

**Donor Report**

# PhD Summer Research Grants 2020-2021

## The PhD Summer Research Grants at a Glance

Our summer research grants programme aims to encourage innovative research on the United States and to support students pursuing postgraduate research on topics related to the Centre's overall mission of promoting internationally-oriented scholarship on America's changing role in the world.

In 2020-21, the Centre offered the grant to six students from six different departments at LSE. This demonstrates the diversity among our grant recipients and the growing reach of this student initiative.

Our summer research grants have allowed students to develop and expand their work. One of our PhD Grant Recipients, Nilesh Raut, was able to develop his research into a discussion paper which has been published [here](#).



**Denise Baron**

### *Department of Methodology*

In my group or not? The influence of candidates' demographic attributes and group orientations on shaping voters' perceptions



**Julia Leschke**

### *Department of Government*

Measuring Populism in Multi-Lingual Political Texts Using Hand-Coding and Machine Learning



**Nilesh Raut**

### *Department of Health Policy*

Caregiving, Insurance, and Housing: The Economics of Ageing in the United States



**Tommaso Crescioli**

### *European Institute*

Antitrust Enforcement Patterns Across American Authorities



**Agnes Yu**

### *Department of International Relations*

Short-Circuiting Protest Deterrence: Repression, Fear Alignment and Social Networks



**Dallas O'Dell**

### *Department of Psychological and Behavioural Science*

From the individual to the system and back again: bridging the gap between deconsumption and degrowth for a sustainable path forward

## Feedback from our PhD Grant Recipients

Feedback from our PhD Grant Recipients helps us improve the programme and the experiences of our future PhD grant recipients, especially in unprecedented global situations, such as the COVID-19 pandemic. Their [research reports](#) published on our website give an insight into how they used the funding.

Denise Baron, Department of Methodology

*"Without this programme, I wouldn't have been able to afford a US study for my paper on the demographic and social psychological facts which shape our perceptions of political candidates."*

Dallas O'Dell, Department of Psychological and Behavioural Science

*"The amount of funding is pretty significant compared to other opportunities, so it has allowed me to finally not worry so much about budgeting, and instead I am able to think about how to produce the best research."*

Julia Leschke, Department of Government

*"I have benefited immensely from the Summer Research programme as it enabled me to continue and finish my data collection for my PhD project. Without the Summer Research Grant I could not have gathered as many insightful and richly annotated text data on populism."*

Tommaso Crescioli, one of our PhD Grant Recipients, has shared how this grant allowed him to share his research outside LSE in American academic spaces:

*"The grant has allowed me to participate to the CEMFI antitrust summer school, which was taught by the leading Yale Academic Prof. Ederer. This summer school was an excellent forum to discuss my paper with Prof. Ederer and to remain update with recent development in the academic literature. Nevertheless, this grant will have also many other future benefits. Specifically, it will allow me to discuss my research in American conferences, whose travelling expenditure would be prohibitive without the grant."*