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APPOINTMENTS

Columbia University

Banting Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science 2021-

University of Toronto

Fellow in Residence, Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy 2022

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 & History 2012

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Columbia University

Department of Political Science 2020
Experimental Research: Design, Analysis, and Interpretation

University of Michigan

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods 2020 & 2019
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

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

[* Co-authored
with students;
** Alphabetical order]

19. **Donald P. Green and **Semra Sevi**. “The Effects of Proposal Power on Incumbents’ Vote Share: Updated Results from a Naturally-Occurring Experiment” In press at *Political Science Research Methods* [Pre-analysis Plan](#).
18. **Semra Sevi**. “Is Incumbency Advantage Gendered?” In press at *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. [\[Replication Code\]](#)
17. **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*. [\[Replication Code\]](#)
16. **André Blais, Carolina Plescia and **Semra Sevi**. “Do people want smarter ballots?” In press at *Research and Politics*. Media Coverage: [New America](#). [\[Replication Code\]](#)
15. ***Semra Sevi**, Marco Mendoza Aviña and André Blais. “Reassessing Local Candidate Effects.” In press at *Canadian Journal of Political Science*. [\[Replication Code\]](#)

14. 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]
13. **Semra Sevi**. 2022. “Too Old to Be President?” *American Politics Research*. 50(6): 752-756.
[Replication Code]
12. Erin Tolley, Randy Besco and **Semra Sevi**. 2022. “Who Controls the Purse Strings? A Longitudinal Study of Gender and Donations in Canadian Politics” *Politics and Gender*. 18(1): 244-272.
11. **Semra Sevi**. 2021. “Do Young Voters Vote for Young Leaders?” *Electoral Studies* 69: 1-8.
Media Coverage: [National Post](#); [Toronto Star](#)
[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 & Hill Notes](#)
9. *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]
8. 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](#)
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]

OTHER PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	<p>2. André Blais and Semra Sevi. 2021. “The burden of voting in the 2019 Canadian federal election” <i>Elections Canada</i>. Media Coverage: Times Higher Education</p> <p>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. <i>Women, Power, and Political Representation: Canadian and Comparative Perspectives</i>. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.</p>
WORK IN PROGRESS	<p>6. “Are women election averse?” Under review (with André Blais). Pre-analysis Plan.</p> <p>5. “Do voters punish women politicians more?” Under review (with Charles Crabtree and André Blais) Pre-analysis Plan.</p> <p>4. * “Do Snap Elections Backfire?” Under review (with Marco Mendoza Aviña and Ruth Dassonneville) Pre-analysis Plan.</p> <p>3. “Descriptive Underrepresentation of the Canadian Working Class” Under review (with Jacob Robbins-Kanter)</p> <p>2. “Legislative Log-rolling: Using a Proposal Lottery to Identify Causal Effects” (with Donald P. Green) Pre-analysis Plan.</p> <p>1. “Are feminine traits a liability?” (with André Blais)</p>
DATASETS	Semra Sevi. 2021. “Who Runs? Canadian Federal and Ontario Provincial Candidates since 1867. <i>Canadian Journal of Political Science</i> 54(2): 471-476.” Available on the <i>Harvard Dataverse</i> : https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/ABFNSQ . First published on the Dataverse in April 2019.
RESEARCH GRANTS	<p>“Do Voters Punish Women Politicians More?” 2021 Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior, APSA: \$1,000 USD Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship: \$1,000 CAN</p> <p>“How do citizens evaluate ranking?” Political Reform Program, New America, 2020 (with Carolina Plescia and André Blais): \$11,400 USD</p> <p>“The Impact of Visual Data on Canadians’ Views about COVID-19” 2020 Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship, (with Marco Mendoza-Aviña, Gabrielle Péroquin-Skulski, Emmanuel Heisbourg, Paola Vegas, Maxime Coulombe, Vincent Arel-Bundock, Peter Loewen, and André Blais): \$3,000 CAN</p>
SELECTED HONOURS AND AWARDS	<p>Fellow in Residence, Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy: \$25,000 CAN 2022</p> <p>Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council: \$140,000 CAN (Rank 2) 2021-2023</p> <p>Bourse postdoctorale, (Accepted partially) Fonds de recherche du Québec – Société et culture: \$110,000 CAN (Rank 1) 2021-2023</p> <p>Postdoctoral Fellowship, (Declined) Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council: \$90,000 CAN 2021-2023</p> <p>Finalist SSHRC Talent Award, Government of Canada: \$50,000 CAN (Rank 2; only 1 scholar receives this award annually) 2020</p> <p>Bourse Jacqueline Avard, Université de Montréal: \$2,500 CAN 2020</p>

[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

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

LECTURER
 Department of Political Science, Queens University 2021
 Course: Political Behaviour
 WORKSHOP INSTRUCTOR
 Department of Political Science, Université de Montréal 2020
 Writing in L^AT_EX & Designing surveys in Qualtrics
 TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS
 Maximum Likelihood Estimation I: Generalized Linear Models, University of Michigan 2021
 R Bootcamp, McGill University 2020
 Représentation politique, Université de Montréal 2016
 Canadian Political Parties, University of Toronto 2014
 Canada in Comparative Perspective, University of Toronto 2014

INVITED TALKS

Policy, Elections & Representation Lab, University of Toronto, Toronto (2022)
 University of British Columbia Okanagan, Kelowna (2022)
 Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior Online (2022)
 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]

American Political Science Association, (Washington: 2019, Montréal: 2022)
 Midwest Political Science Association Conference (Chicago 2022)

Canadian Political Science Association (Calgary: 2016, Vancouver: 2019, *London: 2020**, Online 2022)
 Leuven-Montréal Winter School on Elections (Montréal: 2018, Leuven: 2019)
 International Political Science Association, (Edinburg 2015)
 Bell Chair in Canadian Parliamentary Democracy, (Ottawa 2015)

SERVICE Founder & Coordinator, Montréal Methods Workshops, Université de Montréal 2020-2021
 Organizer, Weekly Seminars, Science Politique, Université de Montréal 2018-2020

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER
 [Total = 22] *BMC Medical Research Methodology; Canadian Journal of Political Science; Electoral Studies; European Political Science Review; Frontiers in Political Science; Government and Opposition; International Political Science Review; Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties; Legislative Studies Quarterly; Party Politics; Patterns; Politics & Gender; Political Research Quarterly; Research & Politics.* See my [Publons profile](#) for more information on my reviews.

SKILLS Software: L^AT_EX , Python, Qualtrics, R, Stata
 Languages: Turkish & Kurdish (native); English (fluent); French (intermediate)

SELECTED PAST EMPLOYMENT Research Consultant, Elections Canada, Ottawa 2020-2021
 Research Assistant, Professor André Blais, Université de Montréal 2017-2021
 Language Monitor, The Odyssey Language Assistant Program 2015-2016
 Advocacy Intern, Médecins Sans Frontières / Doctors Without Borders (MSF) 2014
 Speaker, University College Literary and Athletic Society, University of Toronto 2012-2013
 Research Intern, The Agenda with Steve Paikin 2010-2011

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