

# Semra Sevi

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## EDUCATION

### Université de Montréal

Ph.D., Political Science 2016-  
◇ Fields: Political Behaviour and Canadian Politics (Advisor: André Blais)

### Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Summer Graduate Course in Negotiating Middle East Peace 2014

### University of Toronto

Master of Arts, Political Science 2014

### University of Toronto

Honours Bachelor of Arts, Political Science & History 2012

## METHODS TRAINING

### University of Michigan

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods June - August 2019  
◇ Courses: Maximum Likelihood Estimation I: Generalized Linear Models; Regression Analysis II: Linear Models; Mathematics for Social Scientists, II; Categorical Data Analysis; Causal Inference for the Social Sciences; Matrix Algebra; R Statistical Computing Environment; Python

### Université Catholique de Louvain

RESTEP ISPOLE Quantitative Methods Workshop 2019  
◇ Text-Analysis in R

## PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

6. Ruth Dassonneville, André Blais, **Semra Sevi** and Jean-François Daoust. “How Citizens Want their Legislator to Vote.” In Press at *Legislative Studies Quarterly*.  
[\[Replication Code\]](#)
5. **Semra Sevi**, Can Mekik, André Blais and Semih Çakır. 2020. “How Do Turks Abroad Vote?” *Turkish Studies* 21(2): 208-230.  
[\[Replication Code\]](#)
4. **Semra Sevi**, Vincent Arel-Bundock and André Blais. 2019. “Do Women Get Fewer Votes? No.” *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 52(1): 201-210.  
[\[Replication Code\]](#)
3. André Blais, Fernando Feitosa and **Semra Sevi**. 2019 “Was my decision to vote (or abstain) the right one?” *Party Politics* 25(3): 382-389.
2. **Semra Sevi**, Antoine Yoshinaka and André Blais. 2018. “Legislative Party Switching and the Changing Nature of the Canadian Party System, 1867-2015.” *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 51(3): 665-695.  
[\[Replication Code\]](#)

## BOOK CHAPTERS (PEER-REVIEWED)

1. **Semra Sevi**, André Blais and Vincent Arel-Bundock. (Accepted). “Do Women Get Fewer Votes in Ontario Provincial Elections?” In Roosmarijn de Geus, Peter Loewen, Erin Tolley and Elizabeth Goodyear-Grant (eds.) *Women in Politics, Women in Leadership*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. <b>Semra Sevi</b>, Danielle Mayer and André Blais. “Do Lawyers Get More Votes?” Revise and resubmit at <i>American Review of Canadian Studies</i>.</li> <li>2. <b>Semra Sevi</b> “Descriptive Representation of Youth.” Revise and resubmit at <i>Electoral Studies</i>.</li> <li>1. Erin Tolley, Randy Besco and <b>Semra Sevi</b>. “Gender and Political Campaign Contributions in Canada.” Revise and resubmit at <i>Politics and Gender</i>.</li> </ol>	
DATASETS	Semra Sevi. 2019. “Canadian Federal Candidates: 1867-2017”, Available at <i>Harvard Dataverse</i> : <a href="https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/ABFNSQ">https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/ABFNSQ</a> .	
INVITED TALKS (*Paper presented by coauthor)	<p>Democracy XChange, Ryerson University, Toronto (2020)</p> <p>*Electoral Reform Research Group, Washington, DC (2020)</p> <p>Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, University of Toronto, Toronto (2019)</p> <p>*Bell Chair in Canadian Parliamentary Democracy, Carleton University, Ottawa (2019)</p> <p>Making Electoral Democracy Work Annual Meeting, Montreal (2017)</p> <p>Samara Centre for Democracy, Toronto (2016)</p>	
CONFERENCES	<p>American Political Science Association, Washington (2019)</p> <p>Leuven-Montréal Winter School on Elections (Montréal: 2018, Leuven: 2019)</p> <p>Canadian Political Science Association (Calgary: 2016, Vancouver: 2019, London: 2020)</p> <p>International Political Science Association, Edinburg (2015)</p> <p>Bell Chair in Canadian Parliamentary Democracy, Ottawa (2015)</p>	
RESEARCH GRANTS	<p>“How do citizens evaluate ranking?” Political Reform Program, New America, (with Carolina Plescia and André Blais), 11,400 USD\$. 2020</p>	
HONOURS AND AWARDS [Total: \$166,000]	<p>RESTEP ISPOLE Quantitative Methods Workshop, Université Catholique de Louvain, Brussels, October: 1,000 €. 2019</p> <p>APSA First Generation Travel Grant, American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September: 285 USD\$. 2019</p> <p>Research Chair in Electoral Studies Grant, American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September: 750 CAN\$. 2019</p> <p>Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada: 40,000 CAN\$. 2019-2021</p> <p>Empirical Implications of Theoretical Methods Certificate. 2019</p> <p>Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship Methods Grant, ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods: 1,000 CAN\$. 2019</p> <p>EITM Certification Scholarship, ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods: 5,000 USD\$. 2019</p> <p>Canadian Political Science Association Travel Grant, Vancouver, BC, June: 266.74 CAN\$. 2019</p> <p>Direction des affaires internationales at the Université de Montréal, Leuven-Montréal Winter School on Elections, Leuven, Belgium, March 2- 9: 1,000 CAN\$. 2019</p>	

Richard J. Schmeelk Fellowship Travel Grant,  
Workshop for Richard Johnston's scholarly contributions to political science,  
Vancouver, BC, October 26-27: 1,500 CAN\$. 2018

Mobility Grants,  
Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship Scholarship: 2,000 CAN\$. 2018-2019

Richard J. Schmeelk Fellowship: 40,000 CAN\$. 2017-2019

Explore Program,  
Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship: 1,325 CAN\$. 2017

Fonds Québécois de la Recherche sur la Société et la Culture: 40,000 CAN\$. 2017-2019

Alma Mater Scholarship,  
Université de Montréal Excellence Entrance Fellowship: 5,000 CAN\$. 2016

Université de Montréal Departmental Scholarship: 10,000 CAN\$. 2016-2017

Finalist for 3 Minute Thesis (3MT),  
Canadian Political Science Association annual conference at Calgary, AB. 2016

Bell Chair for the Study of Canadian Parliamentary Democracy Grant,  
Carleton, ON, February 12-13: 350 CAN\$. 2015

Canadian Friends of Hebrew University of Jerusalem Award: 10,000 CAN\$. 2014

University College Graduating Year Awards:  
Anna and Alex Beverly Scholarship: 2,500 CAN\$. 2013

University College Merit Award, University of Toronto. 2013

Dora Burke Playfair Leadership Scholarship, University College: 2,500 CAN\$. 2012

RESEARCH  
EXPERIENCE

**Research Assistant,**  
**Research Chair in Electoral Studies, Université de Montréal** 2017-  
 ◇ *Conducted data analysis for the development of scholarly work.*  
 ◇ *Designed and coded survey experiments.*  
 ◇ *Prepared grant proposals for André Blais.*  
 ◇ *Organized 68 weekly seminars, 40 are by student/post-doctoral fellows as co-authors and 5 are methods workshops, of which 2 are led by me. These seminars are co-hosted by the Canada Research Chair in Electoral Democracy and Research Chair in Electoral Studies.*  
 ◇ *Served on the organizing committee for a public forum on electoral reform.*

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

**Workshop Instructor, Université de Montréal** 2020  
 ◇ *Designing a Survey in Qualtrics*  
 ◇ *Writing in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X*  
 ◇ *Intermediate Stata*

**Teaching Assistant, Université de Montréal** 2016  
 ◇ *Teaching Assistant for third year course on Représentation politique : Le choix d'un mode de scrutin (POL2050).*  
 ◇ *Graded assignments, held office hours, organized live polling in class and curated content on social media to promote students' proposal on electoral reform in Canada.*

**Language Monitor, Explore Program** 2015-2016  
 ◇ *Taught English as a Second Language at Cégep de Saint-Jérôme and Cégep de Lévis-Lauzon.*  
 ◇ *Facilitated daily activities to help students improve their understanding of the English language.*  
 ◇ *Organized the largest Student Vote in Canada with over 2,071 voting age students casting their ballot in a mock vote which coincided with the 2015 Canadian federal election.*

## Teaching Assistant, University of Toronto

2014

- ◇ *Teaching Assistant for a third year course on Canadian Political Parties (POL356Y) and a first year course in Canada in Comparative Perspective (POL111H).*
- ◇ *Facilitated three weekly tutorial sessions of 20 students per group to review the course material, graded assignments, held office hours, and provided course guidance*

## SELECTED MEDIA PUBLICATIONS

(\*Publications related to my Masters and Honours Bachelor of Arts Research Projects)

13. “Research shows that MPs who cross the floor lose votes.” (with Antoine Yoshinaka and André Blais), *Policy Options*, 2018.
12. “A students’ proposal for electoral reform.” (with André Blais), *Policy Options*, 2016.
11. “Ensuring young people are heard on electoral reform.” (with André Blais), *Policy Options*, 2016.
10. \* “Why is Ottawa still defending disenfranchisement of expats?” (with Gillan Frank) *The Globe and Mail*, 2016.
9. “Turkey’s Twists and Turns on Syria.” *Middle East Review of International Affairs*, 2014.
8. \* “Reframing the debate over expat voting.” (with Peter Russell) *Macleans*, 2015.
7. \* “Canadian expatriates should never lose the right to vote.” *The Globe and Mail*, 2014.
6. “Could a University of Toronto student get into Harvard?” (with Brandon Bailey) *The Globe and Mail*, 2013.
5. “Justin Trudeau’s tone-deaf ‘ladies’ night’ sign of larger problem.” (with Brandon Bailey) *The Star*, 2013.
4. “Istanbul’s police violence is no surprise to Turkey’s minority groups.” *The Globe and Mail*, 2013.
3. \* “Vote mobs aren’t the cure for low youth turnout.” *The Globe and Mail*, 2012.
2. “Foreign Policy Should Count in the 2012 U.S. Presidential Elections.” *The Huffington Post*, 2012.
1. “Turkey Turning to the East.” *The Harvard Crimson*, 2011.

## SELECTED MEDIA INTERVIEWS

10. “As an Independent MP, Can Jody Wilson-Raybould Make a Difference?” *The Star*. 2019.
9. “Does Floor Crossing Pay Off?” *CBC The House*. 2018.
8. “Expat voting rights.” *CTV News Channel*. 2018.
7. “Les Étudiants du CSTJ sont prêts à jouer leur rôle de Citoyens Engagés et Informés!” *Cegep de Saint-Jérôme*. 2015.
6. “Des expatriés frustrés de ne pas voter.” *TVA Nouvelles*. 2015.
5. “Pie a Prof.” *UofT Magazine*. 2014.
4. “Quirky fundraiser for Syrian children: pies, profs, vintage slapstick.” *UofT News*. 2014.
3. “Justin Trudeau: Can he bring the Liberal Party back to life?” *The Star*. 2013.
2. “Political scientist explores voter turnout.” *UofT News*. 2011.
1. “Voter flash mob.” *CBC*. 2011.

## AFFILIATIONS

- ◇ *Member, Research Chair in Electoral Studies, Montréal.*
- ◇ *Member, Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship (CSDC), Québec.*
- ◇ *Member, Canadian Political Science Association.*
- ◇ *Member, American Political Science Association.*

## MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER

*Canadian Journal of Political Science/Revue canadienne de science politique; Party Politics.*

LANGUAGE SKILLS Turkish & Kurdish (heritage); English (native); French (intermediate)  
COMPUTER SOFTWARES GitHub, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X , Python, Qualtrics, R, Stata

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