

CV - Phil Swatton

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Research Interests

Data Science, Measurement, Survey Analysis, Ideal Point Estimation, Small Area Estimation, Public Opinion, Political Parties, Comparative Politics

Education

2019 - Pres	PhD Government in the Department of Government, University of Essex. Thesis titled <i>Three Essays on the Measurement of Political Ideology</i> . Due to submit end of September
2018 - 2019	MSc (Distinction) Political Science at the University of Essex
2015 - 2018	BA (1st Class Hons) International Relations and Politics at Keele University

Teaching Experience

2022	Teaching Assistant: in the Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis for course: Advanced Machine Learning For Social Scientists
2022	Teaching Assistant: in the Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis for course: Machine Learning for Social Scientists
2022	Instructor in the Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis for course: Introduction to R
2021-2022	Occasional Lecturer in the Department of English, History, and Politics at the University of Suffolk for module Political Argumentation and Persuasion
2021-2022	Senior Postgraduate Teaching Assistant in the Department of Political Science at UCL for module Measurement in Data Science
2021	Teaching Assistant in the Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis for general R and Stata support for the second session
2021	Instructor in the Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis for course: Introduction to R
2021	Teaching Assistant in the Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis for course: Webscraping and Data Management in R
2021	Teaching Assistant in the Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis for course: Introduction to R
2021	Senior Postgraduate Teaching Assistant in the Department of Political Science at UCL for module Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods
2020-2021	Senior Postgraduate Teaching Assistant in the Department of Political Science at UCL for module Principles of Social Science Research
2020	Teaching Assistant in the Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis for course: Webscraping and Data Management in R

Research Experience

2022 - Pres	Data Scientist at the Alan Turing Institute
2021 - 2022	Research Assistant in the Department of Government at the University of Essex assisting Roi Zur
2021	Research Assitant in the Department of Government at the University of Essex assisting Royce Carroll
2020 - 2021	Research Assistant in the Department of Government at the University of Essex assisting Filip Kostelka

Research Projects

Working Papers

- 1 | Correcting Acquiescence Bias in the Case of Fully Unbalanced Scales with Application to UK Measurements of Political Beliefs
- 2 | Collected Notes on Aldrich-McKelvey Scaling
- 3 | Age Isn't Just a Number: A Comparative Age-Period-Cohort Analysis of Political Beliefs in Western Europe
- 4 | The Effect of Vocational Education on Political Behaviour in the Case of Germany *with Sarah Wagner (University of Essex)*
- 5 | A Simulated Counterfactual Analysis of Labour's Brexit Position in the 2019 General Election

Works in Progress

- 6 | Mind the Comparability Gap: The British Electorate is Less Left-Wing and Authoritarian than You Think
- 7 | Ideology and Attitudes In The 2020 Presidential Election: Exploring Patterns From Survey Data *with Royce Carroll (University of Essex)*
- 8 | Ideological and Issue Representation in the UK *with Royce Carroll (University of Essex)*
- 9 | How Parties Die? Political Parties Change and Mortality in Western Democracies *with Anam Kuraishi (University of Essex) and Roi Zur (University of Essex)*
- 10 | Participation and Inequality in the U.S. States, *with Filip Kostelka (European University Institute) and Lorenzo Crippa (University of Essex)*

Conferences

2022	Coauthor due to present at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference
2022	Presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Conference
2021	Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference
2021	Coauthor presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference
2021	Co-author presented at the Royal Statistical Society Annual Conference
2021	Presented at the European Political Science Association Annual Conference
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2021	Co-author presented at the Political Science Association Annual Conference
2020	Accepted to present at the European Political Science Association Annual Conference, presentation cancelled due to COVID-19

Software

Statistics	R, Stata
Front-end	HTML, CSS, SCSS, JavaScript, Jekyll
Markup	Markdown, R Markdown, LaTeX
Version Control	Git, Github
Survey Design	Qualtrics

Courses

2021	Quantitative Text Analysis at the Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis
2020	Multilevel Models: Practical Applications at the Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis

Awards

2019	University of Essex Social Sciences Doctoral Scholarship
2018	University of Essex Masters Excellence Scholarship
2018	Owen Powell Student Prize

Professional Service

2020 - Pres	Co-Organizer POPE (Public Opinion, Parties, and Elections) Reading Group, Department of Government, University of Essex
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Further Work Experience

2017 - 2018	Employed Intern in the Office of Gareth Snell MP
2017	Mobilisation Assistant for the Labour Party
2016 - 2017	Resident Support Assistant for Keele Univesrity