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EMPLOYMENT

Sciences Po Paris

2024–... Assistant Professor, Center for Political Research (CEVIPOF)

King's College London

2023–24 Full Professor, Department of Political Economy

2019–23 Associate Professor, Department of Political Economy

2015–19 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Economy

University of Montreal

2012–15 Postdoctoral Fellow, Research Chair in Electoral Studies

EDUCATION

University of Louvain

2013 PhD in Political Science

2007 MA in Political Science

2005 BA in Political and Social Sciences

PUBLICATIONS

See [Google Scholar](#) for citations (n cites > 2,500; h-index = 22)

See [Dataverse](#) for replication material

Journal articles

(A41) **Damien Bol**, and Pierre-Henri Bono (2025). Can ChatGPT Accurately Identify the Position of Parties? A Validation Study with an Expert Survey in France. *Research & Politics* 12(2): 1–9.

(A40) **Damien Bol**, Andrew Hunter, and Gabriela Aguirre Fernandez (2024). The Psychological Partisan Effect of Electoral Systems: How Ideology Correlates with Strategic Voting. *Party Politics* 30(4): 691–703.

(A39) Philipp Harfst, **Damien Bol**, André Blais, Sona Golder, Jean-François Laslier, Laura B. Stephenson, and Karine Van der Straeten (2024). All (Electoral) Politics is Local? Candidate's Regional Roots and Vote Choice. *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties* 34(3): 387–408.

(A38) André Blais, **Damien Bol**, Shaun Bowler, David M. Farrell, Annika Fredén, Martial Foucault, Emmanuel Heisbourg, Romain Lachat, Ignacio Lago, Peter John Loewen, Miroslav Nemcok, Jean-Benoit Pilet, and Carolina Plescia (2023). What Kind of Electoral Outcome Do People Think is Good for Democracy? *Political Studies* 71(4): 1068–1089.

(A37) **Damien Bol**, André Blais, Maxime Coulombe, Jean-François Laslier, and Jean-Benoit Pilet (2023). Choosing an Electoral Rule: Values and Self-Interest in the Lab. *Journal of Economic Psychology* 95: 102602.

- (A36) Jean-Benoit Pilet, **Damien Bol**, Davide Vittori, and Emilien Paulis (2023). Public Support for Deliberative Citizens' Assemblies Selected through Sortition: Evidence from 15 Countries. *European Journal of Political Research* 62(3): 873–902.
- (A35) **Damien Bol**, and Ria Ivandic (2022). Does the Number of Candidates Increase Turnout? Causal Evidence from Two-Round Elections. *Political Behavior* 44(4): 2005–2026.
- (A34) **Damien Bol**, Jean-François Laslier, and Matias Nunez (2022). Two-Person Bargaining Mechanisms: A Laboratory Experiment. *Group Decision and Negotiation* 31(6): 1145–1177.
- (A33) Aurelia Ananda, and **Damien Bol** (2021). Does Knowing Democracy Affect Answers to Democratic Support Questions? A Survey Experiment in Indonesia. *International Journal of Public Opinion Research* 33(2): 433–443.
- (A32) Christopher J. Anderson, **Damien Bol**, and Aurelia Ananda (2021). Estimating Humanity's Attitudes About Democracy and Political Leaders: Patterns and Trends. *Public Opinion Quarterly* 85(4): 957–986.
- (A31) **Damien Bol**, and Marco Giani (2021). It's a (Coarsened Exact) Match! Non-Parametric Imputation of Abstainers' Vote. *Political Science Research and Methods* 9(2): 445–450.
- (A30) **Damien Bol**, Marco Giani, André Blais, and Peter John Loewen (2021). The Effect of COVID-19 Lockdowns on Political Support: Some Good News for Democracy? *European Journal of Political Research* 60(2): 497–505.
- (A29) **Damien Bol**, Thomas Gschwend, Thomas Zittel, and Steffen Zittlau (2021). The Importance of Voter Signals for the Responsiveness of Legislators: A Field Experiment. *European Journal of Political Research* 60(2): 455–473.
- (A28) Philipp Harfst, **Damien Bol**, and Jean-François Laslier (2021). Designing Preference Voting. *Electoral Studies*. 69: 102262.
- (A27) Jean-François Daoust, and **Damien Bol** (2020). Polarization, Partisan Preferences, and Strategic Voting. *Government and Opposition* 55(4): 578–594.
- (A26) **Damien Bol** (2019). Putting Politics in the Lab: A Review of Lab Experiments in Political Science. *Government and Opposition* 54(1): 167–190.
- (A25) **Damien Bol**, Konstantinos Matakos, Orestis Troumpounis, and Dimitrios Xefteris (2019). Electoral Rules, Strategic Entry, and Polarization. *Journal of Public Economics* 178: 104065
- (A24) **Damien Bol**, André Blais, Xavier Gillard, Lidia Nunez, and Jean-Benoit Pilet (2018). Voting and Satisfaction with Democracy in Flexible-List PR. *Electoral Studies* 56: 23–34.
- (A23) **Damien Bol**, André Blais, and Simon Labbé St-Vincent (2018). Which Matters Most: Party Strategic Exit or Voter Strategic Voting? A Laboratory Experiment. *Political Science Research and Methods* 6(2): 229–244.
- (A22) **Damien Bol**, André Blais, and Jean-François Laslier (2018). A Mixed-Utility Theory of Vote Choice Regret. *Public Choice* 176(3): 461–478.
- (A21) Mike Medeiros, **Damien Bol**, and Richard Nadeau (2018). Democratic Legitimacy or Regional Representation: Support for Upper Chamber Reform in Scotland and Quebec. *Parliamentary Affairs* 71(4): 738–759.

- (A20) Camille Bedock, **Damien Bol**, and Thomas Ehrhard (2017). Political Scientists and Electoral Reforms in Europe and Canada: What They Know, What They Do. *Election Law Journal* 6(3): 335–340.
- (A19) Sona Golder, Laura B. Stephenson, Karine Van der Straeten, André Blais, **Damien Bol**, Philipp Harfst, and Jean-François Laslier (2017). Votes for Women: Electoral Systems and Support for Female Candidates. *Politics & Gender* 13(1): 107–131.
- (A18) Alexandre Morin-Chassé, **Damien Bol**, Laura B. Stephenson, and Simon Labbé St-Vincent (2017). How to Survey About Electoral Turnout? The Efficacy of the Face-Saving Response Items in Different Contexts. *Political Science Research and Methods* 5(3): 575–584.
- (A17) Pedro Riera, and **Damien Bol** (2017). Ticket-Splitting in Mixed-Member Systems: On the Importance of Seat Linkage Between Electoral Tiers. *West European Politics* 40(3): 584–597.
- (A16) Tom Verthé, **Damien Bol**, Stefanie Beyens, and André Blais (2017). Making Votes Count in Parliament or Government? *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties* 17(4): 389–412.
- (A15) **Damien Bol** (2016). Electoral Reform, Values and Party Self-interest. *Party Politics* 22(1): 93–104.
- (A14) **Damien Bol**, Philipp Harfst, André Blais, Sona Golder, Jean-François Laslier, Laura B. Stephenson, and Karine Van der Straeten (2016). Addressing Europe's Democratic Deficit: An Experimental Evaluation of the Pan-European District Proposal. *European Union Politics* 17(4): 525–545.
- (A13) Alrik Thiem, Michael Baumgartner, and **Damien Bol** (2016). Still Lost in Translation! A Correction of three Misunderstandings Between Configurational Comparativists and Regressional Analysts. *Comparative Political Studies* 49(6): 742–774.
- (A12) **Damien Bol**, Jean-Benoit Pilet, and Pedro Riera (2015). The International Diffusion of Electoral Systems: The Spread of Mechanisms Tempering Proportional Representation across Europe. *European Journal of Political Research* 54(2): 384–410.
- (A11) Jean-François Laslier, André Blais, **Damien Bol**, Sona Golder, Philipp Harfst, Laura B. Stephenson, and Karine Van der Straeten (2015). The EuroVotePlus Experiment. *European Union Politics* 16(4): 601–615.
- (A10) Laurie Beaudonnet, André Blais, **Damien Bol**, and Martial Foucault (2014). The Impact of Election Outcomes on Satisfaction with Democracy under a Two-Round System. *French Politics* 12(1): 22–35.
- (A9) **Damien Bol**, and Francesca Luppi (2013). Confronting Theories Based on Necessary Relations: Making the Best of QCA Possibilities. *Political Research Quarterly* 66(1): 205–210.
- (A8) Benoît Rihoux, Priscilla Alamos-Concha, **Damien Bol**, Axel Marx, and Ilona Rezsohazy (2013). From Niche to Mainstream Method? A Comprehensive Mapping of QCA Applications in Journal Articles from 1984 to 2011. *Political Research Quarterly* 66(1): 175–184.
- (A7) Benoît Rihoux, Patrick Dumont, Lieven Dewinter, Serge Deruelle, and **Damien Bol** (2012). Belgium. *European Journal of Political Research, Political Data Yearbook* 51(1): 41–48.
- (A6) Jean-Benoit Pilet, and **Damien Bol** (2011). Party Preferences and Electoral Reform: How Time in Government Affects the Likelihood of Supporting a Change. *West European Politics* 34(3):

568–586.

- (A5) Benoît Rihoux, Patrick Dumont, Lieven Dewinter, Serge Deruette, and **Damien Bol** (2011). Belgium. *European Journal of Political Research, Political Data Yearbook* 50(7-8): 913–921.
- (A4) Benoît Rihoux, Ilona Rezsohazy, and **Damien Bol** (2011). Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA) in Public Policy Analysis: An Extensive Review. *German Policy Studies* 7(3): 9–82.
- (A3) Benoît Rihoux, Patrick Dumont, Lieven Dewinter, Serge Deruette, and **Damien Bol** (2010). Belgium. *European Journal of Political Research, Political Data Yearbook* 49(7-8): 899–908.
- (A2) Benoît Rihoux, Patrick Dumont, Lieven Dewinter, Serge Deruette, and **Damien Bol** (2009). Belgium. *European Journal of Political Research, Political Data Yearbook* 48(7-8): 903–912.
- (A1) Benoît Rihoux, Patrick Dumont, Lieven Dewinter, **Damien Bol**, and Serge Deruette (2008). Belgium. *European Journal of Political Research, Political Data Yearbook* 47(7-8): 917–928.

Book chapters

- (C11) **Damien Bol** (2025). Lab Experiments in Political Science. In Bereket Kebede (ed.) *Encyclopedia of Experimental Social Science*. Edward Elgar.
- (C10) **Damien Bol** (2025). Experiments in Political Science. In Alex Reese-Jones (ed.) *Handbook of Experimental Methods in the Social Science*. Edward Elgar.
- (C9) André Blais and **Damien Bol** (2025). Electoral Rules. In Joshua Tucker and Andrew Rudalevige (eds.) *A Political Science Experiment: All Chapters Collection, First Edition*. CritReview.
- (C8) **Damien Bol** and Tom Verthé (2021). Strategic Voting Versus Sincere Voting. In David Redlawsk (ed.) *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Political Decision Making*. Oxford University Press.
- (C7) **Damien Bol** (2020). Experiments. In Jean-Frédéric Morin, Christian Olsson, and Ece Ozlem Atikcan (eds.) *Research Methods in the Social Sciences: An A-Z of Key Concepts*. Oxford University Press, pp. 110–113.
- (C6) Philipp Harfst, André Blais, and **Damien Bol** (2018). Voting Strategically in a Two-Vote Election. In John Aldrich, André Blais, and Laura B. Stephenson (eds.) *The Many Faces of Strategic Voting*. University of Michigan Press, pp. 225–255.
- (C5) **Damien Bol**, André Blais, Jean-François Laslier, and Antonin Macé (2016). Electoral System and Number of Candidates: Candidate Entry under Plurality and Majority Runoff. In André Blais, Jean-François Laslier, and Karine Van der Straeten (eds.) *Voting Experiments*. Springer, pp. 303–321.
- (C4) **Damien Bol**, Arnaud Dellis, and Mandar Oak (2016). Comparison of Voting Procedures Using Models of Electoral Competition with Endogenous Candidacy. In Maria Gallego and Norman J. Schofield (eds.) *The Political Economy of Social Choices*. Springer, pp. 21–54.
- (C3) **Damien Bol**, Simon Labbé St-Vincent, and Jean-Michel Lavoie (2016). Recruiting for Laboratory Voting Experiments: Exploring the (Potential) Sampling Bias. In André Blais, Jean-François Laslier, and Karine Van der Straeten (eds.) *Voting Experiments*. Springer, pp. 271–286.
- (C2) **Damien Bol**, and Marian Bohl (2015). Negative Campaigning in Proportional Representation –Yet Non-coalition– Systems: Evidence from Switzerland. In Alessandro Nai and Annemarie Walter

(eds.) *New Perspectives on Negative Campaigning: Why Attack Politics Matters*. ECPR Press, pp. 113–125.

(C1) Benoît Rihoux, Charles Ragin, Sakura Yamasaki, and **Damien Bol** (2009). Conclusions - The Way(s) Ahead. In Benoît Rihoux and Charles C. Ragin (eds.) *Configurational Comparative Methods: Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA) and Related Techniques*. Sage, pp. 167–177.

Publications in French

(F8) **Daimen Bol** et Jean-François Daoust (2025). Le vote stratégique dans une France multipolarisée. Le cas des élections législatives de 2024. *Revue Française de Science Politique* 75(1).

(F7) **Damien Bol** (2024). Anomalie ou transformation ? Réflexion critique sur l'état de l'électoralisme français à l'ère du macronisme. *Revue Française de Science Politique* 74(2): 383–387.

(F6) **Damien Bol**, Arnaud Dellis et Mandar Oak (2017). Candidatures endogènes dans les élections pluralitaires : quelques explications du nombre de candidats et de leur polarisation. *L'Actualité Économique* 93(1-2): 141–171.

(F5) **Damien Bol** et Elisabeth Dupoirier (2015). André-Paul Frognier : un chercheur exigeant, un électoraliste pionnier. Dans Benoît Rihoux, Virginie Van Ingelgom, et Samuel Defacqz (dir.) *La légitimité de la science politique : construire une discipline au-delà des clivages*. Presses Universitaires de Louvain, pp. 41–50.

(F4) André-Paul Frognier, et **Damien Bol** (2015). Modèles électoraux et vote en Wallonie : Plus de 20 ans d'analyse électorale. Dans Pierre Baudewyns (dir.) *Etre électeur en Wallonie*. Presses Universitaire de Louvain, pp. 15–36.

(F3) **Damien Bol** (2014). De l'intérêt de la régression multi-niveau en politique comparée. *Revue Internationale de Politique Comparée* 21(2): 81–95.

(F2) **Damien Bol** et Ferdinand Teuber (2013). L'adoption des étiquettes partisanes. Dans Régis Dandoy, Jérémie Dodeigne, Geoffrey Matagne, and Min Reuchamps (dir.) *Les élections communales de 2012 en Wallonie*. Vanden Broele, pp. 47–58.

(F1) André-Paul Frognier, **Damien Bol** et Marc Swyngedouw (2012). Une démocratie multipartisane. Flandre - Wallonie : 20 ans d'analyse des comportements électoraux. Dans Astrid Von Busekist (ed.) *Singulière Belgique*. Fayard, pp. 135–145.

Edited volumes

(E1) Camille Bedock, **Damien Bol**, and Thomas Ehrhard (2017, eds). What Do Political Scientists Know About Electoral Reform That Practitioners Do Not? A View from Europe and Canada. *Symposium in Election Law Journal* 6(3): 335–340.

Datasets

(D4) Stéphanie Abrial, Kevin Arceneaux, Damien Bol, Frédéric Gonthier, Florent Gougou, Emiliano Grossman, Romain Lachat, Anne Muxel, and Simon Persico (2024). Après les élections législatives 2024 (ELIPSS 2024) [data.sciencespo](#).

(D3) **Damien Bol**, André Blais, Emmanuel Heisbourg, Shaun Bowler, David M. Farrell, Annika Fredén, Martial Foucault, Romain Lachat, Ignacio Lago, Peter John Loewen, Miroslav Nemcok, Jean-Benoit Pilet, and Carolina Plescia (2020). European Political Institutions Survey (EPIS) [Harvard Dataverse](#).

(D2) **Damien Bol**, Stefanie Beyens, Kris Deschouwer, Jean-Benoit Pilet, Tom Verthé, Laura B. Stephenson, and André Blais (2017). MEDW 2014 Belgian National Election Study. [Harvard Dataverse](#).

(D1) Laura B. Stephenson, André Blais, **Damien Bol**, and Filip Kostelka (2017). Making Electoral Democracy Work Aggregate Study. [Harvard Dataverse](#).

TEACHING

Courses

- 2024–... Introduction to Political Science, Sciences Po Paris, UG Year 1 (150 students per year)
- 2024–... Elections and Voting Behavior, Sciences Po Paris, UG Year 2 (80 students per year)
- 2024–... Research Design in Political Behavior, Sciences Po Paris, Master (15 students per year)
- 2017–23 Introduction to Comparative Politics, KCLondon, UG Year 1 (300 students per year)
- 2017–23 Elections and Voting Behavior, KCLondon, UG Year 3 (40 students per year)
- 2016–22 Statistics for Political Science II, KCLondon, UG Year 2 (25 students per year)
- 2016–16 Statistics for Political Science I, KCLondon, UG Year 1 (80 students)
- 2010–11 Comparative Political Institutions, University of Louvain, Master (10 students per year)

PhD supervision

- 2018–23 [Andrew Hunter](#) (KCLondon), now Postdoc at Royal Holloway University of London
- 2016–23 [Aurelia Ananda](#) (KCLondon), now Assistant Professor at Griffith University
- 2016–21 [Alban Versailles](#) (University of Louvain), now Senior Researcher at Verian

MONEY

External research grants

- 2025 French Centre National de Recherche Scientifique: Research Network (€10,000)
- 2020 Coordinated Cross-University Fund: Small Contributions from 10+ Universities (£50,000)
- 2019 Belgian Fonds National de la Recherche Scientifique: Research Credit (€40,000)
- 2017 British Academy/Leverhulme: Small Research Grant (£10,000)
- 2015 Montreal Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship: Seed Grant (\$7,500)

Awards and prizes

- 2025 Sciences Po Paris: Visiting Fellowship (€24,000, declined)
- 2019 Paris School of Economics: Visiting Fellowship (€5,000)
- 2015 Belgian Fonds National de la Recherche Scientifique: Postdoc Fellowship (4×€40,000, declined)
- 2012 Belgian Political Science Association: Best Paper from a PhD student (€250 Ⓣ)
- 2008 Belgian Fonds National de la Recherche Scientifique: PhD Scholarship (4×€20,000)

LEADERSHIP

Main leadership services

- 2025–... Director of Network of Electoral Research in France (100 affiliates)
- 2019–23 Director of Quantitative Political Economy Research Centre, KCLondon (50 affiliates)
- 2017–21 Director of ECPR Standing Group on Comparative Political Institutions (300 members)

Editorial board memberships

- 2024–... Representation
- 2023–... European Journal of Political Research
- 2023–... Political Science Research & Methods

2020–... Electoral Studies
2016–24 Canadian Journal of Political Science