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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Post-doctoral researcher at Centre d'Étude de la Vie Politique (Cevipol), Université libre de Bruxelles (from October, 2024)

Lecturer in Comparative Politics, University of Amsterdam, 2019-24

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## EDUCATION

University of Amsterdam

PHD in Political Science

Supervisors: Wouter van der Brug and Sarah de Lange

*19 March 2024*

*Successful defence*

London Business School

Masters' in Business Administration

*January 1989 – June 1991*

Distinctions obtained for coursework in Macroeconomics and in Management Accounting.

University of Oxford (Nuffield College)

M.Phil in Sociology

Supervisor: Dr Eric Batstone (deceased)

*September 1982 – June 1984*

University of Oxford (St Annes College)

BA Hons in Politics, Philosophy and Economics

*September 1979 – June 1982*

Awards: Upper Second Degree – June 1982; Prize for coursework on microeconomics - January 1980

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## PUBLICATIONS – PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS

**Martin, N.** (2025) 'From Divergence to Convergence: Degrees of Formality in the Connections Between Two Flemish Progressive Political Parties and Organised Civil Society', *Politics of the Low Countries*, 6(2), 149-172.

**Martin, N.** (2023) 'Remaining close or drifting apart? Explaining the divergent paths taken by Belgian Socialist parties in connecting to civil society', *Acta Politica*, 19:2, 289-320.

**Martin, N.**, De Lange, S.L. and van der Brug, W (2022) 'Staying connected: explaining parties' enduring connections to civil society', *West European Politics*, 45:7, 1385-1406.

**Martin, N.**, De Lange, S.L. and van der Brug, W. (2022) 'Holding on to Voters in Volatile Times: Bonding Voters through Party Links to Civil Society', *Party Politics*, 28:2, 354-364.

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## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Martin, N. and Krouwel, A. 'The Netherlands – still European in the eye of the populist storm', *LSE European Politics Blog*, <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/euoppblog/2024/05/31/the-netherlands-still-european-in-the-eye-of-the-populist-storm/>

Krouwel, A., Buma, R. and Martin, N. (2024) 'De herstructurering van het Nederlandse partijstelsel en het links-conservatieve gat', *Beleid en Maatschappij*, 51:1, 56-65. <https://doi.org/10.5553/BenM/138900692024051001004>

Krouwel, A., Buma, R. and **Martin, N.** (2023) 'A landslide victory of a fragmented Dutch right wing', *The Progressive Post*, *Foundation for European Progressive Studies*, <https://feps-europe.eu/a-landslide-victory-of-a-fragmented-dutch-right-wing/>

**Martin, N.** and Krouwel, A. (2023) 'The Dutch general election featured unprecedented levels of electoral volatility', *LSE European Politics Blog*, <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/euoppblog/2023/12/01/the-dutch-general-election-featured-unprecedented-levels-of-electoral-volatility/>

**Martin, N.** and Krouwel, A. (2023) 'Joint platforms never work – but can the Dutch left buck the trend?', *LSE European Politics Blog*, <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/euoppblog/2023/09/19/joint-platforms-never-work-but-can-the-dutch-left-buck-the-trend/>

Krouwel, A. and **Martin, N.** (2022) 'Talk of a revived European centre-left is premature', *LSE European Politics Blog*, <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/euoppblog/2022/03/22/talk-of-a-revived-european-centre-left-is-premature/>

**Martin, N.**, de Lange, S.L. and van der Brug, W (2021) 'Paying the Price: Why parties that turn their back on civil society face electoral upheaval', *LSE European Politics Blog* <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/euoppblog/2021/02/10/paying-the-price-why-parties-that-turn-their-back-on-civil-society-face-electoral-upheaval/>

**Martin, N.** (2020) 'Green Councillors, Labour MPs: time for the Greens to stop wishing away reality and shift strategy', *LSE British Politics Blog* <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/politicsandpolicy/green-party-strategy/>

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## BOOK REVIEW

Review of *Voters Under Pressure. Group-Based Cross-Pressure and Electoral Volatility*, by Ruth Dassonneville, Oxford University Press, 2023. For *European Political Science*, August 2023. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1057/s41304-023-00442-9>

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## WORKING PAPERS

With André Krouwel, 'Wither the party cartel? Resilient electoral markets and collusions between political parties and powerful economic interests', for presentation at the ECPR Joint Sessions in Prague, on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025.

With André Krouwel, 'Collapse of the cartel: How a resilient competitive market for political representation stymied the age of the cartel party?', for presentation at the ECPR General Conference in Dublin on 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2024.

With Bartek Pytlas and Piotr Marczyński, 'A new logic of party competition? Measuring technopopulism in 8 European democracies between 2010-19' (research note, under review).

With André Krouwel, 'Total Wipe Out: Evaluating the identity of defectors from social democratic parties in France, and the Netherlands'

With Jouke Huijzer and Piotr Marczyński, 'Pathways to social transformation: evaluating alternative strategies and structures of left-populist parties', presented at the PSA Conference in Liverpool, April 2023.

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## TEACHING

### Lecturer at the University of Amsterdam, August 2019 to July 2024

Nominated for 'Lecturer of the Year', University of Amsterdam, May 2021 and May 2022

*Masters Students Reading Group (Supervisor)*, 'How to revive the Left? An inquiry into party organization and issue competition', September to October 2022.

*Thesis supervisor* for third-year Bachelors students in Politics, Psychology, Law and Economics (PPLE) on the joint Political Science-Psychology theme of 'Identity, stigma, and the question of political engagement', since April 2022.

*Politics in Practice (Course Coordinator and Class Leader)* – Third year Bachelors students, University of Amsterdam, since March 2021

*Skills and Research Methods in Political Science (Course Coordinator, Lecturer and Examiner)* – Politics Majors on the Bachelors in Politics, Psychology, Law and Economics (PPLE) – since February 2021

*Research Methods (Tutor)* – Bachelors' Degree in Political Science, University of Amsterdam, since September 2019

*Mentor* for third year Bachelors' internship, 2021.

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## PRESENTATIONS AND PODCASTS

### *Presentations*

***Wither the party cartel? Resilient electoral markets and collusion between political parties and powerful interests.***

Presentation of a working paper (co-authored with André Krouwel) to the workshop on *The End of the Party Paradigm?*, at the ECPR General Joint Sessions in Prague, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025.

***Collapse of the cartel: How a resilient competitive market for political representation stymied the age of the cartel party?***

Presentation of a working paper (co-authored with André Krouwel) to the panel on *The cartel party model – still relevant?*, at the ECPR General Conference in Dublin, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

***From divergence to convergence: the connections between two Flemish progressive political parties and organized civil society***

Presentation to a workshop on *Political Parties and their Networks in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* at the Annual Political Science Workshops of the Low Countries, Catholic University of Leuven, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023.

***Staying Connected: Explaining parties' enduring connections to civil society***

Presentation of my paper written with Sarah de Lange and Wouter van der Brug, *ECPR Standing Group on Political Parties, Summer School*, Aarhus, August 2021. Short-listed for the *Peter Mair Award* for best paper at the conference.

***Holding on to voters in volatile times: Bonding voters through party links with civil society***

Presentation of my paper written with Sarah de Lange and Wouter van der Brug, ECPR Virtual General Conference, 26th August 2020 as part of the panel titled 'Left Foot Forward? European Social Democracy in Hard Times (Again)'

***The Long March of the British Right: From Gloom to Ascendancy in Six Elections***

Contribution to workshop on 'Brexit and the Transformation of party fortunes in the UK', 11th February 2020. With Marcel Hanegraaff (University of Amsterdam) and Tim Bale (Queen Mary's College, University of London).

### *Podcasts*

Conversation with Professor Luis Ramiro and Professor Ruth Dassonneville, about Dassonneville, R. (2023) *Voters Under Pressure. Group-Based Cross-Pressure and Electoral Volatility*, for *European Political Science* (ECPR) (October 2023).

<https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/ecpr/episodes/Voters-Under-Pressure-What-Drives-Electoral-Volatility-e2aum1e/a-aagvepr>

Podcast with Professor Sarah de Lange, 'About Loyal Voters', No.2 in the series 'Searching for Social Democracy', published by the Wiardi Beckman Stichting (February, 2020).  
<https://soundcloud.com/wiardibeckman/2-nick-martin-on-how-party>

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## PEER REVIEW

Peer reviewer for *Government and Opposition*, since October 2022

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## RELEVANT COURSES

*Facebook as a research tool* – online introductory training course for political science researchers, University of Glasgow, November-December 2021

*PHD Seminar: Topics and Approaches in Political Science* – Course for PHD Students, University of Amsterdam, September-October 2021

*Ethnographic Research Practices* – Course for PHD Students, University of Amsterdam, March-May 2020

*Introduction to Inferential Statistics* - ECPR Summer Methods School, Budapest, August 2019

*Multiple Regression Analysis: Estimation Diagnostics and Modelling* - ECPR Summer Methods School, Budapest, August 2019

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## OTHER COLLABORATIONS

Joint convenor and organizer (with Britt Vande Walle of KU Leuven) of a workshop on *Political Parties and their Networks in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* at the Annual Political Science Workshops of the Low Countries, Catholic University of Leuven, 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023.

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## REFEREES

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