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## Profile

I am a dedicated and enthusiastic researcher, with a passion for understanding more about how politics and the environment interact. I have a broad range of skills and experience, including several years in technical, research and leadership roles. I am reliable, can work well independently or in teams and enjoy a challenge.

## Education

- 2017 - 2021 **PhD Candidate (Political Science)**, *Victoria University of Wellington*, Wellington.
- 2015 **Bachelor of Arts with Honours (First Class, Political Science)**, *Victoria University of Wellington*, Wellington.
- 2013 - 2014 **Graduate Diploma in Arts (Political Science)**, *Victoria University of Wellington*, Wellington.
- 1998 - 2001 **Bachelor of Information Technology**, *Otago Polytechnic*, Dunedin.

## PhD Thesis

- Title *Dimensions of public opinion on climate change: belief, issue salience and support for government action*
- Supervisors Hilde Coffé and Ralph Chapman
- Description My PhD research investigated why the response to climate change has been inadequate in developed countries. I focus primarily on the role of public opinion, and argue that the low public salience of climate change means that politicians are not under substantial pressure to act. I analyse survey data from Eurobarometer, the New Zealand Election Study and from my own survey to support my argument.

## Experience

- 2021 **Head Tutor**, *Victoria University of Wellington*, Wellington.  
Head tutor of POLS114: Introduction to Comparative Politics, a 300 student undergraduate course, where I am working with five other tutors.

- 2017-2021 **Research Assistant**, *Victoria University of Wellington*, Wellington.  
I have worked as a research assistant on a number of projects (primarily with Hilde Coffé). This work involved literature searches, data collection creating of figures and tables, and editing manuscripts for submission to academic journals.
- 2019-2020 **Vice President (Community)**, *Postgraduate Students Association (Victoria University of Wellington)*, Wellington.  
The Vice President (Community) role involved organising and overseeing PGSA events, including the 2020 VUW Three Minute Thesis competition. In addition, I was involved in Postgraduate advocacy, sat as a student representative on several committees, and played a central role in planning the activities and goals of the PGSA.
- 2015, **Tutor**, *Victoria University of Wellington*, Wellington.
- 2017-2020 I have tutored a number of Political Science and International Relations courses at VUW.
- 2010-2017 **Senior Developer / Technical Lead**, *Catalyst IT Limited*, Wellington.  
My role at Catalyst was primarily as a technical lead, working on projects with development teams to build systems for clients such as Spark, TAB, InternetNZ and the Electoral Commission. This role involved ensuring projects were delivered successfully, mentoring junior developers, giving presentations to clients, and running internal training sessions.
- 2007-2009 **Analyst Programmer**, *Financial Times*, London.  
At the Financial Times, I was employed as a software developer, often taking on lead roles within particular projects. I was also frequently asked to give internal presentations to various departments, or to run meetings involving executive-level managers.

## Publications

- (1) Sam Crawley. *Most People Consider Climate Change a Serious Issue, but Rank Other Problems as More Important. That Affects Climate Policy*. The Conversation. 19th May 2021. URL: <https://theconversation.com/most-people-consider-climate-change-a-serious-issue-but-rank-other-problems-as-more-important-that-affects-climate-policy-161080> (visited on 09/06/2021).
- (2) Sam Crawley. "The Dimensions of Public Opinion on Climate Change: Belief, Issue Salience and Support for Government Action". Ph.D. 28th Mar. 2021. DOI: 10.26686/wgtn.14312924.v1.
- (3) Sam Crawley, Hilde Coffé and Ralph Chapman. "Public Opinion on Climate Change: Belief and Concern, Issue Salience and Support for Government Action". In: *The British Journal of Politics and International Relations* 22.1 (2020), pp. 102–121. DOI: 10.1177/1369148119888827.
- (4) Sam Crawley, Hilde Coffé and Ralph Chapman. *The Public's Climate Change Views: Strong Beliefs but Low Salience*. British Politics and Policy at LSE. 10th Jan. 2020. URL:

<https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/politicsandpolicy/uk-climate-change-views/>.

- (5) Sam Crawley, Hilde Coffé and Ralph Chapman. "To What Extent Do Interest Group Messages Shape the Public's Climate Change Policy Preferences?" In: *British Politics* (2020). DOI: 10.1057/s41293-020-00144-6.

## Awards and Scholarships

- 2020 **Lifetime Membership Award**, *Postgraduate Students Association (Victoria University of Wellington)*.
- 2017 **Victoria Doctoral Scholarship**, *Victoria University of Wellington*.
- 2016 **Margaret Clark Prize 2015**, *Victoria University of Wellington*.
- 2015 **Victoria Graduate Award**, *Victoria University of Wellington*.

## References

Available on request.