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## Academic Appointments

- 2019 Senior Lecturer in Politics, School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Glasgow
- 2015 Lecturer in Politics, School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Glasgow
- 2013 Senior Research Officer (postdoc), Department of Government, University of Essex

## Education

- 2018 Postgraduate Certificate in Academic Practice, University of Glasgow
- 2013 PhD in Political Science, Washington University in St. Louis
- 2004 MPhil, University of Cape Town
- 1999 BA (Honours), University of Natal, Durban & Pietermaritzburg

## Research Interests

*Substantive:* political behaviour, public opinion, comparative politics, democratic values, intergroup conflict

*Methodological:* survey design and analysis, Bayesian methods, latent variable models

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

- 2020 Claassen C & McLaren L. Do threats galvanize authoritarians or mobilize non-authoritarians? Experimental tests from 19 European societies. *Political Psychology*
- 2020 Claassen C. In the mood for democracy? Democratic support as thermostatic opinion. *American Political Science Review*  
– coverage in *The Economist* & *Veja*.
- 2020 Claassen C. Does public support help democracy survive? *American Journal of Political Science*
- 2020 Gibson JL, Claassen C & Barceló J. Putting groups back into the study of political tolerance, in Borgida E, Federico C & Miller J (eds.) *At the Forefront of Political Psychology: Essays in Honor of John L. Sullivan*, Routledge.
- 2020 Gibson JL, Claassen C & Barceló J. Deplorables: Emotions, political sophistication, and political intolerance. *American Politics Research*
- 2019 Claassen C. Estimating smooth country-year panels of public opinion. *Political Analysis*
- 2019 Claassen C & Gibson JL. Does intolerance dampen dissent? Macro-tolerance and protest in American metropolitan areas. *Political Behavior*
- 2018 Claassen C & Traunmüller R. Improving and validating survey estimates of religious demography using Bayesian multilevel models and poststratification. *Sociological Methods & Research*
- 2016 Claassen C. Group entitlement, anger and participation in intergroup violence. *British Journal of Political Science*  
– Honourable mention, 2012 Otto Klineberg intercultural and international relations award, the

Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues

- 2015 Claassen C. Measuring university quality. *Scientometrics*
- 2015 Claassen C, Tucker P & Smith SS. Ideological labels in America. *Political Behavior*
- 2014 Claassen C. Who participates in communal violence? Survey evidence from South Africa. *Research & Politics*
- 2011 Schofield N, Claassen C, Ozdemir U & Zakharov A. Estimating the effects of activists in two-party and multi-party systems: A comparison of the United States and Israel. *Social Choice and Welfare*
- 2011 Schofield N, Claassen C, Gallego M & Ozdemir U. Empirical and formal models of the United States presidential elections in 2000 and 2004, in Schofield N & Caballero G (eds.) *The Political Economy of Institutions, Democracy and Voting*, Springer.
- 2010 Gibson JL & Claassen C. Racial reconciliation in South Africa: Interracial contact and changes over time. *Journal of Social Issues*

### Media Articles and Policy Briefs

- 2019 Claassen C. Does public support for democracy defend a country from autocrats? Not necessarily. *Washington Post*, The Monkey Cage, 17 July
- 2018 Claassen C. Support for democracy is declining – but not in the U.S. or other Western democracies. *Washington Post*, The Monkey Cage, 5 July
- 2018 Claassen C & Gibson JL. This map shows where more Americans are willing to support free speech. *Washington Post*, The Monkey Cage, 15 February
- 2017 Claassen C. Explaining South African xenophobia. Afrobarometer working paper no. 173.

### External Research Grants

- 2020 Principal investigator (UK team): The rural-urban divide in Europe, New Opportunities for Research Funding Agency Cooperation in Europe (NORFACE), €271,609 (total project value: €1.41 million)
- 2018 Principal investigator: Does democracy require a supportive political culture? Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland, £7,513
- 2018 Co-investigator: Do immigrant numbers inflame anti-immigrant opinion? A time-series cross-sectional analysis of European immigrant numbers and opinions, 1995-2017. British Academy / Leverhulme Trust, £9,761
- 2017 Principal investigator: Estimating democratic political culture in 100+ countries over 20+ years. Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland, £4,393

### Research Presentations

#### Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association: 2011 & 2019  
 Elections, Public Opinion and Parties: 2018 & 2019  
 European Political Science Association: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 & 2019  
 International Society of Political Psychology: 2016 & 2019  
 International Total Survey Error Workshop: 2018  
 Midwest Political Science Association: 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013 & 2016

Political Studies Association: 2017  
Southern Political Science Association: 2013

#### *Invited Talks*

Uppsala University, Symposium on political tolerance and the new world disorder, 2-3 May 2017  
British Council Newton Fund symposium on affirmative action in Brasilia, Brazil, 6-9 December 2016  
University of Edinburgh, Department of politics and international relations, 23 November 2016  
Stellenbosch University, Symposium on postcolonial legacies, 10-12 August 2016  
University of Essex, Department of government, 5 November 2013  
University of the Witwatersrand, African centre for migration and society, 11 May 2011

#### **Teaching**

##### *University of Glasgow*

The rise and fall of democracy (UG)  
Intergroup conflict and reconciliation (UG)  
Comparative politics (UG)  
Comparative public opinion (PGT)

##### *University of Essex*

Introduction to OLS (UG)  
The analysis of categorical and count data (UG)  
Institutions of democracy (UG)

#### **PhD Supervision**

Phannarai Sirisophonphong, 2017-2019

#### **Leadership and Citizenship**

Politics dissertations coordinator, University of Glasgow, 2016-  
Politics REF review committee member, University of Glasgow, 2017-  
School of Social and Political Sciences ethics committee member, University of Glasgow, 2019-  
Acting Director, EssexLab Social Science Experimental Laboratory, University of Essex, 2014  
Paper reviews for *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *World Politics*, *Journal of Politics*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Political Analysis*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Political Behavior*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Psychology*, *Electoral Studies*, *Social Forces*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*, *Public Library of Science One* and *Conflict Management and Peace Science*  
Grant application reviews for the British Academy, Carnegie Trust, and the Czech Science Foundation.