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Areas of Specialisation

Constitutional and territorial politics; Devolution; Federalism; Intergovernmental relations; Nationalism; Conflict resolution; British and Scottish politics; Spanish and Catalan politics

Employment

Senior Lecturer in International Relations and Politics

Liverpool John Moores University
December 2021- Current

Lecturer in Politics and International Relations

Canterbury Christ Church University
February 2019- November 2021

Sessional Lecturer in Politics and International Relations

Canterbury Christ Church University
2016-2019

Qualifications

PhD in Politics and International Relations

Canterbury Christ Church University
2015-2019

Title: 'Territorial Politics in Flux: Autonomy and Secession in the United Kingdom and Spain'

Supervisors: Dr Soeren Keil and Prof. David Bates.

Examiners: Prof. Wilfried Swenden and Dr Sarah Lieberman.

Undergraduate Certificate in Higher Education (UCAP)

Canterbury Christ Church University
2016-2017

Masters in Current Democracies: Nationalism, Federalism and Multiculturalism

Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona
2013-2014

MA in Politics and Spanish

University of Glasgow
2006-2011

Teaching Experience

Liverpool John Moores University 2021-

Module Lead:

Level 4: Being Politically Engaged

Level 4: Comparative Politics

Level 4: Researching International Relations and Politics

Level 5: British Politics: Continuity, Change, Crisis

Level 5: Research Paper in Politics and International Relations

Level 6: Comparative Nationalism, Secessionism and the Politics of Territory

Level 6: Research Project (Dissertation) in International Relations/Politics

Other Taught Modules:

Level 7: Research Methods in International Relations and Politics

Canterbury Christ Church University 2016-2021**Module Lead:**

Level 4: British Politics in Context

Level 5: British Politics: Continuity and Change

Level 5: Political Research

Level 5: Federalism, Conflict Resolution and Good Governance

Level 6: Parliamentary Studies

Level 7: Research Methods

Other Taught Modules:

Level 0: Academic Skills

Level 4: Contemporary Global Politics

Level 5: Comparative Politics: States and Regimes

Level 5: Public Law

Level 7: Advanced Research Methodology

Level 7: Advanced Research in Politics and IR

Level 7: Critical Issues in Politics and IR

Postgraduate Supervision

Jo Rothery (MSc by Research) “‘Left Behind, Looking Forward’: The 2019 General Election, the Red Wall and the Labour Party’ (Canterbury Christ Church University, Completed/Awarded September 2021). Role: Lead Supervisor.

Beti-Elen Thomas (2022-onwards) ‘The Politics of Identity and Black Lives Matter in Contemporary Wales’. Role: Lead Supervisor.

Publications

Articles

2023: ‘State making or state breaking? COVID, crisis and the constitution in Belgium, Spain and the UK’ *Nations and Nationalism*, early view: <https://doi.org/10.1111/nana.12983> (with C. Brown Swan, C. Ferreira and J. Sijstermans).

2023. ‘Multilevel governance and political leadership: crisis communication in Germany, Italy, and the United Kingdom during the COVID-19 pandemic’, *Journal of European Public Policy*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/13501763.2023.2199784> (with J. Schnabel and F. de Francesco).

2020. ‘Decentralisation at a Crossroads: Spain, Catalonia and the Territorial Crisis’, *Ethnopolitics*, 19:4, pp. 342-355.

2019. 'Independence 2.0: Digital activism, social media and the Catalan independence movement', *Catalan Journal of Communication & Cultural Studies*, 11:2, pp. 191-207.
2018. 'Canada at 150: The View from Quebec', *The Roundtable*, 107:4, pp. 539-542.
2016. 'The 2016 Scottish Parliament Elections: A Nationalist Minority, A Conservative Comeback and a Labour Collapse', *Regional and Federal Studies*, 26: 4, pp. 555-568.
2016. 'Minority Nationalism and the European Union', *L'Europe en Formation*, 379, pp. 40-58 (with S. Keil).

Book Chapters

2022. 'Spain and the United Kingdom – Between Unitary State Tradition and Federalisation' in S. Keil and S. Kropp (ed.) *Emerging Federal Structures in the Post-Cold War Era*, Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 49-72.
2022. 'Plurinationalism, Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations in the United Kingdom' in Y Fessha, K. Kössler and F. Palermo (ed.) *Intergovernmental Relations in Divided Societies*, Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 91-112.
2022. 'The Covid-19 Pandemic in the United Kingdom: A Tale of Convergence and Divergence' in N. Steytler (ed.) *Comparative Federalism and Covid-19: Combating the Pandemic*. Routledge, pp. 143-159.
2021. 'A Consociational Compromise? Constitutional Evolution in Spain and Catalonia' in S. Keil and A. McCulloch (ed.) *Power-sharing in Europe: Past Practice, Present Cases and Future Directions*. Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 201-255.
2021. 'Territorial Autonomy, Ethnic Conflict and Secession: Between a Rock and a Hard Place?' in I. Lago (ed.) *Handbook on Devolution, Decentralization and the State*. Edward Elgar, pp. 236-254 (with S. Keil).
2021. 'Scotland, the UK and Brexit – at a Constitutional Crossroads' in A. Eppler, C. Jeffery and S. Lutgenau (ed.) *Qualified Autonomy and Federalism versus Secession in EU Member States*. Studienverlag, pp. 31-38 (with S. Keil).
2021. 'Bosnia and Herzegovina: Constitutional Politics in a 'State of Minorities'' in A. Lecours, N. Brassard-Dion and G. Laforest (ed.) *Constitutional Politics in Multinational Democracies*. Montreal: McGill-Queens University Press, pp. 162-187 (with S. Keil).
2018. 'Decentralisation as a tool for conflict resolution' in K. Detterbeck and E. Hepburn (ed.) *Handbook of Territorial Politics*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, pp. 89-106 (with S. Keil).

Book Reviews

2017. 'Review of E. Belser, A. Fang-Bar, N. Massuger and R. Pillai. "States Falling Apart? Secessionist and autonomy movements in Europe"'. *Regional and Federal Studies*, 27:1, pp. 99-101 (with S. Keil).
2016. 'Review of R. Gillespie and C. Gray: "Contesting Spain? The dynamics of nationalist movements in Catalonia and the Basque Country"'. *Publius*, 46: 3, pp.
2016. 'Review of K. Cramer: "Goodbye Spain? The Question of Independence for Catalonia"'. *Political Studies Review*, May 14, pp. 293-294.
2016. 'Review of I. McLean, J. Gallagher and G. Lodge "Scotland's Choices: The Referendum and What Happens Afterwards"'. *Political Studies Review*, February 14, pp. 116.

Op-ed Articles

2023. ‘The UK’s intergovernmental relations remain a work in progress’, *LSE British Politics and Policy blog* (With J. Schnabel).
2022. ‘Review of Intergovernmental Relations: The new interministerial structures are a step in the right direction’, *LSE British Politics and Policy blog* (With J. Schnabel).
2019. ‘The Sturgeon Strategy: What is it and will it work?’, *Dahrendorf Forum*.
2017. ‘Is Secessionism in Vogue? Comparing the Catalan and Scottish Cases. *Dahrendorf Forum*.
2017. ‘Catalonia’s Independence Referendum: The stage is set for yet another political and legal battle’, *EUROPP blog, London School of Economics*.
2017. ‘INDYREF2: A bold but unsurprising move from Nicola Sturgeon’, *EUROPP blog, London School of Economics*.
2017. ‘Scotland, Brexit and Spain: A special deal for Scotland is unlikely’, *EUROPP blog, London School of Economics*.
2016. ‘Brexit and Spain: Would the Spanish government really block Scotland’s membership to the EU? *EUROPP blog, London School of Economics*.

Other Academic Pieces

2020. ‘Scotland, the UK and Brexit – at a Constitutional Crossroads’, CIFE Policy Paper 101 (with S. Keil).
2017. ‘Federalism as a Tool of Conflict Resolution’. *50 Shades of Federalism* (with S. Keil).

In Preparation/Submitted/Under Review

Books

Nations in Flux: Territorial Politics in Catalonia and Scotland. (Publication – early 2024).

Federalism and Conflict Resolution. (with Soeren Keil). Palgrave MacMillan. (Contract signed – submission date December 2023).

Book Chapters

‘A Federal UK: The Calm after the Brexit Storm?’ in *Federalism and Conflict Resolution*; E Alber, EM Belser and S Keil). McGill-Queens University Press.

‘Power-Sharing as a Tool of Conflict Management: The Experience of Northern Ireland and South Tyrol’ in F. Mathieu, D. Guenette and A. Gagnon, *Comparative Federalism*.

Conference Papers and Invited Presentations

Democracy in Crisis?

Centre for the Study of Law in Theory and Practice, Liverpool John Moores University (14 June 2023)

Paper: ‘Crisis, Covid and the Constitution’

EURAC Research Multi-disciplinary Authors Workshop (invited participant)

Bolzano, Italy. (8-9 June 2023)

Paper: ‘Building the Economic Case for Scottish Independence’

UACES-JMCT Workshop (organiser)

Liverpool John Moores University (5 June 2023)

Paper: ‘Metro Mayors and Intergovernmental Relations in England’

Territorial Politics in Europe: The Covid-19 Pandemic as a ‘Critical Juncture’?

Aston University, Birmingham (27-28 April 2023)
Paper: 'Multi-level Governance and the COVID-19 pandemic'

PSA Annual Conference 2023

Liverpool (3-5 April 2023)
Paper: 'Myanmar and the prospects of Federalism'

Book Launch Discussant 'I want to Break Free: A Practical Guide to Making a New Country' (Matt Qvortrup). (Invited Talk) (8 November 2022)

Federalism, proportionality and subsidiarity in Covid-19 times: Are there any advantages compared to unitary states? (Invited Talk) (30 June 2022)

Social Scientists against the Hostile Environment (Invited Talk)
'Coronationalism in the United Kingdom – Beyond and Between Borders' (13 December 2021)

IACFS Annual Conference 2021

Innsbruck, Austria (28-30 October 2021)
Paper: 'The Federation That Never Was – Emergence and Failure of Federalism in Myanmar/Burma'

Institute of Federalism, University of Fribourg, Switzerland (Invited Talk)
'Britain after Brexit – Territorial Tensions and Ramifications' (26 October 2021)

The Federal Trust (Invited Talk)
'Covid-19 and Centralism in British Government' (16 June 2021)

Institut für Politikwissenschaft, Leibniz University (Invited talk)
Hannover, Germany. (10 May 2021)
Talk: 'The Catalan Independence Movement: From Route Map to Stalemate'

UACES-JMCT Workshop 'Conceptualising Territorial Crises'

Virtual workshop. (29 -30 April 2021)
Paper: 'Advancing the Nationalist Cause: The Coronavirus Pandemic and Secessionism in Catalonia and Scotland'

IACFS Conference: 'Confronting Covid-19: Federalism a Boon or Bane'

Virtual Conference, Dullah Omar Institute (15-16 October 2020)
Paper: 'The Coronavirus Pandemic in the United Kingdom: A Tale of Divergence and convergence'

IPSA Joint Conference: 'Diversity and Democratic Governance'

University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina (12-15 June 2019)
Paper: 'Federalism and Conflict Resolution: Some Empirical Insights'
Paper: 'Holding Together or Falling Part?': The Ongoing Constitutional Debates in Scotland and Catalonia'

'Federalism and Conflict Resolution': Multidisciplinary Authors' Workshop

Institute of Federalism, University of Fribourg, Switzerland (23-25 May 2019)

Paper: 'Locating the Federal Trajectory: Brexit, the UK and Ireland'

Institut für Politikwissenschaft, Leibniz University (Invited talk)

Hannover, Germany. (29 April 2019)

Talk: 'The Scottish Independence Movement Today'

PSA 68th Annual International Conference

Cardiff University, Wales. (26-28 March 2018)

Paper: 'Gambling with the Future? Balancing Brexit, Scottish Secessionism and Unionism'

The Union of European Federalists (Invited talk)

Milan, Italy. (9-11 March 2018).

Talk: 'Federalism and Independence in today's Europe: The role of sub-national movements'

EURAC Research Multi-disciplinary Authors Workshop (invited participant)

Bolzano, Italy. (8-9 February 2018)

Paper: 'Federalism and Conflict Resolution in the Western world: Secession and Conflict Resolution in Spain and the UK'

UACES 47th Annual Conference

Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland (4-6 September 2017)

Paper: 'Contesting Democracy? Autonomy, Secessionism and Constitutional Politics in Spain'

IPSA Joint Conference: 'Democratization and Constitutional Design in Divided Societies'

University of Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus (24-27 June 2017)

Paper: 'Too Little, Too Late?' Brexit and the Constitutional Future of Scotland and the United Kingdom'

GPRS Conference: 'Constitutional Politics in Multinational States'

Quebec, Canada (29-30 October 2016)

Paper: 'Bosnia and Herzegovina: Constitutional Politics in a "State of Minorities"' (with Soeren Keil).

IPSA Word Congress

Poznan, Poland. (23-29 July 2016)

Paper: 'Could Federalism Save the Union?: Territorial Autonomy and Secession in the United Kingdom'

UACES Workshop: 'Transforming Politics in Spain: Local, Regional and State-wide perspectives'

University of Liverpool (7 June 2016)

Paper: 'Between Autonomy and Secession: Catalonia, Spain and Territorial Reform'

Funding and Academic Awards

2023: James Maddison Charitable Trust: Intergovernmental Relations and Metro Mayors in England (£5000)

2022: LJMU QR and UK PSF Funding: Levelling Up Devolution in England (£5080)

2020-2024: UACES-JMCT Research Network: ‘(Re)Imagining Territorial Politics in Times of Crisis (with Karlo Basta and Anwen Elias) (£5000)

2019: ESRC, Festival of Social Science (£1000)

2018: UACES and James Maddison Charitable Trust Grant (£1,500)

Runner up CCCU Golden Apple Awards 2019: ‘Most Innovative Online Lecturer’

Nominated for CCCU Golden Apple Teaching Award 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-2020; 2020-2021

Advice and Consultancy

Scottish Parliament Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee: ‘Intergovernmental Relations in the Post-EU Context’ (9 June 2022)

House of Lords Constitution Committee: ‘Future Governance of the UK’ Inquiry (April 2021)

Hans Seidel Stiftung Foundation Myanmar: Adviser on constitutional design in Myanmar (special focus on federalism and secession). (2017-2021)

Media Contributions

BBC Radio Merseyside. Interview on Boris Johnson’s future. 19 June 2023.

BBC Radio Merseyside. Interview on the Privileges Committee. 15 June 2023.

BBC Radio Merseyside. Interview on forthcoming local elections. 25 April 2023.

Deutsche Welle. ‘Who is new first minister Humza Yousaf’. 28 March 2023.

BBC Radio Merseyside. Interview on Boris Johnson. 22 March 2023.

BBC Radio Merseyside. Interview on The Windsor Agreement. 28 February 2023.

BBC Radio Merseyside. Interview on the Sunak cabinet reshuffle. 7 February 2023.

BBC Radio Merseyside. Interview on Industrial action. 11 January 2023.

BBC Radio Merseyside. Interview on Starmer v Sunak. 5 January 2023.

BBC Radio Merseyside. Interview on the Autumn budge. 17 November 2022.

BBC Radio Merseyside. Interview on the forthcoming budget. 14 November 2022.

BBC Radio Merseyside. Interview on Rishi Sunak’s challenges. 26 October 2022.

BBC Radio Merseyside. Interview on the Rishi Sunak. 25 October 2022.

BBC Radio Merseyside. Interview on the new government 24 October 2022.

BBC Radio Merseyside. Interview on Liz Truss’ resignation. 21 October 2022.

BBC Radio Merseyside. Interview on Liz Truss as Conservative leader. 18 October 2022.

BBC Radio Merseyside. Interview on Trussonomics. 17 October 2022.

BBC Radio Merseyside. Interview on the Conservative conference. 3 October 2022.

BBC Radio Merseyside. Interview on the mini budget. 23 September 2022.

BBC Radio Merseyside. Interview on the new Prime Minister. 5 September 2022.

BBC Radio Merseyside. Interview on Conservative Leadership Race. 13 July 2022.

‘What is My Country’. Expert interview on the Catalan and Scottish Independence Movements. ‘14 December 2020.

Pravda. ‘Are we approaching conflict in Catalonia?’ 2 October 2017.

BBC Radio Scotland. Interview on Catalonia, Scotland and Independence Referendums. 25 March 2017.

Vima. ‘Brexit has changed the agenda of a second referendum’. 19 March 2017.

Sputnick Mundo. ‘Experto: Un Brexit duro podría romper el Reino Unido’. 10 March 2017.

Other Academic Activities

Co-lead of the UACES-JMCT research network (Re)Imagining Territorial Politics in Times of Crisis (2020-2023)

Co-lead of '50 Shades of Federalism'. www.50shadesoffederalism.com

Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.

Associate Fellow, Centre on Constitutional Change, University of Edinburgh.

Book and Journal reviewer: *Catalan Journal of Communication and Cultural Studies*; *Comparative European Politics*; *McGill-Queens University Press*; *Nationalism and Ethnic Studies*; *Palgrave Macmillan*; *Political Studies*; *Publius*; *Regional and Federal Studies*; *Sage Open*; *Territory, Politics and Governance*.

Treasurer for PSA Specialist Group 'Spanish Politics' (2020-2022)

Co-Director of Research Group 'Federalism and Conflict Resolution', Canterbury Christ Church University (2018-2021).

Languages

English:	Native
Spanish:	Advanced, Spoken and Written
Catalan:	Advanced, Spoken and Written

Membership of Academic Organisations

International Association of Centers for Federal Studies (IACFS)
International Political Science Association (IPSA)
Political Studies Association (PSA)
University Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES)