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EDUCATION

- 2022 – 2026 **Ph.D.** in Political Science UNIVERSITY OF ANTWERP & KU LEUVEN, BELGIUM
- Dissertation: *On Polarized Extremes and Disengaged Skeptics: Dissecting the Multifaceted Anatomy of Affective Polarization*
 - Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Stefaan Walgrave (University of Antwerp), Prof. Dr. Ellen Claes (KU Leuven), Dr. Luana Russo (Maastricht University)
- 03.2024 – 05.2024 Visiting Researcher UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA, AUSTRIA
- 2020 – 2022 **M.Sc.** (research) in European Studies MAASTRICHT UNIVERSITY, NETHERLANDS
- Distinction: *Cum Laude* (GPA: 88%)
 - Thesis title: *For Richer or For Poorer, Polarisation Affects Us All: A Two-Stage Comparative Analysis of the Economic Foundations of Affective Polarisation in Europe* (grade: 9/10)
 - Specialisations: Quantitative Methodology, Survey Research Design, Governance & Representation
- 2017 – 2020 **B.Sc.** in Medicine ANTWERP UNIVERSITY, BELGIUM
- Distinction: *Magna Cum Laude* (GPA: 77%)
 - Medical internships: human genetics, cardiology, gastroenterology
 - Summer courses: genetic engineering (Aarhus University, Denmark), international business and political science (King's College London, United Kingdom), macro-economics and financial investment (Maastricht University, Netherlands)

RESEARCH

Research Fields: Political Behaviour, Comparative Politics, Political Psychology

Research Interests: Affective Polarisation, Partisanship, Radical-Right Support, Political Cynicism, Democratic Support

Equal authorship marked with a [†]

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- (4) **Vanagt, J.** & Kollberg, M. (2025) United in Success, Fragmented in Failure: The Moderating Effect of Perceived Government Performance on Affective Polarisation between Coalition Partners. *European Journal of Political Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1475-6765.70012>
- (3) **Vanagt, J.** & Russo, L. (2024) The Economic Divide That Isn't: A Comparative Study on Economic Hardship and Affective Polarisation. *Research & Politics*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/20531680241292410>
- (2) **Vanagt, J.**, Praprotnik, K., Russo, L. & Wagner, M. (2024) Affective Polarization Among Radical-Right Supporters: Dislike Differentiation and Democratic Support. *Politics and Governance*. <https://doi.org/10.17645/pag.8531>
- (1) **Vanagt, J.** (2024) Appraising Measurements of Affective Polarisation in Multiparty Systems: Comparative Insights from the Low Countries. *Politics of the Low Countries. Online First*. <https://doi.org/10.5553/PLC/.000068>.

UNDER REVIEW

- (2) Partisan Affect and Political Tolerance in the Context of Shifting Norms: The Effect of Coalition Signals towards the Radical Right, *with Katrin Praprotnik[†], Luana Russo[†], Markus Wagner[†]*
- (1) Let's (Not) Disagree: How Tolerance for Disagreement Shapes Horizontal Affective Polarisation, *with Luana Russo*

WORK IN PROGRESS

- (3) A Tale of Countervailing Confounders: Political Involvement, Anti-Elitism and the Null Effect of Affective Polarisation on Democratic Support, *with Emma Turkenburg, Markus Wagner*
- (2) Beyond Partisanship: Political Identity and Affective Polarization in Multiparty Systems, *with Luana Russo*
- (1) The Low Countries (Belgium & the Netherlands): Balancing National Diversity with Supranational Integration. In T. D. Lancaster (Ed.), *Comparative European Politics*. Taylor & Francis Group, *with Bjarn Eck*

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

2024	ECPR General Conference	UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN, IRELAND
	EPSA 14 th Annual Conference	COLOGNE, GERMANY
2023	Annual Political Science Workshops of the Low Countries	MAASTRICHT UNIVERSITY, NETHERLANDS
	Symposium on Affective Polarisation	MAASTRICHT UNIVERSITY, NETHERLANDS
	ECPR General Conference	CHARLES UNIVERSITY, CZECHIA
	EPSA 13 th Annual Conference	GLASGOW, UNITED KINGDOM
2022	Annual Political Science Workshops of the Low Countries	KU LEUVEN, BELGIUM
	ECPR General Conference	UNIVERSITY OF INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA
	UACES Graduate Forum Conference	MAASTRICHT UNIVERSITY, NETHERLANDS
	Annual Political Science Workshops of the Low Countries	RADBOUD UNIVERSITY, NETHERLANDS

SUMMER SCHOOLS & METHODS TRAINING

2024	Summer school "Democratic Decline and Resilience"	UNIVERSITY OF MONTRÉAL, CANADA
	Prof. Dr. Ruth Dassonneville and Prof. Dr. Romain Lachet	
2023	PhD course "Political Psychology"	LUND UNIVERSITY, SWEDEN
	Prof. Dr. Hanna Bäck and Prof. Dr. Magnus Lindén	
	Summer school "Surveying Hard-To-Reach Populations"	UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX, UNITED KINGDOM
	Dr. Alessandra Gaia	
2022	Summer school "Electoral Democracy in Danger?"	SCIENCES PO PARIS, FRANCE
	Prof. Dr. Ruth Dassonneville and Prof. Dr. Romain Lachet	
	Workshop "Experimental Methods"	GHENT UNIVERSITY, BELGIUM
	Prof. Dr. Bert Bakker	
2022	Workshop "Statistical Power Analysis"	KU LEUVEN, BELGIUM
	Dr. Niklas Johannes	
	Summer school "Causal Inference and Experiments"	UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX, UNITED KINGDOM
	Prof. Dr. Ryan T. Moore	
	Workshop "Applied Multiple Imputation"	GESIS, GERMANY
	Winter school "Multilevel Structural Equation Modelling"	KU LEUVEN, BELGIUM
	Prof. Dr. Bruno Castanho Silva	

GRANTS & FUNDING

2022 ECPR Winter School Participation Grant: £ 465

TEACHING & ADVISING

2025 Public Speaker & Science Communicator BELGIUM
Various lectures to general public on *Causes and Consequences of Ideological Differences and Emotions in Politics*

2023 – 2025 Tutor & Teaching Assistant UANTWERPEN, BELGIUM
European Integration by Prof. Dr. Peter Bursens
Issues of International Relations by Prof. Dr. Dirk de Bièvre

2024 Guest Lecturer UANTWERPEN, BELGIUM
Guest lecture on *Affective Polarisation* in political actors & political behaviour course by Prof. Dr. Laura Jacobs

Keynote Speaker UANTWERPEN, BELGIUM
Keynote on *The Role of Affective Polarisation and Radical Partisanship in the 2024 US Elections* at the *UAntwerpen American Election Night Event*

2022 – 2024 Thesis Advisor KU LEUVEN, BELGIUM
3 master students

2022 Tutor MAASTRICHT UNIVERSITY, NETHERLANDS
Bachelor course *Introduction to Quantitative Methods*

2021 – 2022 Student Assistant Supervisor MAASTRICHT UNIVERSITY, NETHERLANDS
Supervising 2 bachelor students in interdisciplinary research project with Dr. Luana Russo and Dr. Darian Meacham

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2021 – 2022 Research Assistant MAASTRICHT UNIVERSITY, NETHERLANDS
Project planning, data collection (N = 2,174) and analysis with Dr. Luana Russo and Dr. Darian Meacham
Data collection and coding for Dr. Anna Herranz-Surrallés

2021 – 2022 Research Intern GESIS, GERMANY
Data harmonisation and data documentation for the International Social Survey Programme and Horizon-funded COORDINATE project

MEDIA

2024 Opinion piece in *De Tijd*
Does polarisation threaten to paralyse Europa just like in the US?

Interview in *De Ochtend*, Radio 1 (VRT)
How consequential is 'affective' polarisation in Belgium?

News article in *De Morgen* on joint research
Radical-right voters are especially despised, but that matters little to them

Blog post in *SWAY KU Leuven*
Affective polarisation and the Belgian elections on 9 June 2024

Interview by *Belga* on affective polarisation in Belgium
Published in *Télsambre*, *7sur7*, *Grenz-Echo*, and *BRF Nachrichten*

2023 Blog post in *Fondation Maison des Science de l'Homme* and *Montreal Centre for International Studies*
How Tolerance for Disagreement Shapes Horizontal Affective Polarization

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY ---

2024 Reviewer for *European Journal of Political Research*

2023 – 2024 Panel Chair
ECPR General Conference 2023, ECPR General Conference 2024

2023 – 2024 Co-Developer Voting Advice Application for the 2024 Belgian Elections
Filled out over 6 million times

SKILLS & INTERESTS ---

Statistical software STATA (proficient), R (proficient), SPSS (intermediate), Python (basic)

Programmes Qualtrics (survey and experimental design), LaTeX, Git/Gitlab

Languages Dutch (native), English (CEFR C2), German (CEFR C1), Danish (CEFR B2), French (CEFR B1)

REFERENCES ---

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