

# Seonghui Lee

Curriculum Vitae

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## Academic Positions

University of Essex, Department of Government, UK  
Senior Lecturer (Associate Professor) 10/2021 – present  
Lecturer (Assistant Professor, permanency granted 01/2020) 07/2018 – 09/2021

London School of Economics and Political Science, Department of Government  
Senior Visiting Fellow 01/2025 – 12/2025

Aarhus University, Department of Political Science, Denmark  
Assistant Professor 07/2015 – 06/2018

University of Zürich, Department of Political Science (IPZ), Switzerland  
Pre-/Post-doctoral Research Fellow (Oberassistentin) 09/2014 – 06/2015

## Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, Rice University 2015  
M.A. in Political Science, Rice University 2010  
M.A. & B.A. in Political Science, Yonsei University 2008

### *Additional Training*

EITM Summer Institute, University of Houston 2014  
Essex/Nuffield CESS Experimental Summer School, University of Oxford 2013  
Summer Institute in Political Psychology (SIPP), Stanford University 2010

## Research Interests

Comparative Political Behaviour, Political Institutions, Political Psychology, Public Opinion, Parties and Elections; Survey Methodology, Measurements, Experimental Design, Multilevel Models

## Publications

### *Books (Peer-Reviewed)*

Lee, Seonghui, Philip Santoso, and Randy Stevenson. *Heuristic Inference and the Left-Right: An Experimental Analysis of How Voters Form Their Left-Right Images of Parties*, Cambridge Element in Experimental Political Science, Cambridge University Press. (Forthcoming)

### *Journal Articles (Peer-Reviewed)*

Lee, Seonghui. 2025. "When Elections Wait: A Cross-National Analysis of Election Postponement During the COVID-19 Pandemic." *Political Research Quarterly* 78(1): 151-167.

Lee, Seonghui and Anthony Kevins. 2025. "How We Think About the Political Stances of Others: Evidence on Projection from Canada, Germany, and the UK." *West European Politics*, 1-26.

Lee, Seonghui. 2025. "The Distance Between Us: The Role of Ideological Proximity in Shaping Perceptions of Inter-partisan Relationships." *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties* 35(2): 269-287.

Lin, Nick and Seonghui Lee. 2024. "Anchoring Vignettes as a Diagnostic Tool for Cross-National (In)Comparability of Survey Measures: The Case of Voters' Left-Right Self-Placement." *British Journal of Political Science* 54: 492-502.

Kevins, Anthony and Seonghui Lee. 2023. "Projection in the Face of Centrism: Voter Inferences about Candidates' Party Affiliation in Low-information Contexts." *Political Psychology* 44(2): 319-336.

Wenzelburger, Georg, Carsten Jensen, Seonghui Lee, and Christoph Arndt. 2020. "How Governments Strategically Time Welfare State Reform Legislation: Empirical Evidence From Five European Countries." *West European Politics* 43 (6): 1285-1314.

Lee, Seonghui, Carsten Jensen, Christoph Arndt, and Georg Wenzelburger. 2020. "Risky Business? Welfare State Reforms and Government Support in Britain and Denmark." *British Journal of Political Science* 50 (1): 165-184.

Lee, Seonghui, Agustina Haime and Randy Stevenson. 2019. "Measuring Knowledge of Parties' Legislative Seat Shares." *Political Science Research and Methods* 7(1): 185-196.

Jensen, Carsten, and Seonghui Lee. 2019. "Mass Media Attention to Welfare State Reforms: Evidence from Britain 1996-2014." *West European Politics* 42(1): 113-132.

Matsuo, Akitaka and Seonghui Lee. 2018. "Multi-dimensional Policy Preferences in the 2015 UK General Election: A Conjoint Analysis." *Electoral Studies* 55: 89-98.

– Featured in: [The People's Choice \[LSE Research news\]](#)

Jensen, Carsten, Christoph Arndt, Seonghui Lee, and Georg Wenzelburger. 2018. "Policy Instruments and Welfare State Reform." *Journal of European Social Policy* 28(2): 161-176.

Lee, Seonghui and Akitaka Matsuo. 2018. "Decomposing Political Knowledge: What Is Confidence in Knowledge and Why It Matters." *Electoral Studies* 51: 1-13.

Jensen, Carsten, Seonghui Lee, Christopher Arndt, and Georg Wenzelburger. 2016. "Hvordan reagerer vælgerne på velfærdsforringelser? [How Do Voters Respond to Welfare State Retrenchment?]" *Politica: Tidsskrift for politisk videnskab* 48(3): 303-319. [In Danish]

– Featured in: [Hvordan reagerer vælgere på velfærdsreformer? \[Altinget\]](#)

Lee, Seonghui, Nick Lin and Randy Stevenson. 2016. "An Expanded Empirical Evaluation of Cross-National Comparability of Survey Measures of Political Interest Using Anchoring Vignettes: A Research Note." *Electoral Studies* 44: 423-428.

Lee, Seonghui, Nick Lin and Randy Stevenson. 2015. "Evaluating the Cross-National Comparability of Survey Measures of Political Interest Using Anchoring Vignettes." *Electoral Studies* 39: 205-218.

Lee, Seonghui. 2014. "Party Responsiveness to the Collective Judgment of the Electorate: The Case of Presidential Popularity in Latin America." *Comparative Political Studies* 47(14): 1973-1999.

Lee, Seonghui and Young-jae Jin. 2006. "Party Policy Differentiation after DLP's Entry in the Legislative Process." *Korean Journal of Legislative Studies (Ui-jong-yeon-gu)* 22: 223-255. [In Korean]

### *Book Chapters*

"Brexit Ideologies and UK Digital Consumer Law" (with Christopher Willett), in Willett, Christopher and Elisabetta Bergamini (eds.), *Consumer Protection and the Digital Economy*, Chapter 5, London: Routledge. (In press)

### **Grants and Fellowships**

BA/Leverhulme Small Research Grant (GBP 9,900)	2022
Small Research Grant, Department of Political Science, Aarhus University (DKK 45,000)	2017
Interacting Minds Centre (IMC) Seed Research Grant, Aarhus University (DKK 30,000)	2017
Interacting Minds Centre (IMC) Seed Research Grant, Aarhus University (DKK 30,000)	2016
National Science Foundation (NSF) Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (USD 20,862)	2013
Academic Research Grant, Yonsei University, Office of Graduate Studies	2007
Research Fellowship, Korea Research Foundation	2006–2007

### **Original mass surveys and survey experiments fielded**

2025	UK, Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark
2024	UK
2022	UK
2021	Denmark, Sweden, Netherlands, Italy, New Zealand
2020	Germany, Denmark, Netherlands
2019	UK, Canada, Germany, Denmark
2018	Germany, USA
2017	Canada, UK, USA
2015	Argentina, Canada, China, Chile, Denmark, Germany, Japan, South Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Poland, UK, USA

2014 Denmark, Germany, Italy, USA  
2013 UK, USA

### **Work in Progress**

Partisan Identity in Multi-Party Democracies (with Ryan Block and Randy Stevenson), Cambridge Element in Comparative Political Behavior, Cambridge University Press – *Under review*

Explaining Cross-National Differences in Political Interest: The Role of Partisan and Ideological Cues (with Randy Stevenson and Joey Cozza) – *Book project*

The Misinformation Gender Gap: Are Men More “Confidently Wrong” About Political Facts Than Women? – *Under review*

Gender Inclusive Parties Are Seen as More Left-Leaning: Observational and Experimental Evidence (with James Adams, David Bracken, Noam Gidron, Will Horne, Diana Z. O’Brien, Philip Santoso, Kaitlin Senk, and Randy Stevenson) – *Under review*

How Voters Predict Coalition Bargaining Outcomes (with David Fortunato and Randy Stevenson) – *Under review*

Gendered Affective Polarization: How Political and Social Contexts Shape Gender Differences in Partisan Hostility (with Nick Lin)

Cooperating Parties, Befriending Partisans: How Coalition Participation Affects Citizens’ Perceptions of Inter-partisan Relations

### **Research Talks and Presentations (Selected recent)**

“Gendered Affective Polarization: How Political and Social Contexts Shape Gender Differences in Partisan Hostility ” (with Nick Lin)

- International Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seoul, South Korea, July 2025.

“The Misinformation Gender Gap: Are Men More “Confidently Wrong” About Political Facts?”

- LSE Department of Government Political Behaviour Seminar, February 2025.
- Gender Dynamics in Politics, the Workplace, and Society Workshop, Lund University, Sweden, Sept 2023.
- European Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Glasgow, UK, June 2023.

“How we think about the political stances of others: Evidence on projection from Canada, Germany, and the UK” (with Anthony Kevins)

- EPOP Conference, Manchester, UK, September 2024.
- European Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Glasgow, UK, June 2023.
- PSA Annual International Conference, Liverpool, UK, April 2023.

“Party of friends and foes: How people perceive inter-partisan relations in multiparty systems”

- International Conference on Parliamentary Studies, Soochow University, Taiwan, June 2024.
- TAMU Conference on Voters' Perceptions of Political Parties, Texas A&M University, College Station TX, October 2023.

**"Surfing the COVID Waves? A Comparative Study on the Determinants of Election Postponement"**

- Comparative Politics Seminar, Lund University, Sweden, March 2023.
- PEPSI work-in-progress seminar, Department of Government, University of Essex, February 2023.
- European Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Prague, Czech Republic, June 2022.

**"Projection in the Face of Centrism: Voter Inferences about Candidates' Party Affiliation in Low-information Contexts" (with Anthony Kevins)**

- PSA Annual International Conference (virtual), April 2022.

**Teaching**

\* UG=undergraduate, PG=postgraduate, FullYear/ Spring/ Fall/ SUMmer module

Public Opinion and Political Behaviour (PG; FY2018/19 2021/22–2023/24, 2025/26, Essex)

Fundamentals of Social Data Science (UG; F2025, Essex)

Measuring Public Opinion (UG; F2023, Essex)

Concepts and Measurements in Comparative Political Research (PG; S2020 SU2021 S2022 S2023, Essex)

Electoral Behaviour (UG; S2020, Essex)

Apples and Oranges: How to Make Valid Comparisons in Political Research (PG; F2016, Aarhus)

Political Motivations, Engagement and Democracy in Comparative Perspective (PG; S2016, Aarhus)

Political Institutions: Western Countries, EU, and Foreign Policy (UG team-teaching; S2016, Aarhus)

Introduction to American Politics (UG co-teaching; F2014, Zürich)

American Government and Politics (UG teaching assistant; S2013, F2012, S2010, F2010, Rice)

Introduction to Comparative Politics (UG teaching assistant; S2012, Rice)

**Pedagogical Training and Certificates**

Fellow, The Higher Education Academy (HEA), July 2019.

Completion of Teacher Training Program (adjunktpædagogikum, 10 ECTS), Center for Teaching and Learning, Aarhus University, January 2017.

Completion of Teaching Workshop Certificate Program, Rice University Office of Graduate & Post-doctoral Studies, November 2012.

## **Professional Service**

### *Reviewer*

*American Journal of Political Science* (2018), *American Political Science Review* (2018, 2020), *British Journal of Political Science* (2024, 2025, 2026), *Cambridge University Press* (2021), *Electoral Studies* (2018, 2021, 2025), *European Journal of Political Research* (2018, 2025), *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications – Nature* (2025), *International Journal of Public Opinion Research* (2021, 2022, 2024, 2025), *Journal of Common Market Studies* (2021), *Journal of East Asian Studies* (2020), *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties* (2019, 2023, 2024, 2025), *Journal of Politics* (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019), *Legislative Studies Quarterly* (2022), *Perspectives on Politics* (2023, 2024), *Political Behavior* (2021, 2025), *Political Research Exchange* (2024), *Politics* (2024), *Research and Politics* (2021), *SAGE Open* (Article Editor, 2019)

### *Internal Service (Department of Government, University of Essex)*

Co-director of Diversity and Inclusivity (2025–)  
Division Head, Political Behaviour (2023–2025)  
Q–Step Lead (2023–2024)  
Member, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity Committee (EDIC) (2022)  
PGR Coordinator (2021–2023)  
CHASE Studentship Lead (2021–2023)  
SeNSS Studentship Selection Committee (2021, 2026)  
Research Students' Progress Board (RSPB) member (2019–2023)  
PGR Progress officer (2019/2020)  
PGT Recruitment officer (2019)  
Panelist, Capstone project conference (April 2019)  
Member, Athena Swan self-assessment team (2018/2019)  
Undergraduate recruitment officer (2018)

## **Computing and Programming Skills**

R, Stata, Wolfram Mathematica, Inquisit, Qualtrics, Python, Git, Markdown