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Columbia University
Department of Political Science 2021-

EDUCATION

Université de Montréal
Ph.D., Political Science 2016-2021
Fields: Canadian Politics and Political Behaviour with Distinction

University of Toronto
Master of Arts, Political Science 2014
Honours Bachelor of Arts, Political Science 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; 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
Course: Text-Analysis in R

JOURNAL ARTICLES [*Co-authored with students] [**Alphabetical]

16. **Semra Sevi** and André Blais. “Does voting in one election reduce the perceived cost of voting in subsequent elections?” In Press at *Canadian Journal of Political Science*.
15. ***Semra Sevi**, Marco Mendoza Aviña and André Blais. “Do Local Candidates Matter? A Replication and Extension.” In Press at *Canadian Journal of Political Science*.
14. **André Blais, Carolina Plescia and **Semra Sevi**. “Do people want smarter ballots?” In Press at *Research and Politics*. Media Coverage: [New America](#).
[\[Replication Code\]](#)
13. André Blais, **Semra Sevi** and Carolina Plescia. “Are voters’ views about proportional outcomes shaped by partisan preferences? A survey experiment in the context of a real election.” In Press at *Political Science Research Methods*.
[\[Replication Code\]](#)
12. Erin Tolley, Randy Besco and **Semra Sevi**. “Gender and Political Campaign Contributions in Canada.” In Press at *Politics and Gender*.
11. *Marco Mendoza Aviña and **Semra Sevi**. 2021. “Did Exposure to COVID-19 Affect Vote Choice in the 2020 U.S. Election?” *Research and Politics* 8(3): 1-4.
[\[Replication Code\]](#)
10. **Semra Sevi**. 2021. “Who Runs? Canadian Federal and Ontario Provincial Candidates from 1867 to 2019” *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 54(2): 471-476.
Media Coverage: [CBC](#)

9. Carolina Plescia, **Semra Sevi** and André Blais. 2021. “Who likes to vote by mail?” *American Politics Research* 49(4): 381-385.
Media Coverage: [The Loop](#)
 8. **Semra Sevi**. 2021. “Do Young Voters Vote for Young Leaders?” *Electoral Studies* 69: 1-8.
Media Coverage: [National Post](#)
[\[Replication Code\]](#)
 7. *Ruth Dassonneville, André Blais, **Semra Sevi** and Jean-François Daoust. 2021. “How Citizens Want their Legislator to Vote.” *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 46(2): 297-321.
[\[Replication Code\]](#)
 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.
[\[Replication Code\]](#)
 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.
Media Coverage: [Université de Montréal News](#)
 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.
Media Coverage: [Policy Options](#); [CBC](#); [the Star](#)
[\[Replication Code\]](#)
- BOOK CHAPTERS
1. **Semra Sevi**, André Blais and Vincent Arel-Bundock. 2021. “Do Women Get Fewer Votes in Ontario Provincial Elections?” In Roosmarijn de Geus, Erin Tolley, Elizabeth Goodyear-Grant, and Peter Loewen, eds. *Women, Power, and Political Representation: Canadian and Comparative Perspectives*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.
- CONSULTING REPORTS
1. André Blais and **Semra Sevi**. 2021. “The burden of voting in the 2019 Canadian federal election” *Peer-reviewed research report prepared for Elections Canada*. Media Coverage: [Times Higher Education](#)
- PAPERS UNDER REVIEW
2. “Is incumbency advantage gendered? Apparently Not.” Revised and Resubmitted.
 1. “Do voters prefer minority or coalition governments?” (with André Blais and Carolina Plescia). Under Review
- WORK IN PROGRESS
4. “The Effects of Proposal Power on Incumbents’ Vote Share: Updated Results from a Naturally-Occurring Experiment” (with Donald P. Green) [Pre-analysis Plan](#).
 3. “The gender experiment: To run or not to run.” (with André Blais). Pre-analysis plan under embargo.
 2. “Do voters punish women politicians more?” (with Charles Crabtree and André Blais) Pre-analysis plan under embargo.

1. *[“Citizens’ attitudes toward snap elections”](#) (with Marco Mendoza Aviña and Ruth Dassonneville) [Pre-analysis Plan](#).

DATASETS	Semra Sevi. “Who Runs? Canadian Election Datasets” Available on the <i>Harvard Dataverse</i> : https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/ABFNSQ . First published on the Dataverse in April 2019.	
RESEARCHER	Elections Canada, Ottawa	2020-2021
	Professor André Blais, Université de Montréal	2017-2021
LECTURER	Department of Political Science, Queens University <i>Course: Political Behaviour (POL312)</i>	2021
WORKSHOP INSTRUCTOR	Department of Political Science, Université de Montréal <i>Writing in L^AT_EX</i> <i>Designing a survey in Qualtrics</i>	2020
TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS	<i>Maximum Likelihood Estimation I: Generalized Linear Models, University of Michigan</i>	2021
	<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
SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT	Founder & Coordinator, Montréal Methods Workshops, Université de Montréal Organizer, Weekly Seminars, Science Politique, Université de Montréal	2020-2021 2018-2020
INVITED TALKS	Minority Politics, Online Seminar Series (2022) Canada Vote Summit, Ryerson University, Toronto (2020) Electoral Reform Research Group, Washington, DC (2020, 2021) Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, University of Toronto, Toronto (2019) Making Electoral Democracy Work Annual Meeting, Montreal (2017) Samara Centre for Democracy, Toronto (2016)	
CONFERENCES [*Cancelled due to COVID-19]	Midwest Political Science Association Conference (Chicago 2022) 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	“Do Voters Punish Women Politicians More?” Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior, APSA: 1,000 USD\$. Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship: 1,000 CAN\$.	2021
	“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	Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship , Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council: 140,000 CAN\$ (Rank 2)	2021-2023
	Bourse postdoctorale, (Accepted partially) Fonds de recherche du Québec – Société et culture: 135,000 CAN\$ (Rank 1)	2021-2024

	Postdoctoral Fellowship, (Declined) Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council	2021-2023
	Finalist SSHRC Talent Award , Government of Canada: 50,000 CAN\$ (Rank 2; only 1 person in Canada receives this award)	2020
	Bourse Jacqueline Avaré, Université de Montréal: 2,500 CAN\$	2020
	Doctoral Fellowship , Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council: 40,000 CAN\$	2019-2021
	Empirical Implications of Theoretical Methods Certificate	2019
	Empirical Implications of Theoretical Methods Scholarship , ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods: 5,000 USD\$	2019
	Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship Methods Grants, ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods: 3,000 CAN\$	2019 & 2020
	Richard J. Schmeelk Fellowship : 40,000 CAN\$	2017-2019
	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
	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
TRAVEL GRANTS	APSA First Generation Travel Grant , American Political Science Association, Washington, DC: 285 USD\$	2019
	Research Chair in Electoral Studies Grant, American Political Science Association, Washington, DC: 750 CAN\$	2019
	RESTEP ISPOLE Quantitative Methods Workshop, Université Catholique de Louvain, Brussels: 1,000 €	2019
	Canadian Political Science Association Travel Grant, Vancouver, BC: 266.74 CAN\$	2019
	Direction des affaires internationales, Université de Montréal, Leuven-Montréal Winter School on Elections, Leuven, Belgium: 1,000 CAN\$	2019
	Richard J. Schmeelk Fellowship Travel Grant, Workshop for Richard Johnston's scholarly contributions to political science, Vancouver, BC: 1,500 CAN\$	2018
	Mobility Grants, Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship Scholarship: 2,000 CAN\$	2018-2019

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

Bell Chair for the Study of Canadian Parliamentary Democracy Grant,
Carleton, ON: 350 CAN\$ 2015

SELECTED POPULAR
PUBLICATIONS

AMONG 67+
[*Publications related to
Masters and Hon. B.A.
Research Projects]

11. "Polling booth, postal ballot or internet? The voting-mode preferences of Americans." with Carolina Plescia and André Blais, *The Loop*, 2021.
10. "Choosing to Vote as Usual." with André Blais and Carolina Plescia, *New America*, 2021.
9. "Research shows that MPs who cross the floor lose votes." (with Antoine Yoshinaka and André Blais), *Policy Options*, 2018.
8. "A students' proposal for electoral reform." (with André Blais), *Policy Options*, 2016.
7. "Ensuring young people are heard on electoral reform." (with André Blais), *Policy Options*, 2016.
6. * "Why is Ottawa still defending disenfranchisement of expats?" (with Gillan Frank) *The Globe and Mail*, 2016.
5. * "Reframing the debate over expat voting." (with Peter Russell) *Macleans*, 2015.
4. * "Canadian expatriates should never lose the right to vote." *The Globe and Mail*, 2014.
3. "Istanbul's police violence is no surprise to Turkey's minority groups." *The Globe and Mail*, 2013.
2. * "Vote mobs aren't the cure for low youth turnout." *The Globe and Mail*, 2012.
1. "Turkey Turning to the East." *The Harvard Crimson*, 2011.

SELECTED MEDIA
INTERVIEWS
AMONG 29+

11. "Canadians protest as on-campus voting axed for snap election" *Times Higher Education*. 2021.
10. "Rise in expat voting expected to continue, creating new political footholds, say experts" *Hill Times*. 2021.
9. "As an Independent MP, Can Jody Wilson-Raybould Make a Difference?" *The Star*. 2019.
8. "Does Floor Crossing Pay Off?" *CBC The House*. 2018.
7. "Expatriate voting rights." *CTV News Channel*. 2018.
6. "Les Étudiants du CSTJ sont prêts à jouer leur rôle de Citoyens Engagés et Informés!" *Cegep de Saint-Jérôme*. 2015.
5. "Des expatriés frustrés de ne pas voter." *TVA Nouvelles*. 2015.
4. "Pie a Prof." *UofT Magazine*. 2014.
3. "Quirky fundraiser for Syrian children: pies, profs, vintage slapstick." *UofT News*. 2014.
2. "Justin Trudeau: Can he bring the Liberal Party back to life?" *The Star*. 2013.
1. "Political scientist explores voter turnout." *UofT News*. 2011.

AFFILIATIONS

Member, *Canadian Political Science Association*.
Member, *American Political Science Association*.

MANUSCRIPT
REVIEWER

BMC Medical Research Methodology; Canadian Journal of Political Science; Electoral Studies; Frontiers in Political Science; Legislative Studies Quarterly; Party Politics; Politics & Gender; Political Research Quarterly. See my [Publons profile](#) for more information on my reviews.

LANGUAGE SKILLS Turkish & Kurdish (native); English (fluent); French (intermediate)

COMPUTER
SOFTWARES Qualtrics, R, Stata, L^AT_EX

Last Updated January 2022