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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Copenhagen

Research Affiliate

2026–Present

Postdoctoral Researcher

2023–2026

EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh

PhD Political Science

2023

MA Political Science

2020

University of Glasgow

MSc Political Science

2016

University of Colorado Boulder

BA Political Science

2014

PUBLICATIONS

Avina, Matthias, & Jae-Jae Spoon. (2025). “A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words: Explaining Party Logo Change.” *Party Politics*.

Avina, Matthias, & Jae-Jae Spoon. (2024). “From Torches to Trees: Political Party Logo Changes and Voter Perception.” *Party Politics*.

Avina, Matthias. (2023). “Do Parties Benefit from Overhauling Their Image? The Electoral Consequences of ‘Party Rebranding’ in Europe.” *European Journal of Political Research*.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Dinesen, Peter Thisted, Kim Mannemar Sønderskov, **Matthias Avina,** & Markus Kollberg. “Attitudes Towards Identity Politics: Abstract Support, Concrete Skepticism.” *Revise and resubmit*.

Avina, Matthias, Peter Thisted Dinesen, & Kim Mannemar Sønderskov. “The Identitarian Penalty: Identitarian Policy Stances Reduce Political Support for Democratic Candidates.” *Under Review*.

Avina, Matthias. “Under Pressure? Partisan Response to Party Brand Change.”

Dinesen, Peter Thisted, Kim Mannemar Sønderskov, & **Matthias Avina.** “Identitarian Framing of ‘Whataboutism and Its Implications for Human Rights Debates.’”

ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

[1] Arts and Sciences Graduate Fellowship in Political Science (\$12,200) 2023

[2] University of Pittsburgh Summer Research Grant (\$3,000) 2022

[3] University of Pittsburgh European Studies Center Klinzing Dissertation Grant (\$8,400) 2022

[4] Arts and Sciences Graduate Fellowship in Political Science (\$24,600) 2021-2022

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Copenhagen

- 2300 Comparative Political Parties

F/S 2025/2026

University of Pittsburgh

Instructor of Record

- PS1318 European Government and Politics

Summer 2022

Teaching Assistant

- PS0200: Introduction to American Politics

F2022

- PS0600: Introduction to Political Theory

S2021

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association

2023, 2026

Danish Political Science Association

2025

European Political Science Society

2026

European Political Science Association

2022, 2023, 2025

European Union Studies Association

2023, 2025

Midwest Political Science Association

2021, 2023

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Assistant

- *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties*

2019-2020

Reviewer

- *British Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Politics and International Relations, Comparative Political Studies, European Journal of Political Research, Government and Opposition, Journal of Politics, Party Politics, Perspectives on Politics, Research and Politics*

Research Assistant at University of Pittsburgh

- *Michael MacKenzie*

F2019, F2020

- *Emily West*

S2020

- *B. Guy Peters*

Summer 2021

- *Scott Morgenstern*

Summer 2021

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Statistical Software

- Stata, R, Python

Survey Research Software

- Qualtrics, QuestionPro, SurveyDown

Text Editing

- L^AT_EX

REFERENCES

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Pablo Fernandez-Vazquez, Juan de la Cierva Associate Professor of Political Science, Carlos III University, *Email*: pablo.fernandez.vazquez@uc3m.es