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Academic Appointments

University of Vienna, Department of Government

University Assistant (PostDoc) Project: PARTISAN 2023 - date

University of Amsterdam, Department of Political Science

Ph.D. Candidate 2018 - 2023

University of Vienna, Department of Communication & Political Communication

Visiting Scholar Fall 2020 - Summer 2021

Education

University of Amsterdam

Ph.D. in Political Science 2018 - 2023

Dissertation: "Feeling within Reason. How appraisals shape emotions in politics."

funded by ERC Starting Grant POLEMIC

Supervisors: Gijs Schumacher, Matthijs Rooduijn

University of Amsterdam

M.Sc. (cum laude) in Social Sciences Research 2018

Thesis Title: *Attracting the Anxious Voter. Increased Neuroticism and economic anxiety boost sympathy for the Far-Right in the Netherlands.* (supervised by Gijs Schumacher)

University of Vienna

B.A. in Political Science 2016

Thesis Title: *How party competition influences the gender gap in voting: The case of Eastern Central Europe.* (supervised by Carolina Plescia)

Sciences Po Paris

Erasmus Semester 2015

Publications

Rebasso, I., & Krupnikov, Y. (Forthcoming at *Political Communication*). Rethinking assumptions about moral content selection: Moral-emotional content may be less appealing than assumed.

Rebasso, I., Schumacher, G., & Rooduijn, M. (2026) The Limits of Appraisals Theory for Political Emotions: Evidence from Two U.S. Surveys. *Political Psychology*, 47(4), e70162.

Rebasso, I., Schumacher, G., & Rooduijn, M. (2026). Disentangling the sophistication-emotion link: Political interest and confidence-in-knowledge, but not knowledge, drive emotional responses. *Political Behavior*, 1–24.

Friesen, A., **Rebasso, I.**, Chow, J., & Djupe, P. (2026). Extraversion, Gender, and the Perceived Pleasantness of Politics. *Social Science Quarterly*, 107(4), e70155.

Schumacher, G., Homan, M. D., **Rebasso, I.**, Fasching, N., Bakker, B. N., & Rooduijn, M. (2024). Establishing the validity and robustness of facial electromyography measures for political science. *Politics and the Life Sciences*, 1-18.

Schäfer, S., **Rebasso, I.**, Boyer, M. M., & Planitzer, A. M. (2024). Can we counteract hate? effects of online hate speech and counter speech on the perception of social groups. *Communication Research*, 51(5), 553-579.

Van der Velden, M. and **Rebasso, I.**. 2021. [Media, Politics, and Affect](#). in *Routledge International Handbook of Emotions and Media* (eds: K. Döveling and E. A. Konijn).

WORK IN PROGRESS

Rebasso, I., Cakir, S., and Wagner, M. (manuscript under review at the *BJPS*). Party elites and partisan stereotypes.

Rooduijn, M. et al. (manuscript under review at *PNAS*) Arts-based interventions and prejudice reduction: do narratives of empathy and tolerance affect feelings towards outgroups?

Rebasso, I., and Wagner, M. (Paper submitted). Citizen perceptions of partisan discrimination.

Rebasso, I., Wagner, M., and Dalheimer, A. (manuscript submitted). Moralization of Political Identities and Partisan Tolerance.

Rebasso, I., and Wagner, M. (manuscript in preparation). Measuring network homogeneity in multiparty systems.

Conferences and Workshops

COMPTXT	2024
International Communication Association	2021, 2022
ICA PolComm Preconference	2021
Midwest Political Science Association	2020 (cancelled b/c Covid-19), 2022
International Society of Political Psychology	2019, 2020, 2021 2022, 2023, 2025
American Political Science Association's Annual Meeting	2020, 2021
Hot Politics Lab Speaker Series, University of Amsterdam	2019, 2020, 2021
Dutch-Flemish 'Politicologenetmaal'	2018
European Political Science Association's Annual Meeting	2018, 2024, 2025

The Rhetoric of Politics, Aarhus University	2024
ICA Pre-Conference Hackathon	2022
Workshop: Advances in the study of Affect and Politics	2022
Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW)	
Workshop on Socioeconomic Problems and Political Integration	2018
Universität Duisburg Essen	

Invited Talks and Panel Discussions

Partisan Identity Moralization and Political Intolerance	2026
Democracy Institute, Central European University (CEU)	
The Limits of Appraisals Theory for Political Emotions.	2025
Centre for the Politics of Feelings, Royal Holloway School of Advanced Study	

The Limits of Appraisals Theory for Political Emotions. UK Political Psychology Seminar, Political Studies Association	2025
Visual partisan Inference. Uncovering the mechanisms of (visual) political stereotyping. Political Communication Working Group, University of Michigan (virtual).	2023
Affective modelling of discrete emotions in politics Dutch Political Psychology meeting, University of Amsterdam	2023
Political Interest, not Knowledge drives Emotional Responses to Politics. Policy, Elections & Representation Lab, University of Toronto	2022
Political Interest, not Knowledge drives Emotional Responses to Politics. University of Western Ontario, London ON	2022
Politics and the Life Sciences Roundtable Opportunities and Obstacles in Open Science Research MPSA, Chicago	2022
Roundtable: Practicing Open Science Research as an Early Career Researcher International Society of Political Psychology	2020
Service	
APLS Research Grant Review Committee	2024
Local Organizing Committee 24h of Political Psychology	2024
Local Organizing Committee 24h of Political Psychology	2026
PhD Representative	2019 - 2021
Reviewer for <i>PNAS</i> , <i>Political Psychology</i> , <i>European Journal of Political Research</i> , <i>The International Journal of Press/Politics</i> , <i>Journal of Experimental Political Science</i> , <i>Electoral Studies</i> , <i>European Societies</i> , <i>Cognition and Emotion</i> , <i>Journal of Elections</i> , <i>Public Opinion and Parties</i> , <i>Scandinavian Political Studies</i>	
Software	
R, Python, L ^A T _E X, Markdown	
References	
References are available upon request	