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Current Positions:

European University Institute, Italy. Max Weber fellow (2012-present):

- Research project examines the internal politics of the Council of Ministers, and the intra-institutional politics between the Council and other legislative bodies.
- It involves the construction of a large-n dataset that accounts for negotiator activity over the course of legislative negotiations.

ETH Zürich, Switzerland. Post-doctoral fellow (2011-present):

- Research project examines the role of legislative transparency in the Council of Ministers and how this affects negotiator behaviour during negotiations.

Education:

Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland. Ph.D. Political Science (2007-2011):

- Thesis entitled "Decision-making in the Council of Ministers of the European Union."
- PhD awarded November 2011.
- Coursework includes Game Theory, Quantitative Methods I and II, Field Seminar, Research Design, Contemporary Democratic Theories.

University of Mannheim, Germany. EITM Summer School (2010):

- Empirical implications of theoretical models course on the relationship between formal models of politics, and empirical research methods and statistical analysis.

University College Dublin, Ireland. Seminar on European & International Governance (2009):

- Involved analysis of competing theories of governance and new empirical research related to the dynamics of European and international integration.
- Research paper awarded distinction.

University of Ljubljana, Slovenia. ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques (2009):

- Political game theory course taught by Prof. Nolan McCarty, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University.

University of Bristol, United Kingdom. M. Sc. International Relations (2005-2006):

- Coursework included International Security, Theories of International Relations, International Political Economy, International Integration & the European Union, Democratisation & International Politics, and Research Methods.
- Dissertation Awarded Distinction.

University College Cork, Ireland. B.A. Public Policy Economics and Philosophy (2002-2005)

- Coursework included Public Expenditure & Finance, International Trade & Competitiveness, Money & the Economy, History of Philosophy, Questions & Ethical Theory, Medieval Philosophy, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Art.
- Degree Awarded (2:1).

Research Experience:

ETH Zürich, Switzerland. Post-doctoral fellow (2011-present):
- Developed web scraping and automated data extraction algorithms to study the application of transparency and censorship to EU decision making.

Doctoral Research, Trinity College Dublin – Dept. of Political Science (2007-2011):
- Applied cooperative and non-cooperative game theory models of EU decision-making.
- Conducted research on the determinant of member state bargaining behaviour and bargaining success using advanced statistical techniques.
- Created new dataset detailing member state activity during legislative negotiations.

Researcher, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona – Dept. of Political Science (2008):
- Involved in the extension of the 'Decision making in the European Union' dataset (see list of publications for details).
- Carried out data collection through semi-structured interviews with EU officials.
- Produced reports on information gathered and compiled datasets to be used by the ECPR recognised 'Decision Making in the European Union' research group.

Research Assistant, Trinity College, Dublin – Dept. of Political Science (2007):
- Worked independently to organise content of legislative documentation.
- Constructed datasets by analysing legislative documentation.

Teaching Experience:

Assistant Lecturer, Trinity College Dublin – Issues in Contemporary Politics (2010-2011):
- Designed and delivered innovative lectures on research methods and research design to final year undergraduate students.
- Supervised 48 individual student research design projects that utilised both quantitative and qualitative approaches and methodologies.
- This course received the highest ranking from student evaluations in the department.

Head Teaching Assistant, Trinity College Dublin – International Relations (2008-2009):
- Delivered seminars on international relations, integrating competing theoretical perspectives in order to demonstrate the current state-of-the-art in this field.
- Organised work load and readings for other teaching assistants tutoring the course.
- Assigned reading and led in-depth discussion and analysis of the topics covered.
- Graded student coursework and summer exams.

Teaching Assistant, Trinity College, Dublin – West European Politics (2007-2008):
- Delivered seminars on comparative politics & international relations subfields, providing students with insight into European politics at the national & international levels.

- Assigned reading and lead in-depth discussion and analysis of topics covered.
- Graded student coursework and summer exams.

Academic Papers:

Peer-Reviewed Publications:

- James P. Cross (2013, forthcoming). "Striking a pose: transparency and position taking in the Council of the European Union". *European Journal of Political Research*.
- James P. Cross (2013, forthcoming). "Everyone's a winner (almost): Bargaining success in the Council of ministers of the European Union", *European Union Politics, 14(1).*
- James P. Cross (2012). "Interventions and Negotiation in the Council of Ministers of the European Union", *European Union Politics*, 13(1).
- Robert Thomson, Javier Arregui, Dirk Leuffen, Rory Costello, James Cross, Robin Hertz and Thomas Jensen (2012). "A New Dataset on Decision Making in the European Union before and after the 2004 and 2007 Enlargements (DEUII)". *Journal of European Public Policy,* 19(4).

Under Review with Academic Journals:

- James P. Cross (2012). "The Seen and the Unseen in Legislative Politics: Explaining Censorship in the Legislative Process of the European Union". Submitted to *Journal of European Public Policy,* currently in first round of revisions.

Conference Presentations:

- James P. Cross (2012). "The Seen and the Unseen in Legislative Politics: Explaining Censorship in the Legislative Process of the European Union", presented at the EPSA general conference, June 2012, Berlin.
- James P. Cross (2012). "Striking a pose: transparency and position taking in the Council of the European Union" presented at "The European Union and the Politicization of Europe" conference, December 2011, Vienna.
- James P. Cross (2011). "Interventions and Negotiation in the Council of Ministers of the European Union", presented at the EPSA general conference, June 2011, Dublin.
- James P. Cross (2011). "The Role Played by Agency, Luck, and Power in Determining Member States' Legislative Bargaining Success in the European Council of Ministers", to be presented at the MPSA general conference, March 2011, Chicago.
- James P. Cross (2010). "Do Member-States Bargain or Deliberate? Voting Power and the Internal Structure of the Council of the European Union", Presented at the MPSA general conference, April 2010, Chicago.

Working Papers:

- James P. Cross (2009). "Investigating the Effects of EU Enlargement Using a Saliency-Weighted Multidimensional Procedural Model of EU Legislative Decision-Making", Trinity College manuscript presented December 2009.

Current Research:

- James P. Cross. "The Commission as Trojan horse in legislative negotiations in the Council of Ministers", Expected submission: Fall 2012. Targeted journal: *Journal of European Public Policy.*
- James P. Cross. "The Evolution of Coalitions in Legislative Decision-Making in the Council of the European Union", Expected submission: Spring 2013. Targeted journal: *Legislative Studies Quarterly.*
- James P. Cross. "First-mover Advantage and Agenda-setting in the Council of Ministers of the European Union", Expected submission: Summer 2013. Targeted journal: *European Union Politics.*

Professional Services:

Association Memberships:

- American Political Science Association; European Political Science Association; Mid-west Political Science Association; Political Studies Association of Ireland; Transparency International.

Journal Reviewer:

- European Union Politics, Journal of Theoretical Politics.

Awards:

Academic:

- Max Weber post-doctoral fellowship – European University Institute (2012-2013).
- Post-doctoral fellowship – GESS, ETH Zurich (2011-2012).
- Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences Post-Graduate Scholarship (2009-2011).
- Departmental Award – Dept. of Political Science, Trinity College Dublin (2007-2008) & (2010-2011).

Technical Skills:

Methodology and Statistics:

- Proficiency in STATA statistical software package, Python programming language, and MATLAB, including programming of game theoretic models of EU decision-making.
- Strong background in quantitative and qualitative research design and applications, including teaching thereof.

Languages:

- Basic proficiency in French and Irish.

Research Interests:

- European Union Politics & the Politics of International Organisations.
- Research design, Quantitative Methods, and Formal Theory.
- International Relations and International Political Economy.
- Comparative Politics.

Academic References:

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