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**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

- 2020 S.V. Ciriacy-Wantrup Postdoctoral Fellow  
Department of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management, UC Berkeley
- 2020 Visiting Fellow  
Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, LSE
- 2019-20 Postdoctoral Fellow  
Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, Princeton University

**EDUCATION**

- 2019 PhD Political Science, Department of Government, LSE

Dissertation: “Low Carbon for the Long Term: Essays on the Comparative Political Economy of Climate Change Policy” (Available [here](#))

Winner of 2020 Virginia Walsh Award for best dissertation in science, technology, and environmental politics, American Political Science Association

Abstract: Why do some democracies do more than others to address long-term problems like climate change? This dissertation offers a novel theoretical account of the political drivers of long-term climate policy investments across high-income democracies. It argues that political institutions and electoral incentives are key, structuring the ability of governments to adopt low-carbon policies that translate short-term costs into long-term benefits. By explaining variation in climate policy strength, the dissertation highlights the *political* impediments to decarbonization.

Supervisors: David Soskice, Kai Spiekermann and Joachim Wehner

Research interests: Climate change and environmental policy and politics, long-term policymaking, comparative political economy, comparative public policy, comparative capitalism, state-business relationship, institutions, electoral competition

- 2017 Visiting Doctoral Student, Department of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley. Advisor: David Vogel
- 2015 MRes (Distinction) Political Science, LSE
- 2010 MSc (Distinction) Philosophy and Public Policy, LSE
- 2007 BA (Honors) Latin American and Latino Studies and Sociology, University of California, Santa Cruz

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2011-14 Research Analyst, World Resources Institute, Washington, DC

## **PUBLICATIONS**

“The Influence of Climate Change Advisory Bodies on Political Debates: Evidence from the UK Committee on Climate Change” [with Alina Averchenkova and Sam Fankhauser] *Climate Policy* (2021). (Available [here](#))

“Varieties of De-carbonization? Comparative Political Economy and Climate Change”. *Socio-Economic Review* (2020). (Available [here](#))

“The Impact of Strategic Climate Legislation: Evidence from Expert Interviews of the UK Climate Change Act” [with Alina Averchenkova and Sam Fankhauser]. *Climate Policy* (2020). (Available [here](#))

## **WORKING PAPERS**

“Institutions, Climate Change, and the Foundations of Long-term Policymaking”  
GRI Working Paper No. 321 (2019). (Available [here](#)) (Under review)

“Changing Prices in a Changing Climate: Electoral Competitiveness and Fossil Fuel Taxation”  
GRI Working Paper No. 307 (2018). (Available [here](#)) (Under review)

“The Institutional Sources of Economic Transformation: Energy Policy from the Oil Crises to Climate Change” [with Phillip Lipsky, Jonas Meckling, and Florence Metz] (Available [here](#)) (Under review)

“Energy Politics over the Long Run: Gasoline Taxes in US States since 1919”

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

“Corporate Governance, Time Horizons, and the Climate Policy Preferences of Firms” [with Jonas Meckling]

“Income Inequality and the Politics of Fossil Fuel Taxation: The Case of Transportation in Sweden and the USA” [with Julius Andersson]

## **PEER-REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS**

“Climate-Resilient Cities” in *The Economics of Climate-Resilient Development*, Fankhauser, Sam, and Thomas K.J. McDermott (eds.). Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar, 2016 [with Helia Costa and Graham Floater]. (Available [here](#))

## **POLICY PAPERS AND REPORTS**

“The Role of Independent Bodies in Climate Governance: The UK Committee on Climate Change.” Policy Report. Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment and the Centre for Climate Change Economics and Policy, London (2018) [with Alina Averchenkova and Sam Fankhauser]. (Available [here](#))

“10 Years of the UK Climate Change Act.” Policy Report. Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment and the Centre for Climate Change Economics and Policy, London (2018) [with Alina Averchenkova and Sam Fankhauser]. (Available [here](#))

“MRV 101: Understanding Measurement, Reporting, and Verification of Climate Change Mitigation.” Working Paper. World Resources Institute, Washington, DC (2016) [with Kelly Levin and Neelam Singh]. (Available [here](#))

“Accounting framework for the post-2020 period.” Nordic Council of Ministers, Copenhagen (2015) [with Kelly Levin, David Rich, Pedro Martins Barata, Yamide Dagnet and Kati Kulovesi]. (Available [here](#))

*Greenhouse Gas Protocol Mitigation Goal Standard: An accounting and reporting standard for national and subnational greenhouse gas reduction goals.* World Resources Institute, Washington, DC (2014) [with Kelly Levin, David Rich and Pankaj Bhatia]. (Available [here](#))

*Greenhouse Gas Protocol Policy and Action Standard: An accounting and reporting standard for estimating the greenhouse gas effects of policies and actions.* World Resources Institute, Washington, DC (2014) [with David Rich, Pankaj Bhatia, Kelly Levin and Apurba Mitra]. (Available [here](#))

“Capacity needs for greenhouse gas measurement and performance tracking: A Report on scoping activities in six countries.” Working Paper. World Resources Institute, Washington, DC (2014) [with Thomas Damassa, Kate DeAngelis, and Kelly Levin]. (Available [here](#))

“Ex-ante clarification, transparency, and understanding of intended nationally determined mitigation contributions.” Working Paper. World Resources Institute, Washington, DC (2014) [with Kelly Levin, David Rich and Yamide Dagnet]. (Available [here](#))

“Designing national commitments to drive measurable emissions reductions after 2020.” Working Paper. World Resources Institute, Washington, DC (2013) [with Kelly Levin]. (Available [here](#))

“Assessing Non-Annex I Pledges: Building a Case for Clarification.” Working Paper. World Resources Institute, Washington, DC (2011) [with Kelly Levin]. (Available [here](#))

## **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

“Why the UK Government has frozen fuel duty – again.” Commentary. Grantham Research Institute on Climate and the Environment, LSE (2018). (Available [here](#))

“From adaptation to climate-resilient development: What are the implications for policymakers?” LSE Department of Government Blog (2016). (Available [here](#))

“Submission from the World Resources Institute (WRI) to the UNFCCC on comparability and common accounting rules for emission reduction targets of developed country Parties.” UNFCCC. Bonn, Germany (2013) [with Kelly Levin]. (Available [here](#))

“Released for Review: New Standards for Tracking GHG Emissions from Policies and Goals.” World Resources Institute Blog (2012) [with David Rich]. (Available [here](#))

## **MEDIA MENTIONS**

Gabbatiss, Josh. “Climate Change Act must set 'net zero' emissions target by 2020, experts say.” *The Independent*, March 30, 2018. (Available [here](#))

Holder, Mary and James Murray. “Government hails Climate Change Act progress, as study calls for 'net zero' emissions goal.” *Business Green*, March 30, 2018. (Available [here](#))

## **TEACHING**

*The Politics of Economic Policy* (GV227), LSE, 2015-16

Second year undergraduate course. Examines political explanations for changes in macroeconomic, financial and regulatory policy in the high-income democracies since the early 1980s. Particular attention is paid to the role of ideas, interests and institutions.

I taught one one-hour class per week for around 10 students for the full academic year. I developed my own teaching materials. In my evaluations I received a score of 1.3, which is higher than the average for the Department of Government (1 is “very good”; 5 is “very poor”).

*Capitalism, Democracy and Equality: The Political Economy of the Advanced Nations* (IR102), LSE Summer School 2015-18

Introductory undergraduate course. Introduces students to the complex and conflictual relationship between capitalism and democracy across the high-income economies. Particular attention is paid to how politics shapes cross-national variation in income inequality.

I taught two 1.5 hour classes per day for three weeks during Summer School. I had around 20 students per class. I developed my own teaching materials. I consistently received evaluation scores higher than the average for the Government Department and the School as a whole (available upon request).

### Teaching interests

- Climate and energy politics and policy in comparative perspective
- Long-term policymaking and governance in comparative perspective
- Public policy and public administration (especially in comparative perspective)
- Comparative capitalism and the environment
- Comparative political economy of high-income democracies (especially welfare states, inequality, varieties of capitalism, institutions and electoral politics)

### **AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

- 2020 Virginia Walsh Award for best dissertation in the field of science, technology, and environmental politics, Science, Technology & Environmental Politics (STEP) Section of the American Political Science Association (APSA)
- 2016 LSE Partnership PhD Mobility Bursary for study at UC Berkeley
- 2014 PhD Scholarship, Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, LSE
- 2010 Andrea Mannu Prize for best MSc dissertation, Department of Philosophy, Logic, and Scientific Method, LSE

### **INVITED TALKS**

- 2021 Comparative Politics Workshop, Department of Political Science, UCLA
- 2020 Research Seminar Series, Grantham Research Institute, LSE  
IR Faculty Colloquium, Department of Politics, Princeton University

### **CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS**

- 2021 Environmental Politics and Governance (EPG) Seminar Series
- 2020 Workshop on the Comparative Politics of Climate Change, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University  
Council for European Studies (CES) Annual Meeting  
Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA)  
Grantham Research Institute Workshop, LSE
- 2019 Understanding the Political Economy of Deep Decarbonization, Princeton University  
LSE Workshop in Comparative Politics

Workshop on the Comparative Politics of Climate Change, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University

- 2018 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA)  
Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)  
Fourth Annual Conference on Environmental Politics and Governance (EPG)  
Political Studies Association Annual International Conference (PSA)  
Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Annual Meeting (SASE)  
Workshop on the Comparative Politics of Climate Change, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University
- 2017 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)  
European Consortium for Political Research General Conference (ECPR)  
Grantham Research Institute Governance Lunch Seminar, LSE  
LSE Political Science and Political Economy Lunch Seminar  
LSE Political Economy and Public Policy Workshop  
Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Annual Meeting (SASE)
- 2016 Annual Graduate Conference in Political Science, International Relations and Public Policy, Hebrew University  
ECPR Summer School on Environmental Politics and Policy  
LSE Political Economy and Public Policy Workshop, London

## SERVICE

- Dissertation Award Committee, STEP Section, APSA (2021)
- Co-organizer of APSA panel “The Comparative Politics of Climate Change” (2020)
- Co-organizer of “Comparative Political Economy and the Environment mini-conference”, SASE Annual Meeting (2018)
- Research student seminar organizer, Comparative Politics / Comparative Political Economy (CP/CPE) Seminar Series, LSE (2016-18)
- University and College Union (UCU) GTA representative for Guest Teacher and GTA Partnership Working Group, LSE (2016)
- Referee: *Environmental Politics, Climate Policy*

## LANGUAGES

English (native), Spanish (intermediate)

## REFERENCES

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