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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 2019 & 2020
• Courses: Regression Discontinuity Designs; 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; and Python

Université Catholique de Louvain

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

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL ARTICLES

9. **Semra Sevi**. “Do Young Voters Vote for Young Leaders?” Accepted at *Electoral Studies*. [\[Replication Code\]](#)
8. Erin Tolley, Randy Besco and **Semra Sevi**. “Gender and Political Campaign Contributions in Canada.” Accepted at *Politics and Gender*.
7. **Semra Sevi**, Marco Mendoza Aviña, Gabrielle Péloquin-Skulski, Emmanuel Heisbourg, Paola Vegas, Maxime Coulombe, Vincent Arel-Bundock, Peter John Loewen and André Blais. “Logarithmic vs. Linear Visualizations of COVID-19 Cases Do Not Affect Citizens’ Support for Confinement.” Accepted at *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 53(2): 385-390. [\[Replication Code\]](#)
6. **Semra Sevi**, André Blais and Danielle Mayer. “Do Lawyers Get More Votes?” Accepted at *American Review of Canadian Studies*. [\[Replication Code\]](#)
5. Ruth Dassonneville, André Blais, **Semra Sevi** and Jean-François Daoust. “How Citizens Want their Legislator to Vote.” In Press at *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. [\[Replication Code\]](#)
4. **Semra Sevi**, Can Mekik, André Blais and Semih Çakır. 2020. “How Do Turks Abroad Vote?” *Turkish Studies* 21(2): 208-230. [\[Replication Code\]](#)

3. **Semra Sevi**, Vincent Arel-Bundock and André Blais. 2019. “Do Women Get Fewer Votes? No.” *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 52(1): 201-210. [\[Replication Code\]](#)
2. André Blais, Fernando Feitosa and **Semra Sevi**. 2019 “Was my decision to vote (or abstain) the right one?” *Party Politics* 25(3): 382-389.
1. **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

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.

DATASETS

Semra Sevi. 2019. “Canadian Federal Candidates: 1867-2017”, Available at *Harvard Dataverse*: <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/ABFNSQ>.

RESEARCHER

Elections Canada, Ottawa 2020-

- Conducted data analysis and co-wrote a report on the burden of voting in Canada with Professor André Blais using the 2019 National Electors Study.

RESEARCH
ASSISTANT

Professor André Blais, Université de Montréal 2017-

- Conducted data analysis for the development of scholarly work.
- Designed and programmed survey experiments in Qualtrics.
- Prepared grant proposals for André Blais (*including the Killam Prize*).

SERVICE TO THE
DEPARTMENT

ORGANIZER

Weekly Seminars, Science Politique, Université de Montréal 2018-2020

- Organized 72 weekly research seminars co-hosted by the Research Chair in Electoral Studies and the Canada Research Chair in Electoral Democracy.
- Facilitated the participation of scholars in the local Montreal community, the national political science community, as well as bringing in international scholars to participate in the intellectual life of the university community.
- Transitioned the seminars to online format in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

CO-ORGANIZER

Montréal Methods Workshops, Université de Montréal & McGill University 2020-

- Founded and co-organized 14 methods workshops covering topics that include Regression Discontinuity Designs, Data Visualization in R, Word Embeddings, Multilevel Models, Conjoint Experiments, and Text Analysis.

WORKSHOP
INSTRUCTOR

- Writing in $LaTeX$, Université de Montréal 2020
- Designing a survey in Qualtrics, Université de Montréal 2020

TEACHING
ASSISTANT

R Bootcamp, McGill University 2020

- Worked with Professor Tim Elrick to introduce 240 graduate and undergraduate students to R. Topics included Introduction to R, working with data in R, Cleaning data, types of variables and lists, dealing with missing data, Descriptive Statistics, creating graphs using ggplot2, Typesetting using R markdown, and R-studio Add-Ins.

	Représentation politique (POL2050), Université de Montréal	2016
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Worked with Professor André Blais to prepare and grade weekly presentations on electoral reform in Canada. I also organized live polling in class and curated content on social media to promote students' proposal on electoral reform in Canada.</i> 	
	Canadian Political Parties (POL356Y), University of Toronto	2014
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Teaching Assistant for a third year course for Professor Nelson Wiseman.</i> • <i>Graded assignments, held office hours, and provided course guidance.</i> 	
	Canada in Comparative Perspective (POL111H), University of Toronto	2014
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Teaching Assistant for a first year course for Professor Fiona Miller.</i> • <i>Facilitated three weekly tutorial sessions of 20 students per group to review the course material, graded assignments, held office hours, and provided course guidance.</i> 	
INVITED TALKS	Canada Vote Summit, Ryerson University, Toronto (2020)	
	Electoral Reform Research Group, Washington, DC (2020)	
	Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, University of Toronto, Toronto (2019)	
	Bell Chair in Canadian Parliamentary Democracy, Carleton University, Ottawa (2019)	
	Making Electoral Democracy Work Annual Meeting, Montreal (2017)	
	Samara Centre for Democracy, Toronto (2016)	
CONFERENCES (*Cancelled due to COVID-19)	Canadian Political Science Association (Calgary: 2016, Vancouver: 2019, London: 2020*)	
	American Political Science Association, Washington (2019)	
	Leuven-Montréal Winter School on Elections (Montréal: 2018, Leuven: 2019)	
	International Political Science Association, Edinburg (2015)	
	Bell Chair in Canadian Parliamentary Democracy, Ottawa (2015)	
RESEARCH GRANTS [Total: \$18,283]	"How do citizens evaluate ranking?" Political Reform Program, New America, (with Carolina Plescia and André Blais): 11,400 USD\$.	2020
	"The Impact of Visual Data on Canadians' Views about COVID-19" Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship, (with Marco Mendoza-Aviña, Gabrielle Péloquin-Skulski, Emmanuel Heisbourg, Paola Vegas, Maxime Coulombe, Vincent Arel-Bundock, Peter Loewen, and André Blais): 3,000 CAN\$.	2020
HONOURS AND AWARDS [Total: \$166,217]	Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship Methods Grant, ICPSR Summer Workshop on Regression Discontinuity Designs: 2,000 CAN\$.	2020
	RESTEP ISPOLE Quantitative Methods Workshop, Université Catholique de Louvain, Brussels, October: 1,000 €.	2019
	APSA First Generation Travel Grant, American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September: 285 USD\$.	2019
	Research Chair in Electoral Studies Grant, American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September: 750 CAN\$.	2019
	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada: 40,000 CAN\$.	2019-2021
	Empirical Implications of Theoretical Methods Certificate.	2019

Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship Methods Grant, ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods: 1,000 CAN\$.	2019
EITM Certification Scholarship, ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods: 5,000 USD\$.	2019
Canadian Political Science Association Travel Grant, Vancouver, BC, June: 266.74 CAN\$.	2019
Direction des affaires internationales at the Université de Montréal, Leuven-Montréal Winter School on Elections, Leuven, Belgium, March 2- 9: 1,000 CAN\$.	2019
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

SELECTED MEDIA
PUBLICATIONS
AMONG 65+

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

11. ["Research shows that MPs who cross the floor lose votes."](#) (with Antoine Yoshinaka and André Blais), *Policy Options*, 2018.
10. ["A students' proposal for electoral reform."](#) (with André Blais), *Policy Options*, 2016.
9. ["Ensuring young people are heard on electoral reform."](#) (with André Blais), *Policy Options*, 2016.
8. [*"Why is Ottawa still defending disenfranchisement of expats?"](#) (with Gillan Frank) *The Globe and Mail*, 2016.
7. ["Turkey's Twists and Turns on Syria."](#) *Middle East Review of International Affairs*, 2014.
6. [*"Reframing the debate over expat voting."](#) (with Peter Russell) *Macleans*, 2015.
5. [*"Canadian expatriates should never lose the right to vote."](#) *The Globe and Mail*, 2014.

SELECTED MEDIA INTERVIEWS AMONG 27+	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. "Istanbul's police violence is no surprise to Turkey's minority groups." <i>The Globe and Mail</i>, 2013. 3. * "Vote mobs aren't the cure for low youth turnout." <i>The Globe and Mail</i>, 2012. 2. "Foreign Policy Should Count in the 2012 U.S. Presidential Elections." <i>The Huffington Post</i>, 2012. 1. "Turkey Turning to the East." <i>The Harvard Crimson</i>, 2011.
AFFILIATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member, <i>Research Chair in Electoral Studies</i>. • Member, <i>Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship</i>. • Member, <i>Canadian Political Science Association</i>. • Member, <i>American Political Science Association</i>.
MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER	<p><i>BMC Medical Research Methodology; Canadian Journal of Political Science; Electoral Studies; Party Politics; Politics & Gender.</i></p>
LANGUAGE SKILLS	<p>Turkish (heritage); English (fluent); French (intermediate)</p>
COMPUTER SOFTWARES	<p>GitHub, L^AT_EX , Python, Qualtrics, R, Stata</p>

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