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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

Université de Montréal

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

University of Toronto

Master of Arts, Political Science 2014
• Completed One Graduate Course at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Israel

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

JOURNAL ARTICLES

10. **Semra Sevi**. “Who Runs?” Accepted at *Canadian Journal of Political Science*.
Media Coverage: [CBC](#)
9. **Semra Sevi**. “Do Young Voters Vote for Young Leaders?” In Press at *Electoral Studies*.
Media Coverage: [National Post](#)
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8. Erin Tolley, Randy Besco and **Semra Sevi**. “Gender and Political Campaign Contributions in Canada.” In Press at *Politics and Gender*.
7. Ruth Dassonneville, André Blais, **Semra Sevi** and Jean-François Daoust. “How Citizens Want their Legislator to Vote.” In Press at *Legislative Studies Quarterly*.
[\[Replication Code\]](#)
6. **Semra Sevi**, Marco Mendoza Aviña, Gabrielle Péloquin-Skulski, Emmanuel Heisbourg, Paola Vegas, Maxime Coulombe, Vincent Arel-Bundock, Peter John Loewen and André Blais. 2020. “Logarithmic vs. Linear Visualizations of COVID-19 Cases Do Not Affect Citizens’ Support for Confinement.” *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 53(2): 385-390.
[\[Replication Code\]](#)
5. **Semra Sevi**, André Blais and Danielle Mayer. 2020. “Do Lawyers Get More Votes?” *American Review of Canadian Studies* 50(2): 216-228.
[\[Replication Code\]](#)
4. **Semra Sevi**, Can Mekik, André Blais and Semih Çakır. 2020. “How Do Turks Abroad Vote?” *Turkish Studies* 21(2): 208-230.
[\[Replication Code\]](#)

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Semra Sevi, Vincent Arel-Bundock and André Blais. 2019. “Do Women Get Fewer Votes? No.” <i>Canadian Journal of Political Science</i> 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?” <i>Party Politics</i> 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.” <i>Canadian Journal of Political Science</i> 51(3): 665-695. Media Coverage: Policy Options; CBC; the Star [Replication Code] 	
BOOK CHAPTERS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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.) <i>Women in Politics, Women in Leadership</i>. Toronto: University of Toronto Press. 	
DATASETS	Semra Sevi. 2019. “Canadian Federal Candidates: 1867-2017”, Available at <i>Harvard Dataverse</i> : https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/ABFNSQ .	
RESEARCHER	Elections Canada, Ottawa 2020- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted data analyses 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- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designed, programmed and executed surveys and experiments and wrote collaborative papers. • Prepared grant proposals for André Blais (<i>including the Killam Prize</i>). 	
SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT	Organizer, Weekly Seminars, Science Politique, Université de Montréal 2018-2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	
	Co-organizer, Montréal Methods Workshops, Université de Montréal 2020- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded and co-organized 18 methods workshops covering topics that include Regression Discontinuity Designs, Data Visualization in R, Word Embeddings, Multilevel Models, Conjoint Experiments, Text Analysis and Differences-in-Differences. 	
LECTURER	Department of Political Science, Queens University 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course: Political Behaviour (POL312). • 60+ undergraduate students. 	
WORKSHOP INSTRUCTOR	Department of Political Science, Université de Montréal 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing in \LaTeX • Designing a survey in Qualtrics 	
TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS	<i>R Bootcamp, McGill University</i> 2020 <i>Représentation politique (POL2050), Université de Montréal</i> 2016 <i>Canadian Political Parties (POL356Y), University of Toronto</i> 2014 <i>Canada in Comparative Perspective (POL111H), University of Toronto</i> 2014	

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 CAN]	“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: \$168,717 CAN]	Finalist for SSHRC Talent Award , Government of Canada	2020
	Bourse Jacqueline Avaré, Université de Montréal: 2,500 CAN\$.	2020
	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
	Doctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council : 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
	Empirical Implications of Theoretical Methods 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, 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
Doctoral Fellowship, 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.
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 AMONG 27+	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. “As an Independent MP, Can Jody Wilson-Raybould Make a Difference?” <i>The Star</i>. 2019. 9. “Does Floor Crossing Pay Off?” <i>CBC The House</i>. 2018. 8. “Expatrie voting rights.” <i>CTV News Channel</i>. 2018. 7. “Les Étudiants du CSTJ sont prêts à jouer leur rôle de Citoyens Engagés et Informés!” <i>Cegep de Saint-Jérôme</i>. 2015. 6. “Des expatriés frustrés de ne pas voter.” <i>TVA Nouvelles</i>. 2015. 5. “Pie a Prof.” <i>UofT Magazine</i>. 2014. 4. “Quirky fundraiser for Syrian children: pies, profs, vintage slapstick.” <i>UofT News</i>. 2014. 3. “Justin Trudeau: Can he bring the Liberal Party back to life?” <i>The Star</i>. 2013. 2. “Political scientist explores voter turnout.” <i>UofT News</i>. 2011. 1. “Voter flash mob.” <i>CBC</i>. 2011.
AFFILIATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Member, Research Chair in Electoral Studies.</i> • <i>Member, Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship.</i> • <i>Member, Canadian Political Science Association.</i> • <i>Member, 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> See my Publons profile for more information on reviews.</p>
LANGUAGE SKILLS	Turkish & Kurdish (heritage); English (fluent); French (intermediate)
COMPUTER SOFTWARES	GitHub, L ^A T _E X , Python, Qualtrics, R, Stata

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