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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

Forthcoming

Perrett, S. and Baldassarri, D. "The distinctive nature of non-partisanship: How independents pursue and prioritize political information," 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"

Ovádek, M. and **Perrett, S.** "Contagion or substitution? Experimental evidence on spillovers in trust between legislative and judicial institutions," 2026 EPOP

Perrett, S. "Second thoughts about first past the post? Electoral outcomes and shifting support for proportional representation," 2026 EPOP

In Progress

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, LaTeX

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