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EDUCATION

2022 – 2027

Ph.D. in Political Science

GHENT UNIVERSITY, BELGIUM

- Dissertation title: *Divided over democracy: The effects of affective polarization on citizens' democratic support in Europe.*
- Supervisors: Prof. dr. Anna Kern (Ghent University) and Prof. dr. Hannah Werner (University of Zürich).
- Visiting scholar at the University of Zürich (Sep 2024 – Nov 2024).
- Visiting scholar at the European University Institute (Apr 2025 – May 2025).

2020 – 2022

Research Master's Social Sciences

UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

- Distinction: *Cum Laude* (GPA: 89/100), top 3% of the 181 students who have obtained their degree between 2016 and 2022 (P97).
- Thesis title: *Sweet victory, bitter defeat: The amplifying effects of affective and perceived ideological polarization on the winner-loser gap in political support*, supervised by Prof. dr. Tom van der Meer & Prof. Dr. Eelco Harteveld. Published in the *European Journal of Political Research*.
- Specialisations: Quantitative research methods (experiments, multilevel modelling, structural equation modelling), democratic legitimacy, and affective polarization.

2017 – 2020

B.Sc. in Political Science

UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

- Distinction: *Cum Laude* (GPA: 83/100).
- Honours program (additional 30 ECTS) (GPA: 87/100), Vrije Universiteit and UvA.

2016 – 2020

B.Sc. in Communication Science

UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

- Distinction: *Cum Laude* (GPA: 80/100).

RESEARCH

Research Fields: Political Psychology, Political Behaviour, Comparative Politics, & Public Opinion

Research Interests: Democratic Attitudes, Democratic Legitimacy, Affective Polarisation, Political Support

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- (5) Van der Meer, T.W.G., & **Janssen, L.** (2025). Pushing & Pulling: The Static and Dynamic Effects of Political Distrust on Support for Representative Democracy and its Rivals. *Political Behavior, Online First*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11109-024-09994-y>
- (4) **Janssen, L.** & Turkenburg, E. (2024). Breaking free from linear assumptions: Unravelling the relationship between affective polarization and democratic support. *European Journal of Political Research, Online First*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1475-6765.12725>
- (3) **Janssen, L.** (2024). Sweet victory, bitter defeat: The amplifying effects of affective and perceived ideological polarization on the winner-loser gap in political support. *European Journal of Political Research*, 63, 455–477. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1475-6765.12625>
- (2) **Janssen, L.**, Zwier, D., & Van de Werfhorst, H. (2024). Privatization of preschool education: The implications for educational inequalities in cross-national perspective. *Acta Sociologica*, 67(3), 282–300. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00016993231205201>
- (1) Van der Meer, T.W.G., **Janssen, L.**, & Louwse, T. (2023). The predictive value of polls in a fragmented multi-party system: the Netherlands (1998–2021). *Acta Politica*, 58, 461–482. <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41269-022-00250-x>

WORKING PAPERS

- (3) **Janssen, L., & Van Lit, J.** (2025). Democratic Defenders Under Fire: How reciprocal Political Attacks can Undermine Democratic Resistance.
- (2) Werner, H., **Janssen, L.**, Wunsch, N., & Kern, A. (2024). Steadfast support: What drives committed citizens to uphold democratic principles?
- (1) **Janssen, L.**, Kern, A., & Werner, H. (2025). When they go low, we kick them: The reciprocal nature of citizens' support for democratic transgressions. *Under Review*.

BOOK CHAPTERS & ARTICLES (NOT REVIEWED)

- (3) **Janssen, L.** (2024). Hyperpolitiek: Extreme politisering zonder politieke gevolgen. *Samenleving & Politiek*, 31(6), 85-87.
- (2) **Janssen, L.** (2021). Casus II: Het Deense Windwonder. In Nieuwenhuis, E. (Eds.), *Groene Industriepolitiek: Bouwen aan een Groene Eeuw* (pp. 91-96). *Wetenschappelijk Bureau GroenLinks*.
- (1) **Janssen, L.** (2021). Casus III: Groene Staal uit Zweden. In Nieuwenhuis, E. (Eds.), *Groene Industriepolitiek: Bouwen aan een Groene Eeuw* (pp. 125-130). *Wetenschappelijk Bureau GroenLinks*.

POPULAR SCIENTIFIC BLOGS & MEDIA PUBLICATIONS

- (3) **Janssen, L.** (2024). Zoete overwinning, bittere nederlaag: Het verliezen van verkiezingen ten tijde van polarisatie. *GASPAR blogt*. <https://gasparblogt.wordpress.com/2023/11/13/zoete-overwinning-bittere-nederlaag-het-verliezen-van-verkiezingen-ten-tijde-van-polarisatie>.
- (2) **Janssen, L.** (2023). Losing the vote, losing the faith: Electoral defeat in polarised times. *ECPR The Loop*. <https://theloop.ecpr.eu/losing-the-vote-losing-the-faith-electoral-defeat-in-polarised-times/>.
- (1) **Janssen, L.**, & Van der Meer, T.W.G. (2023). Wat zeggen Eerste Kamerverkiezingen en peilingen over de uitslag van de Tweede Kamerverkiezingen? *StukRoodVlees*. <https://stukroodvlees.nl/wat-zeggen-eerste-kamerverkiezingen-en-peilingen-over-de-uitslag-van-de-tweede-kamerverkiezingen/>

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS & INVITED TALKS

2025	EPSA 15th Annual Conference, Madrid, Spain	<i>Panel Chair & Presenter</i>
	Citizens' democratic commitment in times of affective polarisation, ECPR Joint Sessions, Prague, Czechia	<i>Workshop Director & Presenter</i>
	"Divided over democracy: The effects of affective polarization on democratic support"	<i>Invited Talk</i>
	EGPP Seminar, European University Institute, Florence, Italy	
	EGPP Annual Conference: "Resisting autocracy: actors, challenges, and tools for democratic resilience", European University Institute, Florence, Italy	<i>Invited Presenter</i>
	Conference on Political Trust, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands	<i>Invited Participant</i>
	The reciprocal nature of citizens' support for democratic transgressions, GI Seminars, University of Lisboa, Portugal	<i>Invited Talk</i>
2024	Villa Vigoni, workshop "Contesting the rules of the game? Political conflict, polarization and procedural consensus", Lake Como, Italy	<i>Invited Presenter</i>
	ECPR General Conference, University College Dublin, Ireland	<i>Chair of three panels & Presenter</i>
	EPSA 14 th Annual Conference, Cologne, Germany	<i>Presenter</i>
	Workshop "Towards affective depolarisation?", European University Institute, Florence, Italy	<i>Invited Presenter</i>
	Annual Political Science Workshops of the Low Countries, Maastricht University, the Netherlands	<i>Panel Organizer & Presenter</i>
2023	Symposium on Affective Polarisation, Maastricht University, the Netherlands	<i>Presenter</i>

	Interdisciplinary workshop: Affective polarization and democracy, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands	<i>Participant</i>
	ECPR General Conference, Charles University, Czechia	<i>Presenter</i>
	EPSA 13 th Annual Conference, Glasgow, United Kingdom	<i>Presenter</i>
	Annual Political Science Workshops of the Low Countries KU Leuven, Belgium	<i>Panel Organizer & Presenter</i>
2022	Annual Political Science Workshops of the Low Countries, Radboud University, Netherlands	<i>Presenter</i>

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING

2024	Learning track for teachers Mansi Sharma & Margo Dewispelaere	GHENT UNIVERSITY, BELGIUM
	Summer school on "Democratic Decline and Resilience" Prof. Dr. Ruth Dassonneville and Prof. Dr. Romain Lacher	UNIVERSITY OF MONTRÉAL, CANADA
2023	PhD course on "Causality in Quantitative Methods" Prof. Dr. Daphne van der Pas	GHENT UNIVERSITY, BELGIUM
	ECPR Winter School "Introduction to Bayesian Estimation" Prof. dr. Susumu Shikano	KU LEUVEN, BELGIUM
	Workshop "Experimental Methods" Prof. Dr. Bert Bakker	GHENT UNIVERSITY, BELGIUM
2022	Workshop "Statistical Power Analysis" Dr. Niklas Johannes	KU LEUVEN, BELGIUM

GRANTS & FUNDING

2025	Event Participation Grant - Joint Sessions of Workshops 2025	(£500)
2024	Funding from the University of Zürich, Political Science Department (IPZ) for a survey experiment on citizens' democratic commitments, together with Prof. Dr. Hannah Werner.	(CHF 7.000)
	Mobility and Research Faculty Fund for research stay at the University of Zürich.	(€3.000)
	Research Foundation Flanders (FWO) Travel Grant workshop abroad for workshop on Democratic Decline and Resilience at the University of Montréal.	(€1.000)
	Doctoral Schools (Ghent University) Financing for organizing a PhD-course on 'Open Science' by Prof. dr. Godefroidt.	(€3.660)
2023	Doctoral Schools (Ghent University) Financing for organizing a course on 'Causality in Quantitative Research' by Prof. dr. Van der Pas.	(€4.500)
	Research Foundation Flanders (FWO) PhD Fellowship fundamental research grant for a personal project titled 'Divided by Democracy: The effects of affective polarization on citizens' democratic support in Europe'.	(+/- €175.000)
	Grant Special Research Fund- Doctoral Scholarship (BOF) for personal PhD project 'Divided by Democracy: The effects of affective polarization on citizens' democratic support in Europe'. The grant was discontinued in November 2023 after receiving the FWO grant.	(+/- €175.000)

2022 Doctoral Schools (Ghent University) Financing for organizing a PhD-course on 'Experimental Methods' by Prof. dr. Bakker. (€4,500)

TEACHING & ADVISING

2024 – Lecturer & Tutor GHEENT UNIVERSITY, BELGIUM
Developing a new course (8 lectures & tutorials) on Quantitative Research Methods & Introduction to R.

2022 – Thesis Advisor GHEENT UNIVERSITY, BELGIUM
2 master students, 3 bachelor students.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2022 – 2024 Research Assistant - Prof. Dr. Tom Van der Meer UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS
Department of Political Science, co-author on a project about seat polls in The Netherlands as well as co-author on a project on the consequences of political distrust.

2020 – 2021 Research Assistant - Prof. Dr. Bram Lancee UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS
Department of Sociology, data-analyses, codebook-development, and theoretical input on a project on discrimination and SDO.

2021 Research Assistant UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN, DENMARK
Department of Sociology, translating Dutch datasets.

2020 Research Assistant - Dr. Paula Thijs & Dr. Frank Wanders UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS
Department of Political Science, data-collection (in the field) and data analyses on the ADKS-project.

2020 Research Intern SCIENTIFIC BUREAU OF GROENLINKS, UTRECHT, NETHERLANDS
Co-author on a book about 'Industry-politics', aimed at providing a framework for a more sustainable heavy-industry in the Netherlands.

2019-2020 Data-analysis Intern MEDIAHUIS, AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS
De Telegraaf Data-analyst

2019 Research Assistant - Dr. Edina Strikovic UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS
Department of Communication Science, coding tweets and political debates on the use of the word 'the people' by (populist) politicians.

MEDIA COVERAGE

NL NOS, NRC, Volkskrant (Front page), De Telegraaf, Koffietijd, De Vrouw, Radio 1, Metro, Leidsch Dagblad, De Limburger, De Correspondent, StukRoodVlees, Podcast De Correspondent, Podcast StukRoodVlees.

BE De Morgen (Front page), Samenleving & Politiek, GASPAR Blogt.

FR EU!radio, podcast 'Ideas on Europe'.

EU The Loop ECPR.

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

2024 – **Board Member VPW**
Social media manager of the Belgian Political Science Association (Vereniging voor Politieke Wetenschappen)

- 2024 – **Reviewer**
British Journal of Political Science, European Journal of Political Research, Democratization, Public Opinion Quarterly, European Political Science Review, Acta Sociologica, Political Research Exchange, Party Politics, Political Behavior, European Societies, Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy.
- 2023 – **Panel Chair & Organizer**
EPSA Annual Conference 2025, ECPR Joint Sessions 2025, Annual Political Science Workshops of The Low Countries 2024, ECPR General Conference 2024, Annual Political Science Workshops of The Low Countries 2023, ECPR General Conference 2023
- 2022 – **Organizer PhD Courses**
Experimental Methods, Causality in Quantitative Research, & Open Science.

REFERENCES

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