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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Harvard Business School

Assistant Professor, Business, Government & the International Economy

2023-

Harvard University, Society of Fellows

Junior Fellow

2020-2023

Stanford University, Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law

Predoctoral Research Fellow

2018-2020

Fellow, **Stanford Program on Democracy and the Internet**

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley, Department of Political Science

Ph.D., Political Science

May 2020

Dissertation: Estimating Extremism: New Measures of Extreme Party Preferences and Issue Positions

Winner of the Ernst B. Haas Award for the best dissertation on European Politics, APSA 2021

M.A., Political Science (with Distinction)

2016

Cornell University, College of Arts and Sciences

B.A., Government, History, Law & Society (Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa)

2014

REFEREED ARTICLES

Katerina Linos, Melissa Carlson, **Laura Jakli**, Nadia Dalma, Isabelle Cohen, Afroditi Veloudaki, and Stavros Nikiforos Spyrellis. 2021. "How Do Disadvantaged Groups Seek Information about Public Services? A Randomized Controlled Trial of Communication Technologies" *Public Administration Review*, doi: 10.1111/puar.13437.

Katerina Linos, **Laura Jakli**, and Melissa Carlson. 2021. "Fundraising for Stigmatized Groups: A Text Message Donation Experiment." *American Political Science Review*, 115(1): 14-30.

Laura Jakli and Matthew Stenberg. 2021. "Everyday Illiberalism: How Hungarian Subnational Politics Propel Single-Party Dominance" *Governance*, 34(2): 315-334.

Melissa Carlson, **Laura Jakli**, and Katerina Linos. 2018. "Rumors and Refugees: How Government-Created Information Vacuums Undermine Effective Crisis Management." *International Studies Quarterly*, 62(3): 671-685.
Winner of APSA's 2019 European Politics & Society Best Article Award

Laura Jakli, M. Steven Fish, and Jason Wittenberg. 2018. "A Decade of Democratic Decline and Stagnation." in Christian Haerpfer, Patrick Bernhagen, Ronald Inglehart, and Christian Welzel, *Democratization* (2nd edition). Oxford University Press, 267-282.

Melissa Carlson, **Laura Jakli**, and Katerina Linos. 2017. "Refugees Misdirected: How Information, Misinformation and Rumors Shape Refugees' Access to Fundamental Rights." *Virginia Journal of International Law*, 57(3): 539-574.

ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

Laura Jakli. "Political Apathy as Autocratization Strategy: Evidence from Hungary"

WORKING PAPERS

Laura Jakli. "Contingent Extremism: How Perceptions of Party Popularity Activate Far Right Support"

Laura Jakli and Paul Gill. "Measuring Polarization, Moderation, and Destigmatization in Social Media Discourse"

Laura Jakli. "Far Right Campaign Strategies in Online Political Ads"

Laura Jakli. "Algorithmic Bias in Online Political Ad Targeting"

Matthew Stenberg, **Laura Jakli**, and Spencer McCall. “Copy and Paste Illiberalism? Party Learning and Far Right Vote Co-optation in Poland and Hungary”

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Kofi Annan Commission on Elections and Democracy in the Digital Age. 2020. “Protecting Electoral Integrity in the Digital Age.” (find the report [here](#)).

D-Lab Berkeley (in collaboration with the Anti-Defamation League). 2018. “Scalable Detection of Online Hate Speech: Identifying Contemporary Online Hate Speech using Machine Learning Algorithms.” (find the project brief [here](#)).

MEDIA

“Online Extremism and Political Advertising: A Visual Interview.” *U.C. Berkeley Social Science Matrix*. January 19, 2022. Find the interview [here](#).

“To get people the help they need from the government, postcards may be the answer.” *The Conversation*. December 20, 2021 (with Katerina Linos and Melissa Carlson). Find the article [here](#).

“What happens to fundraising when the neediest are also the most stigmatized.” *APSR Authors Blog*. March 15, 2021 (with Katerina Linos and Melissa Carlson). Find the article [here](#).

“To maximize donations, emphasize needs, not rights.” *OpenGlobalRights*. January 28, 2021 (with Katerina Linos and Melissa Carlson). Find the article [here](#).

Kunumi Lab [podcast interview]. “Digital Echo Chambers.” September 18, 2020. Find the audio [here](#).

KQED/NPR Morning Edition [radio interview]. “How Social Media Echo Chambers Drown Out the Voices in the Middle.” November 6, 2018. Find the interview transcript [here](#).

“Follow the Echo Chamber: Measuring Political Attitude Change and Media Effects on Twitter.” *EU VOX-Pol*. October 10, 2018 (with Paul Gill). Find the article [here](#).

“Anti-immigrant forces won a victory at the E.U. This is how immigrants will respond.” *Washington Post (Monkey Cage)*. August 14, 2018 (with Melissa Carlson and Katerina Linos). Find the article [here](#).

“Hungary and Slovakia challenged Europe’s refugee scheme. They just lost badly.” *Washington Post (Monkey Cage)*. September 8, 2017 (with Katerina Linos and Melissa Carlson). Find the article [here](#).

VICE News. “The Awkward Links Between a Trump Aide and Hungarian Nazis.” April 6, 2017. Find the article [here](#).

INVITED TALKS

“Contingent Extremism: How Perceptions of Party Popularity Activate Far Right Support.” WZB Berlin Transformations of Democracy Seminar Series. March 10, 2022.

“Far Right Campaign Strategies in Online Political Ads.” Wharton Business School, Legal Studies and Business Ethics Seminar Series. October 21, 2021.

“Contingent Extremism: How Perceptions of Party Popularity Activate Far Right Support.” European Politics Online Workshop (EuroPOW). October 5, 2021.

“European Elections and Party Advertisements in the Digital Age.” Stanford CDDRL. May 21, 2020.

“Contingent Extremism.” Stanford CDDRL. September 26, 2019.

“Follow the Echo Chamber: Evidence of Partisan Sorting on Twitter” Stanford PDI. May 7, 2019 & Stanford CDDRL. November 1, 2018.

“Digital Methods and Data Visualization.” University of San Francisco. October 18, 2018.

“Measuring Ethnic Prejudice via Text Message Donations.” University College London, Department of Political Science. December 13, 2017.

“Shameful Preferences and the Far Right in Europe.” Stanford CDDRL. April 13, 2017.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)

Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022)
Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (2022)
Annual Meeting of the Council For European Studies (2016)
Migration and Security Symposium, Laval University, March 25-26, 2019
Borders, Borderlands, and Migration Conference, UC Berkeley, September 10-11, 2018
XII Annual Convention of the Austrian Centers, University of Alberta, September 1-4, 2018
Modelling Divergence(s) and Convergence(s) of the EU in the World Roundtable, The City Law School, City, University of London, November 24, 2017
International Migration and Refugee Law Workshop, UC Berkeley School of Law, August 30-31, 2017
Beyond Dichotomies: Rethinking the Liberal Agenda Conference, Central European University, March 28-29, 2017

SELECT AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

William F. Milton Fund Grant Recipient, 2021 (\$50,000)
APSA Ernst B. Haas Award for the best dissertation on European Politics, 2021
APSA Best Article Award for 2018 (European Politics section), 2019
Stanford Program on Democracy and the Internet Research Grant, 2019 (\$5,000)
EU VOX-Pol Research Exchange Grant, 2018 (\$12,000)
The George Breslauer and Yvette Assia Breslauer Endowed Graduate Fellowship in Political Science, 2016-2018 (\$15,000)
U.C. Berkeley Masters in Political Science with Distinction, 2016
Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, 2014 (\$32,500)

TEACHING

PS 3: Introduction to Empirical Methods and Quantitative Analysis (2015, 2016, 2017)
PS 141C: Politics and Government in Eastern Europe (2017)
PS 171: California Politics (2015, 2016)
Awarded the U.C. Berkeley Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award (2015-2016)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Editorial board: *Journal of Online Trust and Safety*

Referee service: *American Journal of Political Science, International Organization, Political Behavior, European Journal of Political Research, Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media, Review of International Political Economy, Cambridge Review of International Affairs, St Antony's International Review*

Affiliations: Berkeley Social Science Data Laboratory (D-Lab), Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies, Berkeley Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Berkeley Center for Right-Wing Studies, Stanford Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law, Stanford Cyber Policy Center, Kofi Annan Commission on Elections and Democracy in the Digital Age, American Political Science Association, International Studies Association

LANGUAGES

Hungarian (Native); English (Native); French (Basic Fluency)

STATISTICAL AND PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

R, Python, SQL, Stata, ArcGIS