

# 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.
- EITM., Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer School, Duke University, USA, 2004.
- Exchange PhD Student., Department of Political Science, New York University, USA, 2003.
- Essex Summer School in Quantitative Methods., University of Essex, England, 2003.
- 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.

## AWARDS AND FUNDING

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1. Senior Fellow at the Cluster of Politics of Inequality, University of Konstanz, October-November 2020
2. Visiting Professor at the Department of Socio-Economics, Vienna University of Economics and Business, November-December 2018.
3. Small Grant (1,500 USD) from the European Union Centre of Excellence, University of Pittsburgh, Spring 2017.
4. Grant (1,800 USD) for the Project "Loyalty, Diversity and Survival" from the European Union Centre of Excellence, University of Pittsburgh, Summer 2015.
5. Hewlett International Faculty Grant (1,300 USD) for the project "Selecting the right minister", University of Pittsburgh, Spring 2015.
6. Small Grant (1,500 USD) from the European Union Centre of Excellence, University of Pittsburgh, Autumn 2014.
7. Faculty Research Grant (2,700 USD) for the project 'Market Biases and Self-Fulfilling Prophecies in European Economic Crises', European Union Centre of Excellence, University of Pittsburgh, Summer 2014.

8. Faculty Research Grant (8,300 USD) for data collection for the book project "Ideologues, Partisans, Loyalists", European Union Centre of Excellence, University of Pittsburgh, 2012-2013.
9. Grant (2,000 USD) for book workshop "When Ministers Matter", Autumn 2011.
10. Faculty Research Grant (9,000 USD) for the project "Ministerial Careers and Policy in Europe", European Union Centre of Excellence, University of Pittsburgh, 2011.
11. Summer Research Stipend from the School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pittsburgh (4,000 USD), for the project: "Ministers and Policy Outcomes in Parliamentary Democracies", Summer 2010.
12. Small Grant to attend workshop at Science Po, Paris, from the European Union Centre of Excellence, University of Pittsburgh, Fall 2008.
13. ESRC Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Warwick, 2007-2008
14. Visiting Scholar, Center for Political Studies, University of Michigan, 2004-2005
15. NSF scholarship to attend a four week summer school (EITM) at Duke University, Summer 2004.

## 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. Alexiadou, Despina. 2020. "Technocrats in Cabinets and their Policy Effects" in *The Technocratic Challenge to Democracy*, edits Daniele Caramani and Eri Bertsu. Routledge, London.
2. 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 and Hakan Gunaydin. 2019. "Commitment or Expertise? Technocratic Appointments as political responses to economic crises." *European Journal of Political Research* 58(3):845-865
2. 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
3. Alexiadou, Despina. 2015. "Ideologues, Partisans and Loyalists: Cabinet Ministers and Social Welfare Reform in Parliamentary Democracies." *Comparative Political Studies* 48(8):1051-1086
4. 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.

5. 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. "Commitment or Expertise?" with Hakan Gunaydin (2018). Data on the appointments of finance ministers in West Europe, <https://pureportal.strath.ac.uk/en/publications/commitment-or-expertise-technocratic-appointments-as-political-re>.
2. "Platforms, portfolio, policy" with Danial Hoepfner (2018). Data on the partisan control of ministerial portfolios in European multiparty governments, <https://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataset.xhtml?persistentId=doi:10.7910/DVN/ULCSUG>.
3. "Ideologues, Partisans and Loyalists" (2016). Data on the background of social welfare cabinet ministers, [<https://pureportal.strath.ac.uk/en/datasets/replication-data-for>].
4. "In Search of Successful Reform" (2016). Data on consensus/adversarial governments in industrialised democracies, [<https://pureportal.strath.ac.uk/en/datasets/replication-data-for-in-search-of-successful-reform>].
5. "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

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#### Under Review

1. Alexiadou, Despina, Hakan Gunaydin and William Spaniel. "Calming the Markets: When Technocratic Appointments Signal Credibility."
2. Alexiadou, Despina and Eoin O'Malley. "The Leadership Dilemma: Examining the Impact of 'Dominant' Leaders on Parties."

#### Working Papers

1. Alexiadou, Despina. "Cabinet Ministers and Inequality."
2. Alexiadou, Despina. "Professionalisation and Expertise in Parliamentary Cabinets."
3. Alexiadou, Despina. "Revolving-Door Politics and Income Inequality: A Study on the Role of Finance Ministers in Europe."
4. Alexiadou, Despina. "Who Governs? Professional background, political experience and party seniority of cabinet ministers in 18 parliamentary democracies."
5. Alexiadou, Despina. "Who's to blame? How financial crises and technocrats change (or not) the welfare state in Europe."
6. Alexiadou, Despina and Zachary Greene. "Whose side are you on? The Party on the Ground and in Government."
7. Alexiadou, Despina and Achim Kemmerling. "In the Interest of Labour: How Trade Unions Shape Tax Policy In Economically Advanced Economies."
8. Alexiadou, Despina and Jude Hays. "Appointing cabinet ministers."

9. Alexiadou, Despina and Julia Gray. "Market Biases and Self-Fulfilling Prophecies in Bailout Countries."

### **Book Manuscript in Progress**

1. *Political Elites and Party Transformation in Europe*.

### **Invited Presentations**

1. University of Valencia, invited to present the project "Cabinet Ministers and Inequality", at the workshop "Technocracy, Governments and Ministerial Recruitment in Southern European Democracies", November 2019.
2. University of Amsterdam, invited to present the project "Cabinet Ministers and Inequality" at the workshop, "Unequal Representation and its Underlying Mechanisms", Amsterdam, November 2019
3. Binghamton University, invited to present the project "Cabinet Ministers and Inequality", Department of Political Science, November 2019
4. Trinity College, invited to present the project "Revolving Door Politics and Income Inequality", Department of Political Science, November 2019
5. University of Pisa, invited to present the project "Strong Leaders: The dominance Dilemma", Pisa, Italy, September 2019
6. 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)
7. University of Geneva, Department of Politics and International Relations, invited to present "Cabinet Ministers and Inequality" at workshop "Unequal Responsiveness" (June 2019)
8. University of Cardiff, School of Law and Politics, invited to present at the workshop on "Legislators' Financial Gains" (June 2019).
9. University of Geneva, Department of Politics and International Relations, invited to present "Revolving Door Politics and Income Inequality" (December 2018)
10. University of Vienna, Department of Government, invited to present "Revolving Door Politics and Income Inequality" (December 2018)
11. Vienna University of Economics and Business, Department of Socioeconomics, invited to present at the workshop "Why did the Welfare State Survive?" (September 2018)
12. University of Essex, Department of Government and International Relations, "Calming the Markets: When Technocratic Appointments Signal Credibility" (October 2018)
13. University of Oxford, Department of Political Science, "Calming the Markets: When Technocratic Appointments Signal Credibility" (May 2018)
14. University of Zurich, Department of Political Science, invited to present at the workshop "The Technocratic Challenge to Democracy" (October 2017)
15. Vienna University of Economics and Business, Department of Socioeconomics, invited to present at the workshop "Social and Political Inequality" (September 2016)

16. University of Kent, Keynote speaker at the workshop “Assessing the Impact of Cabinet Decision-making on Public Policy” (July 2016)
17. European Public Law Organization, Athens, Keynote speaker at the workshop “Consensual Legislatures and Structural Reforms During Hard Times: The Greek Case” (June 2016)
18. University of Michigan, Center of Political Studies, “Platforms, Portfolio, Policy: Electoral Competition and Welfare Policy in Multiparty Governments” (May 2016)
19. University of Pittsburgh, European Union Center of Excellence, “Conversations on Europe: Greece and the EU: A way Forward?” (March 2016)
20. Penn State University, Smeal College of Business, “Calming the Markets: When Technocratic Appointments Buy Credibility” (February 2016)
21. Penn State University, Department of Political Science, “Selecting technocrats: Credibility and Survival During Financial Crises” (November 2015)
22. London School of Economics, Department of International Relations “Selecting technocrats: Credibility and Survival During Financial Crises” (November 2015)
23. University of Toronto, Invited to present at the workshop “Global Imbalances” (June 2015)
24. University of Pittsburgh, European Union Center of Excellence, “The Greek Elections: Implications for Greece and for Europe” (February 2015)
25. Denver University, Korbel School of International Studies, “Ideologues, Partisans and Bureaucrats: the role of cabinet ministers and the Troika in economic policymaking in the European Union” (October 2012)
26. University of Pittsburgh, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, “The New “Emerging” Economies of the EU: Debt Crisis and its Effects on Greece and Ireland” (January 2012)
27. University of Pittsburgh, European Union Center of Excellence, “The Eurozone Crisis: Implications and Prospects” (October 2011)
28. University of Pittsburgh, Student International Relations Society, Roundtable discussion “European Union and Challenges for the Future” (February 2011)
29. University of Essex, Political Economy Series, “Partisan Ministers versus Partisan Cabinets” (November 2010)
30. University of Pittsburgh, European Union Center of Excellence, Roundtable discussion: “Why the Violence? A Discussion about Greek Politics and Society” (February 2009)
31. Science Po, Paris, Invited to present at the workshop “Economic Protectionism” (September 2008)
32. Emory University, Political Economy Speakers Series, “The Politics of Disinflation” (December 2006)

## **Teaching Experience**

### **Undergraduate Courses**

*University of Strathclyde*

1. Comparative Politics and First Year Coordinator (approx. 250 students), Spring 2020
2. Philosophy of Economic Policy (third year course (PPE)), Spring 2019, 2020
3. Parliamentary Studies (co-taught, fourth year course), Spring 2020
4. Comparative Politics (co-taught with Dr Borz, approx. 160 students), Spring 2018
5. Introduction to Politics (guest lecturer, approx. 200 students), Autumn 2017.
6. Pre-entry Course: Lecture on Comparative Legislatures (co-taught), Spring 2018, 2019, 2020.

*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. 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

**PhD Supervision**

*University of Strathclyde*

1. Second Advisor, Stuart Bagnall, 2019-present.
2. Internal Reviewer, Moritz Wassum, 2017–present.
3. Internal Reviewer, Constantin Brod, 2018-present.

*University of Pittsburgh*

1. PhD committee, Yasemin Irepoglu, defended in 2017.
2. PhD committee, Hakan Gunaydin, defended in 2016.
3. PhD committee, Sarah Cormack Patton, defended in 2015.

4. PhD committee, Andrea Aldrich, defended in 2015.
5. PhD committee, Emilie Blais, defended in 2015.
6. PhD committee, Andrea Aldrich, defended in 2015.

### **MSc Supervision**

#### *University of Strathclyde*

1. Chloe Hicks, 2020.
2. Marina Tribeli, 2019.
3. Audrey Marchal, 2019.

#### *University of Pittsburgh*

1. Anthony Ocepek, 2016
2. Sebastian Garaycoa, 2015
3. Hakan Gunaydin, 2013
4. Aldrea Aldrich, 2011
5. Hethba Fatnassi, 2009

### **BA Dissertation Supervision**

#### *University of Strathclyde*

1. Hollie Baxter, 2019-2020
2. Caitlin Quinn, 2019-2020
3. Meryam Shuffaq, 2019-2020
4. Hannah Beck, 2018-2019
5. Mel Cano, 2018-2019
6. Charlie Murphy 2018-2019
7. Francesco Murphy, 2018-2019
8. Charlotte Winspear, 2018-2019
9. Lewis Orr, 2017-2018
10. Ina Elevant, 2017-2018
11. Dimitur Stefanov, 2017-2018

#### *University of Pittsburgh*

1. David Leftwich, 2015-2016
2. Callum Abbott, 2012-2013
3. Mackenzie Weiler 2011-2012
4. Harris Clapsis, 2012-2013
5. Stephanie Schneider, 2012-2013

## **Graduate Teaching Mentor**

*University of Pittsburgh*

1. Sebastian Garaycoa, 2013-2014
2. Josh Kaasik, 2014-2015

## **Knowledge Exchange Activity**

1. Opinion Article about Boris Jonshon's cabinet reshuffle in February 2020, in *The Conversation* (4,500 reads within a week).
2. Interview with International Radio Sputnik about the effects of Boris Jonhson's policies on the working class (February 2020).
3. Interview with Argentinian newspaper Infobae about the 2019 British Elections.
4. Interview with the Voice of Islam radio on the political representation of the working class.
5. Brief presentation of project "Addressing Energy and Health Inequalities Through Policy Coordination" at the Fuel Poverty and Health Conference, Sheffield, November 2018
6. Talk "Consensual Legislatures and Structural Reforms During Hard Times: The Greek Case" at a special workshop organised by the European Public Law Organisation, Athens, June 2016
7. Talk "The New "Emerging" Economies of the EU: Debt Crisis and its Effects on Greece and Ireland" at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, University of Pittsburgh, January 2012
8. Talk "The Eurozone Crisis: Implications and Prospects, at the European Union Centre of Excellence", University of Pittsburgh, October 2011
9. Roundtable discussion "Why the Violence? A Discussion about Greek Politics and Society: Implications and Prospects" at the European Union Centre of Excellence, University of Pittsburgh, February 2009

## **Conferences Organized**

1. Co-director of the 2018 EJPR Joint Sessions Workshop: "The Technocratic Challenge to Democracy: Experts, Elites and the People", Nicosia, Cyprus, April 2018
2. Organized a conference on "Taxation and the Welfare state in Europe", University of Warwick, England, May 15 2008.

## **Panels Organised**

1. "Political Outsiders and the Challenge of Party Politics", panel organised for the section "Elites and Challenges to Leadership", ECPR General Conference, Wroclaw, September 2019
2. "The Politics of Economic Credibility", Theme Panel, Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association, Boston, September 2018
3. "Taxation and the Welfare state in Europe", with Achim Kemmerling, Annual Conference of the European Consortium of Political Science, Hamburg, August 2018



4. "Coalition Governance and Reform Productivity across Western European Countries", Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2017
5. 'Economic Crisis, Intra-party politics and Technocrats', Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association, Barcelona, June 2013.

### **Invited Posts and Online Repositories**

1. Alexiadou, Despina. 2015. "Why is Tsipras loved so much in Brussels" *ekathimerini*: <http://www.ekathimerini.com/202013/opinion/ekathimerini/comment/why-is-tsipras-loved>
2. Alexiadou, Despina and Hakan Gunaydin. 2013. "The Politics of Economic Adjustment: Technocratic Appointments and Representation in Economically Advanced Democracies" *APSA Comparative Politics Newsletter*.
3. Alexiadou, Despina. 2013. "Social Democratic Parties in Europe Transform Through Employment Policies." *European Union Centre of Excellence Newsletter*.
4. Alexiadou, Despina and Dionysia Tamvaki. 2011. "Economic Benefits, EU Identity, Knowledge: The Trilemma of Public Support For the Single Currency." *European Union Centre of Excellence Newsletter*.

### **Citizenship**

#### **Internal**

##### *University of Strathclyde*

1. Marketing Director (Department of Government and Public Policy), present
2. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Department of Government and Public Policy), 2017 to present
3. Social Events Coordinator (Department of Government and Public Policy), 2019-present.

##### *University of Pittsburgh*

1. Coordinator of the Comparative and International Political Economy Seminar, 2016-2017.
2. Asian Politics Search Committee (2015-2016).
3. Technology and Alumni Relations Committee (2012-2015)
4. Chair of Alumni Affairs (2014-2015)
5. Departmental newsletter coordinator (2012-2013)
6. European Politics Search Committee (2011-2013).
7. Asian Politics Search Committee (2015-2016).
8. Graduates Awards Committee (2011-2012)
9. Graduate admissions committee, University of Pittsburgh (2010-2011)
10. Graduate Professionalization Workshop (panelist), Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Spring 2015

##### *University of Warwick*

1. Coordinator of the International Political Economy seminar (Department of Politics and International Studies), 2007-2008

## External

1. Referee for: *The American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *The British Journal of Political Science*, *The Journal of Politics*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *European Political Science Review*, *European Political Science*, *European Union Politics*, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, *Electoral Studies*, *Comparative European Politics*, *Journal of Legislative Studies*, *Legislative Studies*, *Journal of European Public Policy*, *Journal of Public Policy*, *International Interactions*, *PS: Political Science and Politics*, *Politics and Governance*, *Review of International Political Economy*, *Political Studies*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *St. Anthony's International Review*, *Government and Opposition*, *Public Administration*, *West European Politics*, and *Pitt Politics Review*.
2. Co-Chair of the *Comparative Politics and Political Economy Section*, European Political Science Association Conference, Vienna 2015
3. External Reviewer for the Swiss National Science Foundation.
4. Book Referee for the Oxford University Press.
5. Book Discussant at the Book Panel "The Rise of Political Meritocracy", Annual Conference of the Council of European Studies, Glasgow, July 2017
6. External Examiner, University of Kent (PhD candidate: Rosemary (Dee) Goddard).
7. External Examiner for IPE MSc, Department of International Relations, LSE

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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1. American Political Science Association
2. European Consortium for Political Research
3. European Political Science Association
4. Midwest Political Science Association
5. Council of European Studies

## CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PARTICIPATION

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1. "Who's to blame? How financial crisis and technocrats change (or not) the welfare state in Europe", delivered at the Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association, Belfast, June 2019
2. "The Party on the Ground and in Government" with Zachary Greene delivered at the Annual Conference for the Political Studies Association of Ireland, Limerick, Ireland, October 2018, at the Annual American Political Science Association, Boston, September 2018 and at the at the Annual European Political Science Association, Vienna, June 2018.
3. "Calming the Markets: When Technocratic Appointments Signal Credibility" with Hakan Gunaydin and William Spaniel, delivered at the the Annual American Political Science Association, Boston, September 2018 and at the Annual European Political Science Association, Vienna, June 2018

4. "The Party on the Ground and in Government" with Zachary Greene delivered at the Annual American Political Science Association, Boston, September 2018 and at the at the Annual European Political Science Association, Vienna, June 2018.
5. "The Leadership Dilemma: Examining the Impact of 'Dominant' Leaders on Parties" with Eoin O'Malley delivered at the General Conference of the European Consortium of Political Science, Hamburg, August 2018.
6. "Revolving-Door Politics and Income Inequality: A Study on the Role of Finance Ministers in Europe" delivered at the General Conference of the European Consortium of Political Science, Hamburg, August 2018 and at the Annual Political Science Association, Washington DC, August 2019
7. "In the Interest of Labour: How Trade Unions Shape Tax Policy In Economically Advanced Economies" with Achim Kemmerling, delivered at the General Conference of the European Consortium of Political Science, Hamburg, August 2018, at the Council of European Studies, Glasgow, July 2017 and at the European Political Science Association Conference, Brussels, June 2016
8. "Technocrats in cabinets: the policy effects of technocrat and expert ministers in Europe" ECPR Joint Sessions, Nicosia, Cyprus, April 2018.
9. "Appointing cabinet ministers" with Jude Hays delivered at the European Political Science Association, Milano, June 2017 and at the American Political Science Association Conference, Philadelphia, September 2016
10. "Parties, Portfolios, Policy: The Role of Uncertainty and Electoral Costs in Multiparty Governments" with Danial Hoepfner, delivered at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago 2017 and at the Annual Public Choice Society Conference, Fort Lauderdale, March 2016
11. "Are Strong Leaders Good for Parties?" with Eoin O'Malley and Akisato Suzuki, delivered at Annual American Political Science Association Conference, San Francisco, September 2015 and at the Annual European Political Science Association Conference, Vienna, June 2015
12. "Selecting the 'right' minister: The appointments and policy effects of technocrat and expert ministers" with Hakan Gunaydin, delivered at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, 2015
13. "Regressive Taxation as Political Necessity: Adversarial Politics and Hidden Taxes in the OECD", delivered at the European Political Science Consortium Conference, Glasgow, September 2014
14. "Who Governs? Professional background, political experience and party seniority of cabinet ministers in 18 parliamentary democracies" invited for presentation at the panel "New Datasets (and Findings) on the Characteristics of World Leaders" at the American Political Science Association Conference, Washington D.C, September 2014
15. "Market Biases and Self-Fulfilling Prophecies in Bailout Countries" with Julia Gray, delivered at the Annual European Political Science Association Conference, Edinburgh, June 2014
16. "Old and New Guard of Social Democrats and Employment Policy" delivered at the Annual American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 2013
17. "The politics of economic adjustment: technocratic appointments and representation in economically advanced parliamentary democracies", with Hakan Gunay-

- din, delivered at the Annual European Political Science Association Conference, Barcelona, June 2013.
18. "Ideologues, Partisans and Bureaucrats: Cabinet ministers and economic decision-making in Parliamentary democracies" delivered at the Annual European Political Science Association conference, Berlin, June 2012
  19. "Ministers and parties in a global economy" delivered at the Annual International Political Economy Society conference, Madison, November 2011
  20. "The Electoral Significance of Divided Behavior: Exploring the Partisan Roots of Voter Perceptions." Presented at the Elections, Public Opinion and Parties Conference (September 12-14, 2014) Edinburgh, Scotland.
  21. "Why and When ministers matter" delivered at the Annual American Political Science Association, Seattle, September 2011 and at the European Political Science Association Conference, Dublin, June 2011.
  22. "Ministerial appointments and policy efficacy in a global economy" delivered at the International Conference of Europeanists, Barcelona, June 2011.
  23. "Ministerial Background and Policy Efficacy" delivered at the Annual Joint Sessions of the European Consortium for Political Research, St Gallen, April 2011
  24. "Partisan Ministers versus Partisan Cabinets", delivered at the Annual Conference of the Council of European Studies, Montreal, Canada, April 2010
  25. "The role of electoral systems and political trust on globalization attitudes in Europe", delivered at the General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research, Potsdam, Germany, September 2009
  26. "Who decides on your unemployment benefits?: Why and when social democratic ministers deliver their promises?," delivered at the Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, Canada, September, 2009
  27. "EMU: A legitimate response to the challenge of economic globalization? Public opinion towards the Euro resets the legitimacy debate on efficient global economic governance." with Dionysia Tamvaki, delivered at the General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research, Lisbon, April 2009
  28. "Economic fundamentals and electoral institutions as determinants of economic protectionism in Europe.", delivered at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2009
  29. "Financing the Welfare State: Employers' contributions and unemployment in minority and majority governments.", delivered at the Annual Joint Sessions of the European Consortium of Political Science in Rennes, France, April, 2008.
  30. "Party system, political representation and social insurance in the OECD countries." delivered at the Annual Conference of the American Political Association, Philadelphia, September 2006
  31. "The role of policy weights on economic outcomes; why coalition governments can undertake policy changes.", delivered at the EITM Poster section of the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2006
  32. "Coalition governments, social insurance and central bank independence versus inflation: fighting inflation alone or together?." delivered at the Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association, Washington DC, September 2005.

33. "Maintaining Attention: Partisan Effects on Attention in UK Acts of Parliament." with Shaun Bevan. Presented at the Political Studies Association Conference (March 25-27, 2013) and the Annual Meeting of the Comparative Agendas Project (June 28, 2013).
34. "Strategic Issue Balancing: An analysis of party electoral strategy and issue competition in advanced industrial democracies." Presented at the Collaborative Research Center SFB 884 "Political Economy of Reforms" Seminar Series, Mannheim University, Mannheim, Germany (May 29, 2012), the Political Parties Working Group, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL (April 17, 2012).
35. "Price stability, social transfers and partisanship.", delivered at Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association conference, Chicago, April 2005