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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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European University Institute, Florence	
Part-time Professor, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies	2019 – present
Research Fellow, Migration Policy Centre	2017 – 2019
Associate Director, Observatory of Public Attitudes to Migration	2017 – present
University of Stockholm	
Researcher, Department of Sociology	2019 – present
Harvard University, Visiting Fellow, Center for European Studies	2019 – 2020
Universidad Carlos III – Instituto Juan March, Visiting Fellow	2020 – 2021

## EDUCATION

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European University Institute	2014 – 2017
PhD Social and Political Sciences (defended July 2017)	
Thesis: ‘Re-Thinking Turnout: Explaining Within-Individual Variation in Electoral Participation’	
Supervisors: Professor Hanspeter Kriesi and Professor Harold Clarke (University of Texas, Dallas)	
Nuffield College, Oxford, Junior Visiting Fellow. Mentor: Professor Geoff Evans	2015
European University Institute, MRes Social and Political Science	2013 – 2014
London School of Economics, MSc Political Science and Political Economy	2009 – 2010

## PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES (1/2)

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- Dennison, J., Davidov, E., and Seddig, D. (2020, forthcoming) ‘Explaining Voting in the UK’s 2016 EU Referendum: Basic Human Values, Attitudes to Immigration, European Identity and Trust in Politicians’ in *Social Science Research*
- Dennison, J. (2020, forthcoming) ‘What policy communication works for migration? A human values approach’ in *Data and Policy*
- Mendes, M. and Dennison, J. (2020) ‘Explaining the rise of the radical right in Spain and Portugal: Salience, Stigma and Supply’ in *West European Politics*
- Dennison, J. and Geddes, A. (2020, forthcoming) ‘The centre no longer holds: the Lega, Salvini and the remaking of Italian immigration politics’ in *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*
- Dennison, J. (2020, forthcoming) ‘How niche parties react to losing their niche: the cases of the Brexit Party, Change UK and the Greens’ in *Parliamentary Affairs*
- Dennison, J. (2020) ‘A proposal for simultaneous reform of the House of Commons and House of Lords’ in *The Political Quarterly*
- Dennison, J. and Draege, J. (2020) ‘The dynamics of electoral politics after the Arab Spring: Evidence from Tunisia’ in *Journal of North African Studies*
- Dennison, J. (2019) ‘How issue salience explains the rise of the populist right in Western Europe’ in *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*
- Dennison, J., Carl, N. and Evans, G. (2019) ‘European but not European Enough: An Explanation for Brexit’ in *European Union Politics*, 20(2): 282-304
- Dennison, J. and Geddes, A. (2019) ‘The Perils of Europeanised Migration’ in *Journal of European Public Policy*, 25(8): 1137-1153
- Dennison, J. and Geddes, A. (2019) ‘A Rising Tide? The Salience of Immigration and the Rise of Anti-Immigration Political Parties in Western Europe’ in *The Political Quarterly*, 90(1): 107-116

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES (2/2)

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- Dennison, J. (2019) 'A Review of Public Issue Salience: Concepts, Determinants and Effects on Voting' in *Political Studies Review*, 17(4): 436-446
- Dennison, J. (2018) 'The rug pulled from under them. UKIP and the Greens' in *Parliamentary Affairs*, 71(1): 91-108
- Draege, J. and Dennison, J. (2017) 'Making Sense of the 2016 Italian Constitutional Referendum' in *Mediterranean Politics*, 23(3): 403-409
- Birch, S. and Dennison, J. (2017) 'How Protest Voters Choose' in *Party Politics*, 25(2): 110-125
- Dennison, J. (2015) 'The Other Insurgency? The Greens and the Election' in *Parliamentary Affairs*, 68(1): 188-205
- Dennison, J. and Goodwin, M. (2015) 'Immigration, Issue Ownership and the Rise of UKIP' in *Parliamentary Affairs*, 68(1): 168-187

BOOKS

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- Dennison, J. (2016) *The Greens in British Politics: Protest, Anti-Austerity and the Divided Left*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

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- Dennison, J. (forthcoming), 'The Causes of Brexit: What is the state of the art?' in, eds. Fossum, J. E. and Lord, C., *Handbook of Brexit*, Edward Elgar
- Dennison, J. and Vranceanu, A. (forthcoming), 'Global attitudes towards migration and mobility: convergence or divergence?' in, eds. Recchi, E., and Safi, M., *Handbook of Human Mobilities and Migrations*. Edward Elgar
- Dennison, J. and Hunger, S. (forthcoming), 'Cleavage Politics in the 21st century' in, eds. Vasilopoulou, S., Carter, N., Keith, D., and Sindre, G., *The Routledge Handbook of Political Parties*.
- Dennison, J. and Vranceanu, A. (forthcoming), 'Public Opinion and the Politics of Migration' in, ed. Scholten, P. *Introduction to Migration Studies*. Springer
- Dennison, J. and Geddes, A. (forthcoming), 'Migration and the Future of Europe' in, eds, *Fifty Years of the Edinburgh Europa Institute*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press
- Goodwin, M. and Dennison, J. (2018), 'The Radical Right in the United Kingdom' in eds. Rydgren, J. *The Oxford Handbook of the Radical Right*. Oxford: Oxford University Press
- Dennison, J., Grumbinaite, I. and Oliver, T. (2018) 'Baltic member states: Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania' in, ed. Oliver, T., *Europe's Brexit*, Newcastle: Agenda.
- Evans, G., Carl, N. and Dennison, J. (2017) 'Brexit: The Causes and Consequences of the UK's decision to leave the EU' in, eds. Castells, M. et al, *Europe's Crises*. Chichester: Polity

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

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- 'Explaining Europe's Changing Party Systems: An Issue Salience Approach' (with H. Kriesi)
- 'Human values and voting radical right parties' (with E. Davidov)
- 'A Lifestyle Theory of Voter Turnout: A Panel Data Approach' (under review)

GRANT CAPTURE AND FUNDING

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| International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)                           | 2018 – 2023 |
| Migration Policy Centre research contribution for EuroMed IV and EuroMed V (c.€540,000) |             |
| Swedish Research Council, International Postdoc (€250,000)                              | 2019 – 2021 |
| Department of Business, Innovation and Skills   | 2013 – 2017 |
| PhD tuition fees (€48,000) and grant (€60,000)  |             |

## NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

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- Dennison, J. and Geddes, A. (2020). *Why COVID-19 does not necessarily mean that attitudes towards immigration will become more negative*. IOM report: [here](#)
- Dennison, J. (2020) *What policy communication works for migration? Using values to depolarise*. ICMPD report: [here](#)
- Dennison, J. and Nasr, M. (2020) *Attitudes to immigration in the Arab-speaking world: Explaining an overlooked anomaly*. UN International Organisation for Migration: Migration Research Series
- Dennison, J. and Nasr, M. (2020) *Impact of Public Attitudes to migration on the political environment in the Euro-Mediterranean Region: Southern Partner Countries*. ICMPD report: [here](#)
- Dennison, J. (2019) *Impact of Public Attitudes to migration on the political environment in the Euro-Mediterranean Region: Europe*. ICMPD report: [here](#)
- Contributor to: IOM (2018) *Informing the Implementation of the Global Compact for Migration*
- Dennison, J. and Dražanová, L. (2018) *Attitudes to Immigration in Europe and the Southern Mediterranean*, ICMPD report: [here](#)
- Contributor to: CEPS (2018) *The Cost of Non-Europe in Migration Policy*

## TEACHING

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Political attitudes and behaviour: description, evaluation and intervention. EUI, STG	2020
A Segmentation Analysis Crash Course, International Centre for Policy Advocacy	2020
The Politics of the 'Migration Crisis': Attitudes, Behaviour & Policies, EUI	2019
EU JRC Evidence and Policy Summer School, Lecturer, Speaker	2017, 2018
Migration Policy Centre Summer School, Lecturer	2017, 2018
University of Sheffield, Graduate Teaching Assistant	2015-2016
POL229 - Political Analysis: Research Design and Data Analysis (SPSS)	

## SERVICES TO PROFESSION

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Reviewer – *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*; *Journal of Politics*; *Electoral Studies*; *West European Politics*; *Bulletin of Economic Research*; *Parliamentary Affairs*; *European Journal of Legal Studies*; *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*; *European Union Politics*; *Publius*; *Political Studies*; *Review of International Political Economy*; *Economic Inquiry*; *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*; *Environmental Politics*; *East European Journal of Society and Politics*; *Party Politics*; *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*; *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*; *British Journal of Politics and International Relations*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Journal of Theoretical Social Psychology*; *European Sociological Review*, *Comparative Migration Studies*, *European Journal of Political Research*;

Evaluator – European Commission H2020, Societal Challenge 6 call H2020-SC6-MIGRATION-2020

## STATISTICAL SOFTWARE

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R, Stata, SPSS, RATS

## TRAINING

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National University of Singapore Summer School: Network Analysis	2016
University of Essex Summer School: Time Series Analysis	2015
University of Essex Summer School: Panel Data Analysis, Structural Equation Modelling	2014
European University Institute Workshops: Regression Discontinuity, Diff-in-Diff, R	2014 – 2016

## RESEARCH POSITIONS

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British Academy project, for 2015 general election, Lead Research Assistant	2014 - 2015
EUandI: 2014 European Parliament Voting Advice Application, Team Leader: UK	2013 - 2014

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Consultancy for political parties, international organisations, etc.	2017 – present
National Audit Office, London, United Kingdom	2012 - 2013
The Houses of Parliament, London, United Kingdom	2011 - 2012
The European Commission, Brussels, Belgium	2010 - 2011
The House of Lords, London, United Kingdom	2009 - 2010
TEFL teacher, Barcelona, Spain; Cambridge, UK; Santiago, Chile; Hanoi, Vietnam	2007-2009, 2013

## LANGUAGES

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English (native); Spanish (B2; conversational); French, Greek, Italian (elementary)

## INVITED SPEAKER

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Mediterranean City-to-City Migration Conference, Seville, 2020  
Europe Conference, Harvard Kennedy School, 2020  
Club of Venice, EU28 Heads of Government Communications meeting, London, Dubrovnik, 2020  
2<sup>nd</sup> Euro-Mediterranean Communicators' Workshop and High-Level Event on Public Communication on Migration, Athens, 2019  
Global Forum on Migration and Development, Government of Morocco, Rabat, 2019  
'Europe's Turning Point on Migration?', (Organiser) Migration Policy Centre, Brussels, 2019. See video [here](#).  
'Attitudes to immigration and the future of the European Union', Club of Venice, Venice, 2018  
'The political effects of attitudes to immigration', MIDEM conference, Berlin, 2018  
'Brexit: Why the UK and why now?', University of Amsterdam, 2018  
'Explaining Attitudes to Immigration in Europe', European Parliament, Brussels, 2018  
'Attitudes to Immigration in Europe and the Southern Mediterranean', Tunis, 2018  
'What would a fair Brexit look like?', EUI Thoughts on the future of Europe series, 2018  
State of the Union 2018, EUI Florence, Narratives and Attitudes to Migration. See video [here](#).  
Understanding attitudes to immigration in Italy today', Metropolis conference. Florence, 2018. See video [here](#).  
Presenting evidence to the European Parliament Select Committees. See video [here](#)  
'What Europeans think of immigration' at EPIM, Brussels, 2018  
'Looking behind the culture of fear' Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Budapest, 2018  
'Public Attitudes on Migration', European Commission talk with cabinet, Brussels, 2017  
'The Rise of Populism', After dinner speaker with Barclays and McKinsey, London, 2017  
'International cooperation in responsibility-sharing for refugees', American University in Cairo, 2017  
'Movements and Parties', Invited workshop discussant at University of Aberdeen, 2017  
'Brexit: The Causes, Process and Consequences', Swedish Network for EU Legal Studies, Stockholm, 2017  
'Explaining the Causes and Consequences of Brexit', EUI, SPS department seminar, Florence, 2016  
'What now for the Green Party?' Presentation to the Green Party of England and Wales HQ, London, 2016  
Modelling individual dynamics with political science data, University of Essex, Colchester, 2016  
'Still Strategic Eurosceptics and Polite Xenophobes?', St. Antony's College, Oxford, 2015  
'Green party voters: populist, socialists or environmentalist', Friends of the Earth, London, 2015

## CONFERENCES

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- ‘How issue salience explains variation in voting for Social Democrat parties’, *APSA*, Washington DC, 2019
- ‘The relationship between human values and voting in the EU referendum’ (with Eldad Davidov), ISPP, Lisbon, 2019
- ‘European but not European enough: An explanation for Brexit’, *CEJ*, Madrid, 2019
- ‘How issue salience explains variation in voting for Social Democrat parties’, *ISPG*, Genoa, 2019
- EGPP- ‘2017, Europe’s Bumper Year of Elections’, *EUI*, 2018
- ‘An Explanation for Brexit’ & ‘Re-specifying Values and Attitudes to Immigration’, *EPOP*, 2017
- ‘How Protest Voters Choose’, *Political Studies Association*, Brighton, 2016
- ‘The Greens at the 2015 General Election’, *Elections, Public Opinion and Parties (EPOP)*, 2015
- ‘Explaining Changing Political Interest’ *8<sup>th</sup> Swiss Household Panel Conf.*, Lausanne, CH, 2015
- ‘Immigration and the Rise of UKIP’, British Votes Election Conference, Manchester, 2015
- ‘Explaining Changing Political Interest’ *German Socio-Economic Panel Symposium*, Bremen, 2015
- ‘Changing Financial Circumstances and Voter Turnout’ *ECPR Conference*, Glasgow, 2014

## BLOG POSTS AND PRESS (1/2)

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- On-going blogging at [https://medium.com/@jamesdennison\\_7425](https://medium.com/@jamesdennison_7425)
- Why Coronavirus is likely to be bad news for Europe’s radical right*, Euractiv
- Europe’s Greens are on fire... and it’s not just because of the sweltering heat*, in [The Guardian](#)
- The green ripple in British politics* in [The Economist](#)
- The emergence of the populist radical right in Spain demonstrates the conditions when such parties succeed*, LSE
- Why immigration has the potential to upend the Italian election*, LSE EUROPP
- Op-ed: Are Europeans turning against asylum seekers and refugees?*, European Council on Refugees and Exiles
- Brexit and NATO: Never the twain shall meet?* (with Dr. Tim Oliver), Dahrendorf Forum: [here](#)
- Experts react to the Florence Speech*, LSE Brexit blog
- Norway elects a new parliament on 9/11. Here are 4 things to know.* Monkey Cage Blog, Washington Post
- Ma nel Regno Unito rinasce la militanza*, Pagina 99
- The Dutch aren’t turning against immigration*, LSE EUROPP
- Television interview on Brexit with *Savaite* – See video [here](#)
- Voor betere grondwet (of tegen Renzi)*, De Volksrant
- Italianos votam em referendo que pode levar à queda de premiê*, Folha de São Paulo
- Stemmen over wet is stemmen over Renzi*, De Morgen
- La London School scommette sulla vittoria del No*, La Repubblica
- The Ultimate Causes of Brexit: History, Culture and Geography*, LSE Brexit Vote
- Unless the Yes campaign can shift tactics, Italy’s constitutional referendum is heading for a No vote*, LSE EUROPP
- A Long Time Coming: Brexit and What Happens Next*, LSE Brexit Vote
- What next for the Greens? The Green Party after Natalie Bennett*, LSE British Politics and Policy
- The Green Surge and how it changed the membership of the party*, (with Dr. Poletti), LSE Blogs
- Reluctant Europeans? Britain and the EU Referendum*, EUI Times
- Portugal’s change of government puts the country firmly in uncharted territory*, LSE EUROPP
- The EU Referendum in Northern Ireland*, LSE British Politics and Policy
- How Portugal’s Election resembled the UK’s general election*, LSE EUROPP
- Populist Personalities?* LSE British Politics and Policy
- Why Preventing Brexit is by No Means a Done Deal*, London Evening Standard
- From Devo-Max to West Lothian Max*, LSE British Politics and Policy

*Election 2015: Is Natalie Bennett to blame for Green Party boom to bust?*, *International Business Times*

英国迎来最难预测大选, Hong Kong Weekly Phoenix

*The Loser Takes it All—The SNP After the Referendum*, LSE General Election 2015 (cited in the FT)

*Green Party Voters Look Like Lib Dems, think like Labour voters and are as dissatisfied as 'Kippers*, LSE  
*UKIP- A flash-in-the-pan or a long-term insurgent?* Ballots and Bullets

*An English Parliament: The Best Way to Save the UK?* Open Democracy

*Though the Green Party's popularity may continue to rise, it is too ideological to become a 'UKIP of the left'*, LSE

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REFERENCES

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