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Research Interests My main research interests include: a) the study of candidates, elections and parties; b) harassment and intimidation of political elites, and c) gendered political violence. My research focuses on the UK, Western Europe and Mexico. I use mainly quantitative methods (panel data, multilevel and survival models, experiments and surveys) together with interviews. I am currently one of the few experts in the UK on harassment and intimidation of national and local political elites. My medium-term goal is to consolidate my leading role in the study of the causes and consequences of gendered political violence and harassment and intimidation of political elites in recent and long-established democracies.

Education & Qualifications

- BA in International Relations, ITESO, Mexico. Jan 2002 – Dec 2005. Second in a class of 27. Graduated with academic excellence.
- MSc in Political Economy, University of Essex UK, Sep 2010 – Sep 2011. Graduated with Merit. Dissertation: “Analysing Mixed Member System Effects on Ideology: Are Legislators More Extreme when they are selected through Proportional Representation in Mexico?” Supervisor Prof. Lawrence Ezrow.
- PhD in Political Science, University College London, Oct 2012 – Jan 2017. Thesis: Causes and Consequences of Decentralisation. Supervisors: Prof. Slava Mikhaylov and Dr. Lucas Leemann.
- Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (FHEA). Reference PR202684. Date of Fellowship 21/10/2020

Employment

- Lecturer in Political Communication. Jan 2018 – Present
Department of Politics and International Relations, Royal Holloway, University of London, UK
- Research Associate. Oct 2016 – Dec 2017
School of Government and Public Policy, University of Strathclyde, Scotland, UK
Project: The Representative Audit of Britain (ESRC-funded) PI: Prof. Rosie Campbell. Co-I: Dr. Wolfgang Rüdiger and Dr. Jennifer Hudson
- National Consultant. Jan 2012 – Feb 2013
Anward Consulting Group, Guadalajara, Mexico
- Academic Assistant. August 2008 – Sep 2010
Department of Politics and Law, Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Occidente (ITESO), Guadalajara, Mexico.
- Communication Officer and Administrative Associate. Aug 2007 – Feb 2009
United Nations Development Program, Mexico Office.
Project: Human Development Report Jalisco State

Publications

Collignon, S; Rüdiger, W; Lamprinakou, C; Makropoulos, I & Sajuria, J (2022) Intertwined fates? Members switching between niche and mainstream parties. *Party Politics*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/13540688221106299>

Collignon, S. In Press. “Harassment and Intimidation of Parliamentary Candidates in the United Kingdom”, in Elin Bjarnegård and Pär Zetterberg (eds.), *Gender and Violence against Political Actors*. Philadelphia, PA: Temple University Press

- Book chapter commissioned by leading scholars in the field Bjarnegård and Zetterberg. Other chapters co-authored by scholars Prof Mona-Lena Krook, Dr Jennifer Piscopo and Juliana Restrepo-Sanin among others.

Collignon, S., Campbell, R., & Rüdiger, W (2021) The Gendered Harassment of Parliamentary Candidates in the UK. *The Political Quarterly*. Widely read by practitioners in the UK

- This is part of the special issue ‘Women and the politics of incivility and discrimination’ edited by Agnes Alexandre and Michael Drolet. I was invited to contribute to the special issue as an expert in violence against women in politics (VAW-P) in the UK .

Collignon, S & Rüdiger, W. (2021) Increasing the Cost of Female Representation? The Gendered effects of Harassment, Abuse and Intimidation towards Parliamentary Candidates in the UK. *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*.

- This paper is part of a special issue. I was invited due to my expertise in VAW-P and the study of candidates.

Karyotis, G., Makropoulos, I., Collignon, S., Rüdiger, W., Judge, A., Skleparis, D. & Connolly, J. (2021), What Drives Support for Social Distancing? Pandemic Politics, Securitisation and Crisis Management in Britain. *European Political Science Review*. 4.1414 JCR, 25/182 in Political Science

Collignon, S., Makropoulos, I. & Rüdiger, W. (2021) Consensus Secured? Elite and Public Attitudes to “Lockdown” Measures to Combat Covid-19 in England. *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*.

Collignon, S and Sajuria, J. (2021) Parenthood, anxiety, gender, and race: drivers of non-compliance with lockdown measures. *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*.

Stark, S., & Collignon, S. (2021). Sexual Predators in Contest for Public Office: How the American Electorate Responds to News of Allegations of Candidates Committing Sexual Assault and Harassment. *Political Studies Review*,. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1478929921995333>

- This article has 59,500 downloads and views. It is the most downloaded paper in PSR. <https://psr.brunel.ac.uk/tag/sexual-harrasment/>
- This article is co-authored with a student of mine and it is derived from her MSc dissertation
- Covered in The Atlantic: <https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2021/03/why-democrats-dont-tolerate-sexual-harassers-office/618363/>
- Covered in BBC Sounds Americast: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p09b187x>
- Covered on The Washington Monthly <https://washingtonmonthly.com/2021/07/21/eric-greitens-is-an-accused-sexual-predator-will-that-matter-to-missouri-republicans/>
- Covered in GB News with Kristy Gallagher and Simon McCoy on the 11th of August.
- Covered in BBC Women’s hour <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000yfk4>

Collignon, S., & Rüdiger, W. (2020). Harassment and intimidation of parliamentary candidates in the United Kingdom. *The Political Quarterly*. 91;2, 422-429. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1467-923X.12855>

Makropoulos, I. Collignon, S., Heiko, G., Rüdiger, W., Sajuria, J., & Weßels, W.(2020). Determinants of Personalised Campaigning: A Comparative Analysis. In D. W. Lieven, R. Karlsen, & S. Hermann (Eds.), *Parliamentary Candidates Between Voters and Parties. A Comparative Perspective*. Routledge. Pp 97-119. ISBN (Print) 9780367248512, 9780429284700.

- This book chapter has been edited and published by the Comparative Candidate Survey which is a joint multi-national project with the goal of collecting data on candidates running for national parliamentary elections in different countries.

Collignon, S. (2019). Governments, decentralisation, and the risk of electoral defeat. *West European Politics*, 42(1), 173-200.18 <https://doi.org/10.1080/01402382.2018.1479480>.

Collignon, S., & Sajuria, J. (2018). Local means local, does it? Regional identification and preferences for local candidates. *Electoral Studies*, 56, 170-178. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2018.07.003>

Collignon, S. (2018). It is time for a closer look: the demise of regional party branches. *Party Politics*, No 1 p 1-13 <https://doi.org/10.1177/1354068817750866>.

Lopez, J. C, Collignon, S., Benoit, K., & Matsuo, A. (2017). Predicting the Brexit vote by tracking and classifying public opinion using twitter data. *Statistics, Politics and Policy*, 8(1), 85-104. <https://doi.org/10.1515/spp-2017-0006>

- Co-authored with Prof Ken Benoit, leading expert in the field of computational social sciences

Curiel, R. P., Collignon, S., & Bishop, S. R. (2017). Measuring the distribution of crime and its concentration. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, 34(3), 775-803. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10940-017-9354-9>

Publications under review

Savani, Manu & Collignon, Sofia (under review). "Allegations of Sexual Harassment and Candidate viability". *British Journal of Political Science*.

Research Grants & Contracts

Principal Investigator

- Ba / Leverhulme Small Grants "Causes and consequences of harassment and intimidation of candidates standing in local elections". August 2019. 9,980 GBP accrued to RHUL
 - Results of the survey are published in the Local Government Association (LGA) website
 - <https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/improving-digital-citizenship-practical-guide-councillors>
 - <https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/improving-digital-citizenship-research-and-good-practice>
- RHUL GCRF Early Career Researchers: Seed funding for networking, pump-priming or data collection June 2019 5,000 GBP
- Successful application to the Research Strategy Fund for the project "Emotions in Elections in Mexico". October 2018. 5,000 GBP

Co-Investigator

- ECR Horizon 2020 grant (ID 101019284) "Twice as Hard, Half as Good? Women Candidates Experience of Sexism on the Campaign Trail". With Susan Banducci (PI). £30,000 to RHUL. Total value of the grant is 2.5 million Euros.
- RHUL Impact Grant, 2020, now named 'Gendering Electoral Politics', with Childs, Hanretty, Smets and Sjoberg. £24,975
- RHUL Reid 2020, with Childs, Smets and Sjoberg, 'Intersectional Feminist Political Leadership, Political Performance and Substantive Representation' (IFPL), £2.5K
- "The Representative Audit of Britain" granted in December 2019 for 74,000 GBP. No costing for RHUL
- RSF for the project "Emotional Labour and the Art of Representation" July 2019 1,125 GBP
- SDAI ESRC project "Out of touch and out of time? A Cross-Temporal and Cross-Level Analysis of the Social and Ideological Distance between UK Voters and Political Elites". June 2018. 6,514 GBP accrued to RHUL
- Hari funded project "Kinder, Gentler Politics: The Impact of Heated Political Debates and Abuse in Digital Settings on the Participation of Young People in British Democracy". Summer 2018. 1,000 GBP

Collaborator

- UECS-Lab, a collaboration with CIDE-Mexico, for the project "Emotional and rational appeals to construct support for controversial security policies during electoral campaigns" March 2018.

Teaching

Teaching Achievements

- LSS Excellence in Teaching and Student Support Award 2021.
- College Excellence Teaching Commendation 2020 "Video Assessing Comparative Political Leadership"
- Successful implementation of alternative forms of assessment and feedback. My module received a commendation at the PIR staff-student meeting 2018

Breadth of Teaching Experience

- More than 10 years of teaching experience at UG and PGT levels
- I successfully led the MPPA validation for emergency online teaching during the COVID crisis and revised the programme in 2019.

- Since joined RHUL in 2018, I have designed and redesigned 5 different modules (3 PGT, 2 UG) for the Department of Political Science
 - Comparative Political Leadership. 3rd year UG module
 - Introduction to Political Communication 2nd year UG module
 - Strategic Political Communication. Core MSc module
 - Elections and Campaigns. Core MSc module
 - Media Power and Public Affairs. Core MSc module
- Teaching Fellow in Quantitative Methods, Department of Politics, University College London (2013-2017)
 - Nominated to teaching excellence award 2014

Invited Presentations:

Selected Invited presentations to workshops

- “Women and the Politics of Civility in Parliament and Public Life”. Invited presentation at workshop organised by Worcester College's Provost's Community, Equality and Decolonisation initiative, the Alfred Toepfer Stiftung, the Maison Française d'Oxford, and the European Studies Centre, St. Antony's College University of Oxford. Summer 2021
- “Yale workshop on candidate selection”. Invited presentation at workshop organised by Prof Ian Shapiro, Prof Frances Rosenbluth and Prof Richard H. Pildes (all of them are leading scholars in the field), Yale University April 2020 (Postponed due to COVID-19 pandemic)
- “Gender and Politics: Perspectives from the UK”. Invited presentation at workshop at the Department of Political Economy. Kings College London. December 2019.
- “Violence against Women in Politics”. Invited presentation at Workshop as expert in the UK. Department of Political Science. Uppsala, December 2019
- EPSRC – UKRI Workshop “Protecting Citizens Online”. Invited to participate. November 2019
- “Political Campaigning, Messaging, and Rhetoric Workshop”. Invited presentation. Department of Political Science. UCL September 2019

Selected Invited presentations at other academic departments

- “Intertwined fates? Members switching between niche and mainstream parties”, University of Lund, Comparative Politics Research Centre, March 2022
- “Dropping Out of Politics? The Impact of Harassment on Political Recruitment in Britain, 2017-2019”, University of Edinburgh, February 2022
- Co-authored with Jennifer Piscopo “Gendered Vulnerabilities: Perceptions of Political Violence among Mexican Politicians”. Seminario de Estudios sobre Violencia, Centro de Investigaci[on y Docencia Economica (CIDE), Mexico. 1st April, 2022.
- "Causes and consequences of harassment and intimidation of candidates standing in local elections " A Webinar Series Exploring Challenges to Access to Justice and Inclusion in Contemporary Society, Centre for Access to justice and Inclusion Faculty of Business and Law Anglia Ruskin University, April 2021
- “Fear of speaking out”. Invited presentation at Research Seminar, Brunel University. November 2020.
- “Election Replay with the Experts”. Invited presentation in a panel. Event organised by the Constitution Unit, University College London. December 2019
- “General Election 2019”. Invited presentation at a panel organised by the School of Politics and International Relations. Queen Mary University. December 2019
- “Harassment and intimidation of candidates standing in the 2017 UK GE”. University of Manchester, October 2019
- Invited participation at the Centre for British Politics and Government Kings College London conference on 13 June 2019

Selected Invited presentation to non-academic organisations

International

- Invitation to expert meeting on *Addressing Violence against Women in Politics*. OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights. July 2022.
- Invited to provide oral evidence to the Advisory Committee on “Violence against women in the digital space” for the Parliament of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation, March 2021.

- Keynote speaker “Fake news in politics, political parties and political leadership”, Belgian Senate, November 2020.
- Invited to give oral evidence at the public hearings for the Electoral Matters Committee’s Inquiry into the Impact of Social Media on Elections and Electoral Administration. Parliament of Victoria Australia, November 2020.

United Kingdom

- Invited to expert roundtable discussion “Changing harmful norms to prevent violence against women in politics and leadership: Charting a forward-looking agenda”, by ODI’s ALIGN, ODI’s Politics and Governance and Gender Equality and Social inclusion programmes
 - Supported by ODI’s ALIGN platform, and bringing together ODI’s Politics and Governance and Gender Equality and Social inclusion programmes, the roundtable will convene a small group of experts to discuss routes to preventing violence against women in politics to prepare a forward-looking agenda in this space. The discussion focused on three key spaces, social movements, legislatures and justice systems. The roundtable explored the role of unequal gender norms in shaping violence against women in politics and routes to
- “Digital technology and the information environment”. Invited to steering meeting at the Royal Society. November 2019.
- Invited participation in workshop organised by the House of Commons and the University of Birmingham “Backsliding on SDG 16? Responding to Shrinking Political and Civic Space Around the World”.
- “Harassment of UK parliamentary Candidates”. Invited presentation. The Representative Audit of Britain. House of Commons, June 2018. Attended by about 50 MPs and members of the House of Lords
- Invited participation in the ICPS Roundtable on ‘The Role of Fake News and Social Media on Elections’ with Judge José Luis Vargas on the 17th of April 2018. International Centre for Parliamentary Studies.
- Guest speaking session on Political Campaigning during our Professional Certificate in Parliamentary Communication. July 2018, International Centre for Parliamentary Studies.

Conference Papers

International

- Co-Authored with W. Rüdiger “Dropping out of politics: The effects of Harassment, Abuse and Intimidation in Political Recruitment in Germany and the UK”. European Political Studies Association annual conference, Prague, June 2022.
- Co-authored with Jennifer Piscopo “Gendered Vulnerabilities: Perceptions of Political Violence among Mexican Politicians” . Workshop on Gender, Institutions and Party Politics: Concepts, Theories, and Future Directions, the European Consortium for Political Research Joint Sessions of Workshops, University of Edinburgh, April 19-22, 2022.
- Co-authored with W. Rüdiger, “Increasing the Cost of Female Representation? Violence towards women in Politics in the UK”, European Consortium of Political Research conference (the biggest European conference in the field). August 2020
- Co-authored with J. Sajuria and W. Rüdiger “Harassment of Candidates in the UK, Germany and Chile”, in American Political Science Association conference (the most important conference in the field), Washington DC. Aug 2019
- “Increasing the Costs? Harassment and Intimidation of UK Female Parliamentary Candidates in the MeToo Era”, in the European Consortium in Gender and Politics (the ECPR Standing Group on Gender and Politics, the most important in the field in Europe), Amsterdam. July 2019
- Co-authored with Sajuria “Media influence in shaping preferences for local candidates”, in the European Consortium of Political Research conference (the biggest European conference in the field). 2018, Hamburg, Germany. Aug 2018
- Co-Authored with J. Sajuria “Who cares about localism?”, in the American Political Science Association conference (the most important conference in the field) 2017, Chicago, Ill, USA. Apr 2017
- “Decentralisation as insurance policy”, in American Political Science Association General Conference, San Francisco, California, USA. Sep 2015.
- “Electoral competition and decentralisation: Can the risk of defeat explain devolution?”, in European Political Science Association General Conference, Vienna, Austria. Jun 2015

- “Can risk of defeat explain devolution?”, in Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, USA. Apr 2015

National

- Co-authored with Manu Savani “Allegations of Sexual Harassment and Candidate viability”, in the annual conference organised by the Elections, Public Opinion and parties standing Group, QMUL, Sept 2021.
- Co-authored with J. Sajuria, W. Rudig “A Comparative perspective on Harassment of Candidates”, in the conference organised by the Elections, Public Opinion and Parties standing group. The most important specialised conference in the field in the UK. Glasgow Scotland, UK. Sep 2019
- Co-authored with Rudig, W. Lamprinakou, C and J. Sajuria “Going Green or Going from the Greens? The decline of Green Party Membership”, in the conference organised by the Elections, Public Opinion and Parties standing group. The most important specialised conference in the field in the UK., Egham, UK. Sep 2018
- Co-authored with W. Rudig “Congruence of preferences of candidates in multilevel elections”, conference organised by the Political Science Association, Cardiff, UK. Apr 2018
- “Effects of decentralisation in the stability of regional party systems”, in the conference organised by the Elections, Public Opinion and Parties standing group. The most important specialised conference in the field in the UK., Canterbury, England, UK. Sep 2016
- “Electoral competition and decentralisation”, in European Political Science Association General Conference, Edinburgh Scotland. Jun 2014

External Engagement/Impact

Blog entries authored by me

- Blog entry “The 2019 election campaign shows that abuse, harassment and intimidation of candidates is getting worse, especially for women”, The Constitution Unit Blog, <https://constitution-unit.com/tag/sofia-collignon-delmar/>
- Blog entry "Women more worried than men about the spread of Coronavirus"
- <https://theconversation.com/women-more-worried-than-men-about-the-spread-of-coronavirus->
- Blog Entry in The Conversation, Dec 2019, “Election 2019: analysis shows increase in women MPs but most are in opposition”. <https://theconversation.com/profiles/sofia-collignon-915388>
- Blog Entry in The Democratic Audit, Jan 2019, “When do central governments decentralise? When it benefits the party in power”. <https://www.democraticaudit.com/2019/01/11/when-do-central-governments-decentralise-when-it-benefits-the-party-in-power/>
- Blog Entry in La Tercera Chile with Javier Sajuria, Jan 2020, “La mala estrategia del amedrentamiento”. <https://www.latercera.com/la-tercera-pm/noticia/la-mala-estrategia-del-amedrentamiento/953491/amp/>
- Blog entry “Harassment and abuse of parliamentary candidates at the 2017 general election: findings from the Representative Audit of Britain”, with Jennifer Hudson. The Constitution Unit Blog, Dec 2017
- Contributor to The Constitution Unit Blog “Constitutional reforms permitting private sector participation in Mexico’s oil production are proving controversial but necessary” May 2014

Media

- Media coverage of co-authored paper with Stephanie Stark in the Atlantic: <https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2021/03/why-democrats-dont-tolerate-sexual-harassers-office/618363/> and BBC Sounds Americast: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p09b187x> March 2021
- The Committee on Standards in Public Life Blog covered my work with Local Government Association on materials for digital citizenship. <https://cspl.blog.gov.uk/2021/05/25/a-model-code-of-conduct-for-local-authorities/>
- Press request from NBCUniversal, November 2020 to talk about the results of the USA presidential election 2020. <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/2020-election/world-hedges-its-bets-america-keeps-counting-its-votes-n1246341>
- Press request from First Draft, Dec 2019, “Misleading claims, edited videos and conspiracy theories acting as a ‘vehicle’ to undermine marginalised voices”. <https://firstdraftnews.org/latest/misleading-claims-edited-videos-and-conspiracy-theories-acting-as-a-vehicle-to-undermine-marginalised-voices>

- Press request from The Guardian. Aug 2018, “Surge in crimes against MPs sparks fears over intimidation and abuse”. <https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2018/oct/23/crimes-mps-uk-online-intimidation-abuse>
- Interview with BBC Three Counties Radio about the public costs of implementing Brexit. Aug 2018
- Interview on Sky News about Harassment and Intimidation of Parliamentary Candidates in the UK. Jun 2018. <https://news.sky.com/story/mps-facing-increased-abuse-from-online-trolls-11408207>
- Interview on Sky News (live TV) about the results of the Mexican General Election 2018, Jul 2018
- Radio interview Oye Ciencia to talk about the role of women in Political Science. Codigo CDMX, Mexico City May 2017
- Participation in radio program to talk about UK and French elections 2017. Extramedia Radio, London UK, Apr 2017

Policy Impact

International government

- Oral evidence presented to the Advisory Committee responsible for examining gender equality issues on *Violence against women in the digital space* for the Parliament of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation, March 2021.
- Keynote speaker “Fake news in politics, political parties and political leadership”, Belgian Senate, November 2020. Transmitted live online.
- Evidence submitted to the Electoral Matters Committee’s Inquiry (Parliament of Victoria, Australia) on the Impact of Social Media on Elections and Electoral Administration. Published on the Parliament of Victoria’s website as a public document. <https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/emc/inquiries/article/4561>. With Ben O’Loughlin. Autumn 2020.
- Evidence submitted to the Office of the Mexican President, Area of Public Opinion, Economic Analysis and Public Policy. “Public evaluation of the performance of the president during his first year in office” October 2019.

UK Government

- Advised the Home Office on Harassment and Intimidation of Local Councillors. 21 June 2021 (Daniel Schlappa, Cabinet Office HMG)
- Evidence to the Local Government Association on the harassment, abuse and intimidation of councillors. August 2020- May 2021.
- Evidence submitted to Parliament on the effect of Covid-19 on BAME population in the UK, Spring 2020. <https://committees.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/8566/pdf/>
- “Digital technology and the information environment”. Invited to steering meeting at the Royal Society. November 2019
- Inappropriate Behaviour: Experiences of Harassment and Intimidation of 2017 Parliamentary Candidates. Evidence from the Representative Audit of Britain (ESRC – ES/M500410/1). Evidence submitted to the Committee on Standards of Public Life in the UK with Jennifer Hudson, Wolfgang Rüdig and Rosie Campbell September 2017
- The cost of participating in politics: Evidence from the Representative Audit of Britain (ESRC – ES/M500410/1) Evidence submitted to the Committee on Standards of Public Life in the UK with Jennifer Hudson, Wolfgang Rüdig and Rosie Campbell. May 2018

Non-Governmental Organisations:

- Participation in meeting on *Addressing Violence against Women in Politics* and commented on their toolkits to tackle VAW-P. OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights. July 2022.
- Updated Councillor’s guide on handling abuse, harassment and intimidation for the Local Government Association, March 2022 (Published in July 2022)
 - final versions of the Guide: <https://www.local.gov.uk/definition-harassment-abuse-and-intimidation>

- The guide also featured on ITV's advice pages: <https://www.itv.com/advice/articles/coronation-street-the-jo-cox-foundation>
- Harry Quilter-Pinner, Parth Patel, Tom O'Grady and Sofia Collignon (2022) Closing the Gap: Parliamentary representation and the working class. IPPR, the Institute for Public Policy Research. April 2022
- Work on Digital Citizenship with the Local Government Association September 2020-May 2021
 - "Bridgebuilders of the Year" award 2022
- Guide to Digital Citizenship for the Local Government Association May 2021
 - <https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/improving-digital-citizenship-practical-guide-councillors>
 - <https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/improving-digital-citizenship-research-and-good-practice>
- Updated Councillor guidelines to deal with harassment and intimidation for the Local Government Association. April 2021
- Digital Citizenship: Support and Resources for Councillors and Local Election Candidates for the Local Government Association <https://www.local.gov.uk/our-support/guidance-and-resources/civility-public-life-resources-councillors/digital-citizenship>
- 7 Steps for Positive Public Campaigns. A collaboration between the Gender Institute and Glitch. The collaboration resulted on guidelines to prevent online harassment in the campaign trail. They are part of the training resources used by Glitch and have been widely distributed among UK, Scotland and Wales MPs, NGOs, candidates and other organisations. Available at <https://glitch4onlinesafety.glitchcharity.co.uk> April 2021
- Evidence to CEDAW People Tribunal. The aim of the People's Tribunal is to incorporate a Women's Bill of Rights into domestic law and following its adoption, the UK agrees to take measures to ensure women's full enjoyment of human rights on an equal basis with men. Oral evidence given in March 2021

Research Contribution outside Home Institution

- Visiting Fellowship invitation guest lecture at ITESO, Mexico. Summer 2019. Unable to take up the offer due to personal family circumstances
- Honorary Research Fellow, University of Strathclyde. 2018 -to date

Administration

- Member of the Academic Board 2021-2024
- Departmental External Engagement lead, contributing to the challenge to foster good and impactful research during the pandemic. This is recognised by the School of Social Sciences and Law as a major administrative role.
 - I organise the Departmental Research Seminar (since 2018). This is a weekly seminar that takes place every Wednesday where academics from other universities in the UK and abroad present and discuss their research. The seminar has been so successful that now I have requests to include people in the waiting list. I would like to highlight that I have paid especial attention to foster diversity among our speakers. Parity in the number of men and women presenters have been ensured every year and I have increased the number of BAME speakers. The seminar is now attended by more than 40 faculty members and students.
 - Supervised external engagement officer
- Departmental Web Champion contributing to the challenge to improve the web presence of the department. In this role, I had updated the department website and engaged in the implementation of social media campaigns to keep students engaged (with Luke Coughlan). This is recognised by the School of Social Sciences and Law as a major administrative role.
- Deputy Director, New Political Communication Unit and Director of the PGT MSc programme in Media, Power and Public Affairs.
- Served as member of departmental hiring committees (NETs 2019/2020 and Teaching Fellow in Quantitative Politics, summer 2019) and two interdepartmental hiring committee for Economics (Lecturer in Economics (Fixed Term) 0920-207).

Memberships, Affiliations, Other Appointments

- Member of the specialist group for the study of Elections, Public Opinion and Party (Political Science Association)

- Member of the American Political Science Association
- Member of the Study of Parliament Group
- Member of the Women and Politics specialist group (Political Science Association)
- Member of the Standing Group Gender and Politics (European Consortium of Political Research)
- Communication officer specialised group on Local Politics, PSA, 2021