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Academic Positions

London School of Economics and Political Science, 2023 - present
  Associate Professor in European Politics (2025-present)
  Assistant Professor in European Politics (2023-2025)

University of Southern California, 2020 - 2022
  Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Relations

Education

MA/PhD in Political Science, **Washington University in St. Louis**, 2014 - 2020
  Fields: Behavior; Comparative Politics, Political Methodology
  Committee: Daniel Butler (co-chair), Margit Tavits (co-chair), Matthew Gabel, Michael Bechtel

MA in Political Science, Institute of Social Sciences, **University of Lisbon**, 2009 - 2011

BA in Economics, **University of Porto**, 2005 - 2009

Research Interests

Elite Behavior; Representation; Policy-Making; Experimental Research; Quantitative Methods

Articles

Giger, Nathalie, and **Miguel M. Pereira**. Forth. "Invitation Letters Improve Response Rates in Elites Surveys: Causal Evidence From Germany and the United Kingdom." *Journal of Experimental Political Science*.

Costa, Mia, and **Miguel M. Pereira**. 2026. "Why Parties Can Benefit From Promoting Occupational Diversity in Legislatures: Experimental Evidence From Three Countries." *American Journal of Political Science* 70(1): 304-320.

Lucas, Jack, Lior Sheffer, Peter John Loewen, Stefaan Walgrave, Karolin Soontjens, Eran Amsalem, Stefanie Bailer, Nathalie Brack, Christian Breunig, Pirmin Bundi, Linda Coufalová, Patrick Dumont, Nathalie Giger, Sarah Lachance, Miguel M. Pereira, Mikael Persson, Jean-Benoit Pilet, Anne Rasmussen, Maj-Britt Sterba, Frédéric Varone. Forth."Politicians' Theories of Voting Behavior." *American Political Science Review*

Pereira, Miguel M., **Nathalie Giger**, **Maria D. Perez**, and **Kaya Axelsson**. 2025. "Encouraging Politicians to Act on Climate. A Field Experiment with Local Officials in Six Countries." *American Journal of Political Science* 69(1): 148-163.

Magalhães, Pedro, and **Miguel M. Pereira**. 2024. "Women Running for Office Are Less Risk Averse Than Men. Evidence From Portugal." *Journal of Politics* 86(3): 1093-1097.

Homola, Jonathan, Miguel M. Pereira, and **Margit Tavits**. 2024. "Fixed Effects and Post-Treatment Bias in Legacy Studies." *American Political Science Review* 118(1):537-544.

Pereira, Miguel M., and **Patrik Öhberg**. 2024. "The Expertise Paradox: How Policy Expertise Can Hinder Responsiveness." *British Journal of Political Science* 54(2): 474-491.

Pereira, Miguel M., **Susan Coroado**, **Luís de Sousa**, and **Pedro C. Magalhães**. 2023. "Politicians Support (and Voters Reward) Intra-Party Reforms to Promote Transparency." *Party Politics*.

Pereira, Miguel M., and **Pablo Fernandez-Vazquez**. 2023."Does Electing Women Reduce Corruption? A Regression Discontinuity Approach." *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. 48(4): 731–763.
    Jewell-Loewenberg Prize, APSA 2024 // Marian Irish Award, SPSA 2017

Magalhães, Pedro, **Jon Skiple**, **Miguel M. Pereira**, **Sveinung Arnesen**, and **Henrik Bentsen**. 2023. "Beyond the Myth of Legality? Framing Effects and Public Reactions to High Court Decisions in Europe." *Comparative Political Studies* 56(10): 1537–1566.

Brierley, Sarah, and **Miguel M. Pereira**. 2023. "Women Bureaucrats and Petty Corruption. Experimental Evidence From Ghana" *Research & Politics* 10(1): 1–7.

Pereira, Miguel M. 2022. "How do Public Officials Learn About Policy? A Field Experiment on Policy Diffusion." *British Journal of Political Science* 52(3): 1428-1435.

Pereira, Miguel M. 2021. "Understanding and Reducing Biases in Elite Beliefs About the Electorate." *American Political Science Review* 115(4): 1308-1324.
    Richard E. Matland Award, MPSA 2019

Pereira, Miguel M. 2020. "Responsive Campaigning: Evidence from European Parties." *Journal of Politics* 82(4): 1183-1195.

Homola, Jonathan, Miguel M. Pereira, and **Margit Tavits**. 2020. "Legacies of the Third Reich: Concentration Camps and Outgroup Tolerance." *American Political Science Review* 114(2): 573-590.
    SAGE best paper award, APSA 2018

Pereira, Miguel M., and **Nick Waterbury**. 2019. "Do Voters Discount Political Scandals Over Time?" *Political Research Quarterly* 72(3): 584-593.

Pereira, Miguel M. 2019. "Do Parties Respond Strategically to Opinion Polls? Evidence from Campaign Statements." *Electoral Studies* 59: 78-86.

Butler, Daniel M., and **Miguel M. Pereira**. 2018. "How does Partisanship Influence Policy Diffusion?" *Political Research Quarterly* 71(4): 801-812.

Butler, Daniel M., and **Miguel M. Pereira**. 2018. "Are Donations to Charity an Effective Incentive for Public Officials?" *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 5(1): 68-70.

Gibson, James L., **Miguel M. Pereira**, and **Jeffrey Ziegler**. 2017. "Updating Supreme Court Legitimacy: Testing the 'Rule, Learn, Update' Model of Political Communication." *American Politics Research* 45(6): 980-1002.

Fernandes, Jorge, **Miguel M. Pereira**, and **Carolina Plescia**. 2016. "Strategic Voting in Local Elections: Evidence from Portugal (1979-2013)." *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties* 26(3), 313-335.

Magalhães, Pedro, **Luís Aguiar-Conraria**, and **Miguel M. Pereira**. 2011. "Sondagens e resultados eleitorais" [Polls and electoral results], *Boletim da Sociedade Portuguesa de Estatística* Spring: 37-52.

Book Chapters

Butler, Daniel M., and **Miguel M. Pereira**. 2025. "Innovations in the Study of Elite Behavior: The Role of Information in Representation and Decision-Making." In Ethan C. Busby, Christopher F. Karpowitz, and Cara J. Wong (eds.) *Handbook of Innovations in Political Psychology*, Edward Elgar.

Ongoing Research

Pereira, Miguel M., **Martin Baekgaard**, **Nathalie Giger**, and **Lior Sheffer**. "Politicians and Evidence: Experimental Results from 3,500 Local Officials."

Lawall, Katharina, **Omar Hammoud-Gallego** and **Miguel M. Pereira**. "Women Politicians' Networks Reduce Gender Gap in Political Ambition: A Randomized Field Experiment."

Duarte, Mariana C., **Jorge M. Fernandes**, and **Miguel M. Pereira**. "The Effects of Participatory Democracy on Political Attitudes: Causal Evidence from Citizen Assemblies."

Hager, Anselm, and **Miguel M. Pereira**. "Hamas' Attack on Israel Shifted International Public Opinion Against Palestinians."

Grants and Awards

Jewell-Loewenberg Award for best article in *Legislative Studies Quarterly* in 2023
American Political Science Association, Legislative Studies Section. June 2024.

"The Effects of Training Politicians on Evidence-Informed Policymaking"
(£ 20,000 ≈ $ 26,170) *LSE Research and Impact Support Fund*. April 2023.

"Ethics and Integrity in Politics: Perceptions, Control, and Impact"
(with Luís de Sousa (PI), Susana Coroado, and Edalina Sanches)
(€ 100,000 ≈ $ 112,000) *Francisco Manuel dos Santos Foundation*. July 2019.

"Into the 'Secret Garden' of Portuguese Politics: Parliamentary Candidate Selection in Portugal, 1976-2015." (with Carlos Jalali (co-PI), Jorge Fernandes (co-PI), Marco Lisi and Edalina Sanches)
(€ 220,000 ≈ $ 248,000) *Foundation for Science and Technology, Portugal*. June 2018.

"The Nature of Elite Beliefs: How Representatives Build their Image of the Electorate"
    – Supported by the Alma Ostrom and Leah Hopkins Awan Civic Engagement Fund
    ($ 1,950) *APSA Centennial Center*. February 2019.
    – Supported by Graduate Research Seed Grant 2018
    ($ 2,000) *Washington University in St. Louis*. April 2018.
    – Richard E. Matland Award (best paper by emerging scholar in representation, elections, or voting)
    ($ 250) *MPSA*. February 2019.

Best Paper Award at 2018 Lisbon Meeting on Economics and Political Science
(€ 750 ≈ $ 848) *Bank of Portugal*. November 2018.

Marian Irish Award for Best Paper on Women and Politics
($ 500) *Southern Political Science Association*. October 2017

Fulbright Foreign Student Fellowship 2014-19
($ 7,150) *Portuguese Fulbright Commission*. May 2014.

Luso-Brazilian Scholarship for Exchange Students 2008-09
(€ 2,300 ≈ $ 2,598) *Santander Bank*. July 2008.

Software

`BaM`
The `BaM` package in `R` provides functions and datasets for Jeff Gill's "Bayesian Methods: A Social and Behavioral Sciences Approach", 1st-3rd edition. (co-author)

Fieldwork

Germany (2019)
Archival research and analysis of restricted-access data from ALLBUS.

Sweden (2018)
Archival research and analysis of restricted-access data from Riksdag survey.

United States (2015)
Lab-in-the-field study with local officials at the National League of Cities, Nashville, TN.
Lab-in-the-field study with legislators at the National Conference of State Legislatures, Seattle, WA.

Mozambique (2012)
Survey implementation in KaTembe for environmental impact study.

Additional Training

Primer in Experiments, Kevin Arcenaux, University of Lisbon (2019)
Text as Data, Justin Grimmer, Washington University in St. Louis (2017)
Introduction to Python, Jacob Montgomery, Washington University in St. Louis (2015)
V Summer School - Advanced Methods for Data Analysis, University of Lisbon (2013)
Regressions with Instrumental Variables, Michael Lewis-Beck, University of Lisbon (2010)

Invited Presentations/Workshops

2025: King's College

2024: Humboldt University; University of Essex; Strathclyde University; Universidad Carlos III; Vanderbildt; European University Institute (EUI); University College London
2023: Hebrew University; Tel Aviv University; University of Basel; LSE Political Behaviour Seminar
2022: Trinity College Dublin; WZB Berlin Social Science Center
2021: Université de Montréal, Canada Research Chair in Electoral Democracy; University of Southern California, Political Institutions and Political Economy (PIPE) Workshop; Université Libre de Bruxelles
2019: ISCTE - University Institute of Lisbon; University of Lisbon, Faculty of Sciences
2018: University of Gothenburg

Conference Participation

European Political Science Association Conference, 2021-2025.
Comparative Research on Political Elites, Hertie School, 2019.
Gothenburg-Barcelona-Bergen Workshop on Experimental Political Science, 2019.
ECPR Joint Sessions, 2019.
Lisbon Meeting on Economics and Political Science, 2018, 2022.
Saint Louis Area Methods Meeting, 2018.
BUILD Conference: Building Data Science, 2018.
Harvard Experimental Political Science Graduate Student Conference, 2018.
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2017-2025.
NYU Annual Experimental Political Science Conference, New York, 2017, 2021.
Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2017.
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2022.

Teaching

Undergraduate Level

European Politics (USC)
Comparative Political Institutions (USC)
Research Methods on Corruption and Corruption Control (short course)

Graduate Level (MA/PhD)

Political Elites, Leadership, and Decision-Making (LSE)
Analytical Politics and Policymaking in Europe (LSE)
European Integration from a Global Governance Perspective (LSE)
Experimental Political Science (USC)

Professional Service

Referee: *American Journal of Political Science, American Politics Research, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Communications: Earth & Environment, European Economic Review, European Journal of Politics and Gender, European Political Science Research, International Political Science Review, International Review of Administrative Sciences, German Science Foundation, Governance, Government and Opposition, Journal of Electoral Studies, Journal of Empirical Legal Studies, Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Journal of Politics, Journal of Public Policy, LSE Helenic Observatory, npj Climate Action, Party Politics, Perspectives on Politics, Political Behavior, Political Communication, Political Psychology, Political Research Quarterly, SAGE Open, South European Society and Politics, Swiss Political Science Review, West European Politics.*

Discussant: APSA 2019-2024; MPSA 2019, 2022; EPSA 2022-2024; ECPR Joint Sessions 2019.

Chair: APSA 2019, 2020, 2024; EPSA 2022; MPSA 2021, 2022

Co-organizer: PEEP - Political Economy of Europe APSA Pre-Conference; Annual Mini-Conference "Political Institutions and Elite Behavior: Experimental Approaches"

Chair for the European Politics section, Midwest Political Science Association (2023)

Chair for the Electoral and Voting Behavior section, European Political Science Association (2025)

Dissertation advising

Samuel Bonilla Bogaert (USC, Committee member, start PhD 2018)
Michelle Serralva Macedo (UA/UBI, Committee member, start PhD 2020)

University Service

Co-Chair, Europe@LSE seminar (LSE, 2024-25)
Research Committee Member (LSE, 2023-25)
Co-organizer of Cumberland Lodge EI Workshop (LSE, 2023)
Member of Political Institutions search committee (USC, 2021)
Reviewer for Zumberge Individual Grant Program (USC, 2021)
Coordinator, Comparative Politics Annual Conference (WashU, 2018)
Assistant Coordinator to Political Science Speaker Series (WashU, 2016-2018)
Coordinator, New Student Recruitment Weekend (WashU, 2017)

Professional Experience

Open Government Partnership (2019-2020)

National Researcher for the Independent Reporting Mechanism.

University of Lisbon (2013-2014)

Research Assistant for POPSTAR: Public Opinion and Sentiment Tracking, Analysis and Research.

NEMUS: Environmental Consulting (2011-2013)

Socioeconomic consultant.

University of Porto Newspaper (2006-2008)

Director and Chief Editor.

Other Skills

Languages: Portuguese (native language), English (fluent), French (intermediate), Spanish (reading).
Softwares: R, Python, MPlus, JAGS/BUGS, Stata, LaTeX, Qualtrics.

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