadership at the 2022 ECPR General Conference in Innsbruck, Austria
3. Director of the 2021 ECPR Joint Sessions Workshop: "Cabinet Ministers Between Politics and Policy", April 2021

## General

1. Member of the editorial board of the Journal of Politics (2021- ).
2. Member of the editorial board of the Political Science Research and Methods Journal (2018- ).
3. Member of the Council of the European Political Science Association (2021- )
4. Member of ECPR Steering Committee of the Standing Group on Elites and Political Leadership (2021- )
5. Co-Chair of the Section on Elites and Political Leadership at the 2022 ECPR General Conference in Innsbruck, Austria
6. Topic Editor for the special issue on "The politics of Expertise", Frontiers in Political Science, 2021

## Invited Presentations: Selective

1. University of Basel, invited to present at the Conference on Political Careers, Basel, Switzerland, June 2022
2. University College London, invited to present at the workshop "The Politics of Economic Policy", London, May 2022
3. University of Pittsburgh, invited to present at the workshop "The Rising Challenges of Populism and Technocracy", April 2022
4. University of Cyprus, invited to present the project "Economic Globalisation and its Long-term Political Effects", Nicosia, October 2021
5. University of Konstanz, invited to present the project "The Revolving Door and Income Inequality", at the Cluster for the Politics of Inequality, November 2020.
6. University of Amsterdam, invited to present the project "Cabinet Ministers and Inequality" at the workshop, "Unequal Representation and its Underlying Mechanisms", Amsterdam, November 2019
7. Binghamton University, invited to present the project "Cabinet Ministers and Inequality", Department of Political Science, November 2019
8. Trinity College, invited to present the project "Revolving Door Politics and Income Inequality", Department of Political Science, November 2019
9. University of Pisa, invited to present the project "Strong Leaders: The dominance Dilemma", Pisa, Italy, September 2019
10. Leiden University in the Hague, invited to present the project "Profesionalization and Expertise in Parliamentary Cabinets" at the workshop "Parliamentary careers in comparison" (June 2019)
11. University of Geneva, Department of Politics and International Relations, invited to present "Cabinet Ministers and Inequality" at workshop "Unequal Responsiveness" (June 2019)
12. University of Vienna, Department of Government, invited to present "Revolving Door Politics and Income Inequality" (December 2018)

13. Vienna University of Economics and Business, Department of Socioeconomics, invited to present at the workshop “Why did the Welfare State Survive?” (September 2018)
14. University of Essex, Department of Government and International Relations, “Calming the Markets: When Technocratic Appointments Signal Credibility” (October 2018)
15. University of Oxford, Department of Political Science, “Calming the Markets: When Technocratic Appointments Signal Credibility” (May 2018)
16. University of Zurich, Department of Political Science, invited to present at the workshop “The Technocratic Challenge to Democracy” (October 2017)

## **Teaching Experience**

### **Undergraduate Courses**

#### *University of Strathclyde*

1. Comparative Politics and First Year Coordinator (approx. 250 students)
2. Philosophy of Economic Policy (third year course (PPE))
3. Parliamentary Studies (co-taught, fourth year course)
4. Introduction to Politics (guest lecturer, approx. 200 students)
5. Public Policy and Political Economy (third year core course)
6. States and Markets (upper level course)

#### *University of Pittsburgh*

1. Income Inequality and Welfare States in Europe and the USA (fourth year writing seminar)
2. Public Policy in Europe (fourth year writing seminar)
3. Comparative Welfare States of Industrialised Economies (fourth year writing seminar)
4. West European Government and Politics (upper level course, approx. 40 students)
5. Welfare States in a Comparative Perspective (upper level course, approx. 40 students)
6. Introduction to Comparative Politics (approx. 100 students)

#### *University of Warwick*

1. The Politics of European Union Policy Making (third year course), Spring 2006

### **Graduate Seminars**

#### *University of Strathclyde*

1. Director of Political Economy MSc
2. Comparative Public Policy (MSc), Spring 2018

#### *University of Pittsburgh*

1. Comparative Political Economy (PhD)

*Duke University*

1. Introduction to Cross Section Time Series (PhD), Autumn 2006