



TO MAGNIFICO RETTORE OF UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO

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I the undersigned asks to participate in the public selection, for qualifications and examinations, for the awarding of a type B fellowship at **Dipartimento di Scienze Sociali e Politiche**

Scientist- in - charge: **Prof. Mosca** _____

Ofra Klein

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Surname	Klein
Name	Ofra
Date of birth	20-08-1993

PRESENT OCCUPATION

Appointment	Structure
Ph.D. Researcher	European University Institute

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Degree	Course of studies	University	year of achievement of the degree
Degree			
Specialization			
PhD	Political and Social Sciences	European University Institute	2021 (Expected)
Master	Research master	European University Institute	2018
	Digital Humanities	KU Leuven	2017
	Political science	Leiden University	2016
	Sociology	VU University Amsterdam	2015
Degree of medical specialization			
Degree of European specialization			
Other			



REGISTRATION IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Date registration	of	Association	City

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Languages	level of knowledge
Dutch	Mother tongue
English	Professional working proficiency
French	Limited working proficiency
German	Limited working proficiency
Italian	Limited working proficiency

AWARDS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, SCHOLARSHIPS

Year	Description of award
2020	Awarded a grant (together with Fred Paxton and Tobias Widmann) by the European University Institute to hire eight coders for the research project “Politicising the Pandemic: Blame Attribution during the COVID Crisis”
2019	Awarded a scholarship by the Freie Universität Berlin to work for a month at the German Internet Institute (the Weizenbaum Institut)
2018	Awarded a scholarship by the Volkswagen Foundation to participate in a 2-week summer school on computational research methods at the BIGSSS in Bremen
2017-2021	Awarded a doctoral scholarship by NUFFIC to pursue my PhD at the European University Institute
2017	Awarded a doctoral scholarship by the Prins Bernhard Cultuurfonds to study for a year at the Oxford Internet Institute (Declined)
2017	Awarded a scholarship by the KU Leuven Department of Computer Science to participate in a 1-week winter school at the University of Amsterdam’s Digital Method Initiative
2015	Awarded a scholarship by the VU University Department of Sociology to participate in a 3-week summer school in research methods at GESIS in Cologne

TRAINING OR RESEARCH ACTIVITY

<p>Certified professional training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Teaching in Higher Education - European University Institute (October, 2018). • Computational Social Science Summer School on Conflicts - BIGSSS Jacobs University Bremen (July - August 2018) • Summer School on Concepts and Methods for Research on Far-Right Politics - Scuola Normale Superiore (June 2018) • Digital Methods Winter School - University of Amsterdam (January 2017) • 4th GESIS Summer School - GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences Cologne (August 2015)
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PROJECT ACTIVITY

Year	Project
2015-2016	<i>Threatened Identities (Bedreigde Identiteiten, in Dutch)</i> . - VU University Amsterdam I worked as a research assistant on the project <i>Bedreigde Identiteiten</i> , carried out by the VU University Amsterdam for the Scientific Research and Documentation Centre of the



	Dutch Ministry of Security and Justice (WODC). My tasks were to gather and analyse Facebook data of Western-European parties and movements. The project resulted in the publication of a research report in Dutch .
2016	<i>Harmful Speech Online project</i> - Harvard Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society I worked as a research assistant during the summer of 2016 on the Harmful Speech Online project. During this time, I reviewed reports on online hate speech, made a literature overview and carried out network analyses and a discourse analysis of white supremacists and Trump supporters on Twitter. Reports that resulted from this work can be found here .
2018-2019	<i>POLCON</i> - European University Institute I was a research assistant at the ERC-funded POLCON project. My tasks were to manually code events in newspaper articles.
2019	<i>BRaVE</i> - European University Institute I was a research assistant at the Horizon2020 Building Resilience against Violent Extremism and Polarisation project. As an assistant, I created a database with projects, policies, studies and institutions working in the field of counter-radicalisation and extremism in Western-European countries.
2020-2021	<i>Media Pluralism Monitor</i> - Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom (EUI) I carry out the data collection for the Dutch 2021 Media Pluralism Monitor. This involves finding and contacting experts, attending meetings, updating the database and writing a report.
2020-present	<i>Politicising the Pandemic: Blame Attribution during the COVID Crisis</i> - European University Institute For the project politicising the pandemic, we compare blame attribution across social media platforms in the online posts of all political parties in 11 European countries. We use manual and automated forms of text analysis. The project is led by Tobias Widmann, Fred Paxton and myself and is funded by the European University Institute.
2017-2021	<i>How do social media shape far-right mobilization?</i> - PhD dissertation, European University Institute For my dissertation I study how social media platforms shape mobilization on the far-right. I carry out a comparative platform study between Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to see how discursive opportunities across these platforms shape far-right communication and mobilization. In my dissertation I rely on manual and automated text and image analysis.

PATENTS

Patent

CONGRESSES AND SEMINARS

Date	Title	Place
August, 2020	ECPR General Online Conference	Online
November, 2019	Social movements in a digital age	Berlin
September, 2019	Italian Political Science Conference	Lecce
September, 2019	ECPR General Conference	Wroclaw
July, 2019	Social Movements and Parties in a Fractured Media Landscape	Florence



June, 2019	Connected Life Conference	Oxford
April, 2019	PhD Workshop on methods of far-right research	Paris

PUBLICATIONS

Books
Muis., J.C., Klein, O., & Dijkstra, G. (2020). Challenges and Opportunities of Social Media Research. Using Twitter and Facebook to investigate far right discourses. In S. Ashe, J. Busher, G. Macklin & A. Winter (Eds.), <i>Researching the Far Right: Theory, Method and Practice</i> . London: Routledge Studies in Fascism and the Far Right.
Bhat, P., & Klein, O. (2020). Covert hate speech: white nationalists and dog whistle communication on Twitter. In G. Bouvier, & J. Rosenbaum (Eds.), <i>#Talkingpoints: Twitter, the public sphere, and the nature of online deliberation</i> . Basingstoke: Palgrave-MacMillan.
Klein, O. <i>How is the far-right capitalizing COVID-19?</i> (2020). In T. Bar-On, & B. Molas (Eds.), <i>Radical Right-Wing Responses to COVID-19</i> . Hannover: Ibidem-Verlag.

Articles in reviews
Klein, O., & Pirro, A. P. (2020). <i>Reverting Trajectories? UKIP's organisational and discursive change after the Brexit referendum</i> . <i>Information, Communication & Society</i> .
Klein, O. (2020). <i>Misleading memes: The effects of deceptive visuals of the British National Party</i> . <i>Partecipazione e Conflitto</i> .
Klein, O., & Muis, J. (2019) <i>Online discontent: comparing Western European far-right groups on Facebook</i> . <i>European Societies</i> .
Klein, O. (2019). <i>Book Review: Programmed Inequality: How Britain Discarded Women Technologists and Lost its Edge in Computing</i> . <i>Convergence: The International Journal of Research into New Media Technologies</i> .

Congress proceedings
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OTHER INFORMATION

<p>Fellowship positions:</p> <p>Visiting fellow - Centre for European Studies and Comparative Politics, Sciences Po (Paris) January 2020 - June 2020</p> <p>Visiting fellow - Weizenbaum Institut, The German Internet Institute (Berlin) November 2019 - December 2019</p> <p>Fellow - Centre for Analysis of the Radical Right October 2019 - Present</p> <p>Research fellow - Department of Sociology, VU University Amsterdam (Amsterdam) November 2014 - September 2015</p>
<p>Teaching positions:</p> <p>Graduate level courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Lab network analysis (2016 fall semester) • Multivariate Analysis Master Communication Sciences (2016 fall semester) <p>Undergraduate level courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis Lab (2015 fall semester) • Democracy 2.0 (2016 fall semester)



- Social Media (2016 fall semester)
- Descriptive and inferential statistics (2014 fall semester, 2015 fall semester)
- Methodology of social science research (2014 fall semester)
- Practical sessions in data gathering (2015 spring semester; 2016 spring semester)
- Bachelor working group Sociology (2013-2014; 2014-2015)

Guest lectures and workshops:

Guest lectures:

- The use of images by the far-right. *Scuola Normale Superiore*. (29 April 2021).
- Comparing the far-right on Facebook. *Freie Universitat Berlin*. (26 November 2019).

Workshops:

- Research on the far-right online (With Jasper Muis). *Workshop for C-Rex, Oslo and American University* (online, November 2020)
- Advanced Workshop on Discourse Analysis (with Bharath Ganesh). *Workshop for the Gamechanger project* (online, October 2020)
- Facebook and Tweets: Networks and Discourses. *Advanced Conflict Mediation in Training, Practice, Teaching and Research*. (VU University Amsterdam, 22 September 2016).

Invited speaker:

- The Politics of Deplatforming the Far Right. *Hate not Found?! The Deplatforming of the Far Right and its Consequences*. Institut für Demokratie und Zivilgesellschaft (IDZ) and Facebook Germany. Online (11 December 2020).
- The role of memes in politics. *Summer School for Journalists and Media Practitioners*. Center for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom. Florence (13 June 2018).

Selection of academic service:

- Section Co-Chair (With Pietro Castelli-Gattinara, Léonie de Jonge) for the section *Populism, Radicalism and Extremism*, ECPR General Conference 2020 (October 2019-August 2020)
- Co-organizer (With Stefan Luca) INFOSOC Working group, European University Institute (April 2018 - October 2020)
- Reviewer for *Information, Communication & Society*, *Social Movement Studies*; *European Journal of Political Research*; *European Political Science Review*; *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties*

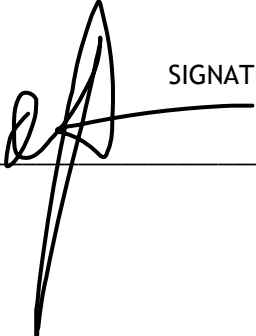
Selection of media outreach:

- (2020). [Does censoring the radical right on social media work?](#) *OpenDemocracy*.
- (2020). [How Social Media Helps Make the Radical Right More Approachable](#). *RanttMedia*.
- (2020). [Far right politics on Online Platforms](#) (with Jasper Muis) *RightNow!*
- (2020). [The effects of censoring the far-right online](#). *Vox-Pol Network of Excellence*.
- (2019). [Share if this makes your blood boil!](#) *International Society of Political Psychology Blog*.
- (2019). [The evolution of political internet memes](#). *The Harvard Kennedy School Review*.

Declarations given in the present curriculum must be considered released according to art. 46 and 47 of DPR n. 445/2000.

The present curriculum does not contain confidential and legal information according to art. 4, paragraph 1, points d) and e) of D.Lgs. 30.06.2003 n. 196.

Place and date: ___Florence_____, ___03-01-2021_____


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