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Positions

University College London

Research Fellow, September 2026–

Nuffield College, University of Oxford

Associate Member, December 2025–

University of Manchester

British Election Study Postdoctoral Research Associate, January 2024–September 2026

European University Institute

Visiting Fellow, February–May 2026

BBC News

Elections Analyst, May 2026

Education

New York University

PhD, Sociology, 2024; MPhil, Sociology, 2021

University of Oxford

MSc, Sociology, 2016; BA, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, 2015

Publications

Griffiths, J., **Perrett, S.**, Fieldhouse, E., Prosser, C., Green, J., Mellon, J., Bailey, J., and Evans, G. (2026) “The Brexit realignment amid electoral volatility: The role of party blocs in the 2024 general election,” *Parliamentary Affairs* 79(1), 154–189 [↗](#) coverage in *The Economist* [↗](#)

Perrett, S. and Baldassarri, D. (2025) “A generational shift: How partisan alignment and the rise of social issues have produced a generation of Democrats,” *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties* 35(4), 690–715 [↗](#) [📄](#)

Cowan, S. K., Hout, M., and **Perrett, S.** (2024) “Updating a time-series of survey questions: The case of abortion attitudes in the General Social Survey,” *Sociological Methods & Research* 53(1), 193–234 [↗](#)

Perrett, S. (2023) “Disagreement does not always mean division: Evidence from five decades of American public opinion,” *Public Opinion Quarterly* 87(2), 316–356 [↗](#) [📄](#)

Hout, M., **Perrett, S.**, and Cowan, S. K. (2022) “Stasis and sorting of Americans’ abortion opinions: Political polarization added to religious and other differences,” *Socius* 8, 1–11 [↗](#)

Cowan S. K., Bruce, T. C., Perry, B., Ritz, B., **Perrett, S.** and Anderson, E. M. (2022) “Discordant benevolence: How and why people help others in the face of conflicting values,” *Science Advances* 8(7) [↗](#)

Perrett, S. (2021) “A divided kingdom? Variation in polarization, sorting, and dimensional alignment among the British public, 1986-2018,” *British Journal of Sociology* 72(4), 992-1014 [↗](#)

Accepted

Perrett, S. and Baldassarri, D. “The distinctive nature of non-partisanship: How independents pursue and prioritize political information,” conditionally accepted at the *Journal of Politics* [📄](#)

Under Review

Perrett, S., Jennings, W., Mellon, J., Prosser, C., and Wlezien, C. “Do polls underestimate support for rightwing parties? Assessing variation in polling error by party family,” 2025 AAPOR, EPOP, and APSA [📄](#)

Griffiths, J., **Perrett, S.**, Prosser, C., Green, J., Bailey, J., Fieldhouse, E., J., Mellon, and Evans, G. “When democracy competes with policy: Conditional support for democratic principles across people, principles, and policies”

Ovádék, M. and **Perrett, S.** “Contagion or substitution? Experimental evidence on spillovers in trust between legislative and judicial institutions” 2026 EPOP [📄](#)

In Progress

Perrett, S. “How votes become seats: Electoral outcomes and support for proportional representation” 2026 EPOP [📄](#)

Curtice, J., English, P., Fisher, S., Ford, R., Hargrave, L. and **Perrett, S.** “Multiparty competition under different electoral systems: The 2026 devolved and local elections in Britain” 2026 EPOP

Perrett, S., Griffiths, J., Fieldhouse, E., Bailey, J., Mellon, J., Prosser, C., Green, J., and Evans, G. “Understanding the changing structure of turnout in British general elections, 1964–2024,” 2025 EPOP and APSA [📄](#)

Perrett, S. and Mellon, J. “Can we know voters’ true intentions? Predicting stability and switching in vote choice before and after three general elections,” 2024 EPOP [📄](#)

Data

Perrett, S., Scott, R., Griffiths, J., Prosser, C., Bailey, J., Evans, G., Fieldhouse, E., Green, J., and Mellon, J. (2025) “2024 BES constituency results with census and candidate data,” University of Manchester [↗](#)

Fieldhouse, E., Green, J., Evans, G., Mellon, J., Prosser, C., Bailey, J., Griffiths, J., and **Perrett, S.** (2025) “2024 BES post-election random probability survey,” University of Manchester [↗](#)

Fieldhouse, E., Green, J., Evans, G., Mellon, J., Prosser, C., Bailey, J., Griffiths, J., and **Perrett, S.** (2025) “Teaching version of the British Election Study Internet Panel,” University of Manchester [↗](#)

Invited Talks

“How do independents make up their minds?”

Comparative Political Economy and Behaviour Group (University College London), 2025

Political Polarization Seminar (Institute for Public Knowledge, New York University), 2024

Worldview Lab (The Kenan Institute for Ethics, Duke University), 2023

“Can we know voters’ true intentions?”

Elections and Methods Seminar (Cathie Marsh Institute for Social Research, University of Manchester), 2024

Annual Conferences

American Association of Public Opinion Research (AAPOR): 2022, 2025

American Political Science Association (APSA): 2024, 2025

American Sociological Association (ASA): 2020, 2022

Eastern Sociological Society (ESS): 2020

Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties (EPOP): 2023–2026

European Political Science Society (EPSS): 2026 (presenter and discussant)

Awards & Grants

Russell Sage Foundation, Co-PI, \$39,085, 2024

Identities & Ideology Project Research Grant (New York University), \$3,000, 2022

MacCracken Fellowship (New York University), \$424,290, 2017–2023

Teaching & Service

POLI71042: Understanding Political Change, Lecturer (University of Manchester), Spring 2024–2026 

SOC-UA 301: Research Methods, Instructor (New York University), Summer 2022

Political Polarization Seminar, Convener (Institute for Public Knowledge, New York University), 2022–2023

Reviewer: *British Journal of Political Science*, *British Journal of Sociology*, *Electoral Studies*, *Journal of Politics*, *Oxford University Press*, *Political Psychology*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *West European Politics*

Professional associations: American Political Science Association, American Association of Public Opinion Research, Political Studies Association (EPOP), British Academy Early Career Researcher Network, European Political Science Society

Languages & Skills

English (Native), French (Intermediate), Stata, R, JavaScript, Latent GOLD, Qualtrics, L^AT_EX

References

Delia Baldassarri, Professor of Sociology at New York University  

Edward Fieldhouse, Professor of Social and Political Science at the University of Manchester  

Stephen Fisher, Professor of Political Sociology at the University of Oxford  

Michael Hout, Professor of Sociology at New York University  