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RESEARCH INTERESTS: Environmental politics, political communication, computational social science

Employment

2024-Present *Head of Discipline, Political Science*, Trinity College Dublin
2020-Present *Associate Professor in Political Science*, Trinity College Dublin
2014-2020 *Assistant Professor in Political Science*, Trinity College Dublin
2011-2014 *Empirical Research Fellow*, Harvard Law School
2010-2011 *Lecturer*, Loyola Marymount University
2009 *Lecturer*, La Sierra University

Education

2011 PH.D. in Political Science, Claremont Graduate University
- *Dissertation:* Political, Economic and Social Determinants of Vulnerability to Natural Disasters
- *Committee:* Jacek Kugler (advisor & chair), Hal Nelson, Mark Abdollahian, Jean-Paul Ampuero
- *Fields:* World Politics & Comparative Politics

2007 M.A. in International Studies, Claremont Graduate University
2005 B.A. in Political Science (*cum laude*), California State University, Los Angeles

Peer-Reviewed Publications

2026 Rori, L., Roumanias, C., & **Boussalis, C.** (2026). Democracy in the crossfire: The electoral fallout of extremist political violence. *Electoral Studies*, 104, 103171.

2026 **Boussalis, C.**, Coan, T. G., & Holman, M. R. (2026). Happiness in political communication by men and women members of the US Congress. *Political Communication*, 1-21.

2026 Flack, R., Cook, J., Ellerton, P., Kinkead, D., Coan, T., **Boussalis, C.**, et al. (2026). Identifying flawed reasoning in contrarian claims about climate change. *Environmental Communication*, 1-22.

2026 Coan, T. G., Malla, R., Nanko, M. O., Kattrup, W., Roberts, J. T., Cook, J., & **Boussalis, C.** (2026). Large language model reveals an increase in climate contrarian speech in the United States Congress. *Communications Sustainability*, 1(1), 37.

2025 **Boussalis, C.**, Craig, C., & Rudkin, A. F. (2025). Collective victimhood narratives in far-right communities on Telegram. *Information, Communication & Society*, 28(8), 1407-1424.

2024 **Boussalis, C.**, Coan, T. G., & Holman, M. R. (2024). Rally 'round the mask: Congressional social media images and masking during COVID-19. *The Journal of Politics*, 86(4), 1591-1596.

2023 Guhin, J., Holman, M., Coan, T., & **Boussalis, C.** (2023). When to preach about poverty: How location, race, and ideology shape white evangelical sermons. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 62(2), 312-335.

2023 **Boussalis, C.**, Dukalskis, A., & Gerschewski, J. (2023). Why It Matters What Autocrats Say: Assessing Competing Theories of Propaganda. *Problems of Post-Communism*, 70(3), 241-252.

2022 **Boussalis, C.**, Chadefaux, T., Decadri, S., & Salvi, A. (2022). Public and Private Information in International Crises: Diplomatic Correspondence and Conflict Anticipation. *International Studies Quarterly*, 66(4), sqac056.

2021 Coan, T. G., **Boussalis, C.**, Cook, J., & Nanko, M. O. (2021). Computer-assisted classification of contrarian claims about climate change. *Scientific Reports*, 11(1), 22320.

- SELECTED COVERAGE: *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *NBC News*, *New York Post*, *Scientific American*, *ABC News* (Australia), *The Straits Times*, *El País*, *Der Standard*, *COSMOS*, *The Conversation*, *Grist*, *E&E News*, *World Economic Forum*, *TheJournal.ie*.
- POLICY IMPACT: cited in *What impact do climate change misinformation and disinformation have?*, UK Government Office for Science, expert roundtable chaired by the Government Chief Scientific Adviser (2023)

2021 **Boussalis, C.**, Coan, T. G., Holman, M. R., & Müller, S. (2021). Gender, candidate emotional expression, and voter reactions during televised debates. *American Political Science Review*, 115(4), 1242-1257.

2021 **Boussalis, C.**, Coan, T. G., & Holman, M. R. (2021). Political speech in religious sermons. *Politics and Religion*, 14(2), 241-268.

2021 **Boussalis, C.**, & Coan, T. G. (2021). Facing the electorate: Computational approaches to the study of nonverbal communication and voter impression formation. *Political Communication*, 38(1-2), 75-97.

2020 Decadri, S., & **Boussalis, C.** (2020). Populism, party membership, and language complexity in the Italian chamber of deputies. *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*, 30(4), 484-503.

2020 Devaney, L., Brereton, P., Torney, D., Coleman, M., **Boussalis, C.**, & Coan, T. G. (2020). Environmental literacy and deliberative democracy: a content analysis of written submissions to the Irish Citizens' Assembly on climate change. *Climatic Change*, 162(4), 1965-1984.
- POLICY IMPACT: cited in *Values and Identities: A Policymaker's Guide*, Joint Research Centre, Publications Office of the European Union (EUR 30800 EN, 2021)

2019 **Boussalis, C.**, Coan, T. G., & Holman, M. R. (2019). Communicating Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Efforts in American Cities. *Climate*, 7(3), 45.

2018 **Boussalis, C.**, Coan, T. G., & Holman, M. R. (2018). Climate change communication from cities in the USA. *Climatic Change*, 149(2), 173-187.

2018 **Boussalis, C.**, Feldman, Y., & Smith, H. E. (2018). Experimental analysis of the effect of standards on compliance and performance. *Regulation & Governance*, 12(2), 277-298.

2018 Alvarez, L., **Boussalis, C.**, Merolla, J. L., & Peiffer, C. A. (2018). Love Thy Neighbour: Social Identity and Public Support for Humanitarian Aid. *Development Policy Review*, 36(S2).

2017 **Boussalis, C.**, & Coan, T. G. (2017). Elite polarization and correcting misinformation in the 'post-truth era'. *Journal of Applied Research in Memory and Cognition*, 6(4), 405-408.

2016 **Boussalis, C.**, Coan, T. G., & Poberezhskaya, M. (2016). Measuring and modeling Russian newspaper coverage of climate change. *Global Environmental Change*, 41, 99-110.

2016 **Boussalis, C.**, & Coan, T. G. (2016). Text-mining the signals of climate change doubt. *Global Environmental Change*, 36, 89-100.
- COVERAGE: *The Guardian*, *The Irish Times [1] [2]*, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, *The New Zealand Herald*, *The Irish Examiner*, *The Conversation*, *Grist*, *DeSmogBlog*, *Klimafakten*
- POLICY IMPACT: Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI): *Time to Wake Up no.129*, March 1, 2016; *#WebOfDenial*, July 13, 2016; cited in *Climate Change 2022: Mitigation of Climate Change*, IPCC Working Group III contribution to the Sixth Assessment Report, ch. 13 (2022); cited in *Understanding how economic conditions and natural disasters shape environmental attitudes*, OECD Social, Employment and Migration Working Papers (2022).

2012 **Boussalis, C.**, Nelson, H. T., & Swaminathan, S. (2012). Towards comprehensive malaria planning: the effect of government capacity, health policy, and land use variables on malaria incidence in India. *Social Science & Medicine*, 75(7), 1213-1221.
- POLICY IMPACT: listed in *Bibliography of scientific publications on vector-borne diseases from WHO South-East Asia region 2009–2013*, WHO Regional Office for South-East Asia (2014)

2011 **Boussalis, C.**, & Peiffer, C. (2011). Health, need and politics: the determinants of bilateral HIV/AIDS assistance. *Journal of Development Studies*, 47(12), 1798-1825.

2010 Peiffer, C. A., & **Boussalis, C.** (2010). Foreign assistance and the struggle against HIV/AIDS in the developing world. *Journal of Development Studies*, 46(3), 556-573.

BOOK CHAPTERS

2015 Peiffer, C., & **Boussalis, C.** (2015). Determining aid allocation decision-making: towards a comparative sectored approach. In B. Mak Arvin & Byron Lew (Eds.) *Handbook on the Economics of Foreign*

Aid, (pp. 45-63). Edward Elgar.

2015 **Boussalis, C.**, Merolla, J., & Peiffer, C. (2015). Identity and Public Support for North American Integration. In Achim Hurrelmann & Steffen Schneider (Eds.) *The Legitimacy of Regional Integration in Europe and the Americas* (pp. 98-116). Palgrave Macmillan UK.

2012 Kugler, T., **Boussalis, C.**, & Coan, T. G. (2012). Political Performance as a Moderator of International Migration. In Jacek Kugler & Ronald L. Tammen (Eds.) *The Performance of Nations*, (pp. 119-144). Rowman & Littlefield.

2012 Kugler, T., Coan, T. G., & **Boussalis, C.** (2012). Provincial Politics and the Attraction of FDI in India and China. In Jacek Kugler & Ronald L. Tammen (Eds.) *The Performance of Nations*, (pp. 211-228). Rowman & Littlefield.

Selected Grants

2025 Principal Investigator, Higher Education Research Equipment Grant (HEREG) Stream 1, Higher Education Authority: next-generation AI server for computational social science research (€68,896)

2024 Principal Investigator, Horizon Europe-funded "What-if: Advanced Simulations for Testing the Effect of the Information Environment on the Functioning of Democracy" (€110,851)

2020 Principal Investigator, Extreme Identities: A Linguistic and Visual Analysis of European Far-Right Online Communities' Politics of Identity. NORFACE/Irish Research Council (€213,085)

2019 Funded investigator, SFI Centre for Research Training in Digitally-Enhanced Reality. Science Foundation Ireland (€13,273,402).

2018 Principal Investigator, Enterprise Ireland (€11,450).

5/2015-5/2016 Principal Investigator, Trinity College Dublin Research Committee Pathfinder Programme Grant, Trinity College Dublin (€18,619).

Awards, & Honors

2023 Fellow of Trinity College Dublin (FTCD), elected Trinity Monday 2023.

2022 Walter Lippmann Best Article of the Year Award. American Political Science Association (APSA) Political Communication Section. [HTML]

2020 Elizabeth Meehan Prize for the best paper delivered at the 2019 PSAI annual conference. Political Studies Association of Ireland (PSAI)

2015 First Prize—Innovative Approaches to the Study of Greek Society and Politics Competition, Greek Politics Specialist Group, Political Studies Association.

Invited Talks and Panels (selected)

2026 Public Governance Workshop, Institut ACSS-PSL (Applied Computational Social Sciences), Université Paris Sciences & Lettres

2025 Concluding keynote, "Methods for Political Science Research in the Age of Artificial Intelligence" workshop, Political Research Methods (MetRiSP) Standing Group, 38th Annual Conference of the Italian Political Science Association (SISP), University of Naples Federico II

2025 Trinity College Dublin Autumn Public Lecture Series ("Democracy and AI"): "Synthetic Politics: Detection, Propaganda & Participation in the GenAI Era" [VIDEO]

2024 Keynote, "Diverging Perspectives? Comparing Visual Heatwave Portrayals by Developed and Developing Country Media Outlets," Max Weber Programme workshop *Regionalize It*, European University Institute, Badia Fiesolana, Florence

2024 "Applying LLMs for Ideological and Emotional Labeling in Greek Far-Left Online Discourse," International Workshop on Advancements in Text as Data Methods for Political Science, University of Milan

2023 Invited seminar on large language models in political science, Newcastle University

2023 "The Computational Turn in Visual Political Communication Research," Journée d'étude "Images trompeuses et modèles d'intelligence artificielle" (Arcanes CRILCQ & Université de Montréal), Le Fresnoy (Studio national des arts contemporains), France [VIDEO]

2023 Invited instructor (image analysis), Q-Step/NCRM Spring School, University of Exeter

2021 "Multimodal Determinants of Voter Impression Formation of Female Political Candidates During Televised Debates," Hot Politics Lab, University of Amsterdam (online) [VIDEO]

2020 Panel discussant with Noam Chomsky and Robert Pollin, *Climate Crisis and the Global Green New Deal*, School of Law, Trinity College Dublin

2020 "Covid-19 and Challenges to Democracy," Trinity College Dublin [VIDEO]

2018 Invited talk, Tulane University

2018 "Scaling US Congressional Committee Speech on Climate Change," University of Strathclyde

2018 "Why Do Members of the US Congress Deny Climate Change?" Trinity Research in the Social Sciences (TRiSS), Trinity College Dublin

2016 "Mining Online Media for Climate Change Skepticism," Linköping University, Sweden

2016 "The Era of Climate Change Denial is Not Over," keynote address, Institute of International and European Affairs, Dublin [VIDEO]

2016 "Truthful Lips Endure Forever: Political Speech in Religious Sermons," University College Dublin

2015 "Text Mining the Signals of Climate Change Doubt," Dublin City University

Conference Participation

2026 EPSS (Belfast; discussant); COMPTEXT (Birmingham; panel chair); PSAI (Cork; panel chair)

2025 COMPTEXT (Vienna; session chair); EPSA (Madrid; track chair, Political Communication); ECPR (Thessaloniki); HPSA (Athens)

2024 PSAI (Dublin)

2023 COMPTEXT (Glasgow; discussant); EPSA (Glasgow; panel chair and discussant); APSA (Los Angeles; discussant); PSAI (Belfast)

2022 COMPTEXT (Dublin; panel chair and discussant); ICA (Paris); EPSA (Prague); ISPP (Athens)

2021 PSAI (Dublin; discussant)

2019 EPSA (Belfast; panel chair and discussant); PSAI (Maynooth)

2018 MPSA (Chicago); EPSA (Vienna; panel chair); ECPR (Hamburg); APSA pre-conference Text as Data workshop (Northeastern University, Boston); PSAI (Limerick)

2017 EPSA (Milan; panel chair and discussant); APSA (San Francisco; discussant); PSAI (Dublin); Politicologenetmaal Text in Politics Workshop (Leiden)

2016 EPSA (Brussels); EUENGAGE Text Analysis Workshop (Amsterdam)

2015 ISA (New Orleans)

2014 MPSA (Chicago); PSAI (Galway)

2013 New Directions in Analyzing Text as Data Workshop (London School of Economics); WPSA (Los Angeles; discussant); Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (Penn Law); Law & Society Association (Boston)

2012 ISA (San Diego); International Political Economy Society (University of Virginia)

2011 ISA (Montreal)

2010 ISA (New Orleans); WPSA (San Francisco); APSA (Washington, DC; poster)

2009 ISA (New York); African Studies Association (New Orleans)

2007 ELIAMEP Halki International Seminar (Rhodes, Greece)

Media Appearances

TV Virgin Media (Ireland); UTV (Northern Ireland)

Radio Dublin South FM (Ireland)

Video *The Irish Times*, "How the US election will impact climate breakdown" (October 2020)

Teaching experience

Undergraduate: Research Methods for Political Science, Contemporary International Relations, Final-Year Capstone, Contemporary Global Politics (Brown University Summer School), Introduction to

International Relations

Graduate: Quantitative Text Analysis, Research Design, Political Illiberalism, International Politics, Global Environmental Politics, International Development, Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods, International Economics

Doctoral supervision: 6 PhD students, 5 completed: Silvia Decadri (tenure-track Assistant Professor, University of Brescia), David Moore (Department of Foreign Affairs, Ireland), Lucas da Silva (Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Communication and Media Research, University of Zurich), Cassandra Craig (Postdoctoral Researcher, ReMeD project, FuJo Institute, Dublin City University), Marina Schenkel (Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Centre for Sociology of Humans and Machines, TCD-TU Dublin); in progress: Elena Karagianni.

Professional Service

2021-2024 Founding Course Director, MSc in Applied Social Data Science, Trinity College Dublin

2018-2024 Co-founder & Co-convenor, Specialist Group in Computational Methods (formerly Big Data, Text Analysis & Methodology), Political Studies Association of Ireland: organised the group's annual workshop series and its sections at the PSAI annual conference

2019-2022 Executive Committee, Political Studies Association of Ireland

2025 Track Chair (Political Communication), European Political Science Association Annual Conference, Madrid: formed the track's panels and appointed panel chairs and discussants (conference-wide: 2,500+ submissions)

2024 Organiser, workshop on large language models in political science, Trinity College Dublin

2020 Co-organiser (with Martijn Schoonvelde, University College Dublin), Images-as-Data Dublin (IMG-DUB) Workshop, 10-11 December 2020

2023 Walter Lippmann Award Committee, APSA Political Communication Section

2023-2026 External PhD examiner: University of Exeter (2023), London School of Economics (2024), University of Strathclyde (2026)

2023 External assessor, professorial promotion, University of Exeter

2021 External programme assessor, BSc Politics & Data Science, London School of Economics

2015-2017 Advisory board, "Pathways to Power: The Political Representation of Citizens of Immigrant Origin in Seven European Democracies"

2015-2018 Management Committee Substitute (Ireland), ISCH COST Action IS1309 "Innovations in Climate Governance: Sources, Patterns and Effects" (INOGOV)

2015-2017 Consultant, Fiji Independent Commission Against Corruption

2018- Grant reviewer: National Science Foundation (US); European Research Council; Canada Excellence Research Chairs

2010- Reviewed manuscripts for: *American Political Science Review; American Journal of Political Science; Journal of Politics; British Journal of Political Science; Comparative Political Studies; Political Analysis; European Journal of Political Research; Political Behavior; Political Psychology; Political Communication; Communication Monographs; Journal of Experimental Political Science; PLOS One; Social Forces; Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties; Legislative Studies Quarterly; International Journal of Press/Politics; Irish Political Studies; International Political Science Review; Electoral Studies; Policy Studies Journal; Political Research Exchange; Computational Communication Research; World Development; Journal of Development Economics; Nature Climate Change; Global Environmental Change; Climate Policy; Environmental Sociology; Environmental Communication; Environmental Politics; Food Policy; One Earth; Telematics & Informatics; Thinking & Reasoning; Open Political Science*

Relevant Skills

Languages: English (Native), Greek (Fluent), Italian (Intermediate), French (Basic), Spanish (Basic)

Computing knowledge: R, Python, Stata, LaTeX