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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## CURRENT POSITION

Professeure adjointe, Département de science politique, Université de Montréal 2015-

## ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

PhD, Social Sciences (University of Leuven) 2015  
PhD Fellow of the Research Foundation Flanders (2011-2015)  
Visiting PhD student at Université de Montréal (Jul-Aug 2014)  
Visiting PhD student at Université de Montréal (Jan-Jun 2013)  
Visiting PhD student at University of Twente (Mar 2012)  
MA, Comparative and International Politics (University of Leuven) 2010  
MA, History (University of Leuven) 2009  
BA, History (University of Leuven) 2008

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Introduction to Structural Equation Modeling (Québec Inter-University Center for Social Statistics),  
Modeling Heterogeneity (Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, University of Essex),  
Event History Analysis (Quantitative Analysis in the Social Sciences Program, University of Leuven),  
Multiple Regression Analysis (ECPR Summer School on Methods and Techniques, University of Ljubljana),  
Multilevel Analysis (ICES course in Statistics, Ghent University) and Political and Election Forecasting (ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques, University of Ljubljana).

Course on Political Parties in Modern Democracies (ECPR Standing Group Summer School, University of Brussels – Université Libre de Bruxelles).

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Electoral volatility; Voting behaviour; Dealignment; Election campaigns; Election forecasting; Economic voting; Longitudinal analyses

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer reviewed

30. Miller, P. & Dassonneville, R. (2016). High Turnout in the Low Countries: Partisan Effects of the Abolition of Compulsory Voting. *Electoral Studies*, accepted.

29. **Dassonneville, R.** & Hooghe, M. (2016). Indifference and Alienation. Diverging Dimensions of Electoral Dealignment in Europe. *Acta Politica*, accepted.
28. **Dassonneville, R.** (2016). Volatile Voters, Short-Term Choices? An Analysis of the Vote Choice Determinants of Stable and Volatile Voters in Great Britain. *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties*, accepted.
27. Hooghe, M. & **Dassonneville, R.** (2016). A Spiral of Distrust. A Panel Study on the Relation between Political Distrust and Protest Voting in Belgium. *Government & Opposition*, accepted.
26. **Dassonneville, R.** & Hooghe, M. (2016). The Noise of the Vote Recall Question. The Validity of the Vote Recall Question in Panel Studies in Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands. *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, accepted.
25. **Dassonneville, R.**, Claes, E. & Lewis-Beck, M.S. (2016). Punishing Local Incumbents for the Local Economy. Economic Voting in the 2012 Belgian Municipal Elections. *Italian Political Science Review*, accepted.
24. **Dassonneville, R.** & Hooghe, M. (2015). Economic Indicators and Electoral Volatility: The Effect of the State of the Economy on Electoral Volatility, 1950-2013. *Comparative European Politics*, in press. DOI: 10.1057/cep.2015.3
23. Dejaeghere, Y. & **Dassonneville, R.** (2015). A Comparative Investigation into the Effects of Party-System Variables on Party Switching using Individual-Level Data. *Party Politics*, in press. DOI: 10.1177/1354068815576294
22. Marien, S., **Dassonneville, R.** & Hooghe, M. (2015). How Second Order are Local Elections? Voting Motives and Party Preferences in Belgian Municipal Elections. *Local Government Studies*, 41(6): 898-916. DOI: 10.1080/03003930.2015.1048230
21. Lewis-Beck, M.S. & **Dassonneville, R.** (2015). Comparative Election Forecasting: Further Insights from Synthetic Models. *Electoral Studies*, 39(3): 275-283. DOI:10.1016/j.electstud.2015.03.018
20. **Dassonneville, R.**, Blais, A. & Dejaeghere, Y. (2015). Staying with the Party, Switching or Exiting? A Comparative Analysis of Determinants of Party Switching and Abstaining. *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties*, 25(3), 387-405.
19. Hooghe, M., **Dassonneville, R.** & Marien, S. (2015). The Impact of Education on the Development of Political Trust. Results from a Five Year Panel Study among Late Adolescents and Young Adults in Belgium. *Political Studies*, 63(1), 123-141.
18. Lewis-Beck, M.S. & **Dassonneville, R.** (2015). Forecasting Elections in Europe: Synthetic Models. *Research and Politics*, Jan 2015, 2(1). DOI: 10.1177/2053168014565128
17. **Dassonneville, R.** (2014). Political Sophistication and Vote Intention Switching. The Timing of Electoral Volatility in the 2009 German Election Campaign. *German Politics*, 23(3), 174-195.

16. **Dassonneville, R.** & Lewis-Beck, M.S. (Eds.) (2014). The Economic Voter and Economic Crisis. *Acta Politica*, 49(4), 369-371.
15. **Dassonneville, R.** & Lewis-Beck, M.S. (2014). Macroeconomics, Economic Crisis and Electoral Outcomes: A National European Pool. *Acta Politica*, 49(4), 372-394.
14. **Dassonneville, R.** & Dejaeghere, Y. (2014). Bridging the Ideological Space. A Cross-National Analysis of the Distance of Party Switching. *European Journal of Political Research*, 53(3), 580-599.
13. **Dassonneville, R.**, Hooghe, M. & Vanhoutte, B. (2014). Partisan Dealignment in Germany: A Rejoinder to Russell Dalton. *German Politics*, 23(1/2), 145-155.
12. **Dassonneville, R.** & Dejaeghere, Y. (2014). Onderzoek uitgelicht: De ideologische afstand tussen partijen. Een vergelijkende studie naar de overbrugde afstand bij partijwissels. *Res Publica: Tijdschrift voor Politicologie*, 56(3), 408-411.
11. Hooghe, M. & **Dassonneville, R.** (2014). Party Members as an Electoral Linking Mechanism. An Election Forecasting Model for Political Parties in Belgium, 1981-2010. *Party Politics*, 20(3), 368-380.
10. **Dassonneville, R.** & Lewis-Beck, M.S. (2013). Economic Policy Voting and Incumbency: Unemployment in Western Europe. *Political Science Research and Methods*, 1(1), 53-66.
9. **Dassonneville, R.** (2013). Questioning Generational Replacement. An Age, Period and Cohort Analysis of Electoral Volatility in the Netherlands, 1971-2010. *Electoral Studies*, 32(1), 37-47.
8. Hooghe, M. & **Dassonneville, R.** (2013). Voters and Candidates of the Future. The Intention for Electoral Participation among Adolescents in 22 European Countries. *Young: the Nordic Journal of Youth Research*, 21(1), 1-28.
7. **Dassonneville, R.** (2012). Electoral Volatility, Political Sophistication, Trust and Efficacy: A Study on Changes in Voter Preferences during the Belgian Regional Elections of 2009. *Acta Politica*, 47(1), 18-41.
6. **Dassonneville, R.**, Quintelier, E., Hooghe, M. & Claes, E. (2012). The Relation between Civic Education and Political Attitudes and Behavior: A Two-Year Panel Study among Belgian Late Adolescents. *Applied Developmental Science*, 16(3), 140-150.
5. **Dassonneville, R.** (2012). Ontzuiling van kiesgedrag. Een proces van generationele vervanging gedreven door cognitieve mobilisatie? Een age-period-cohort analyse van stemmen voor CDA en PvdA in Nederland, 1971-2010. *Res Publica: Tijdschrift voor Politicologie*, 54(3), 333-360.
4. **Dassonneville, R.**, Hooghe, M. & Vanhoutte, B. (2012). Age, Period and Cohort Effects in the Decline of Party Identification in Germany. An Analysis of a Two Decade Panel Study in Germany (1992-2009). *German Politics*, 21(2), 209-227.

3. **Dassonneville, R.** & Hooghe, M. (2012). Election Forecasting under Opaque Conditions. A Model for Francophone Belgium, 1981-2010. *International Journal of Forecasting*, 28(4), 777-788.
2. Hooghe, M. & **Dassonneville, R.** (2011). The Effects of Civic Education on Political Knowledge. A Two Year Panel Survey among Belgian Adolescents. *Educational Assessment, Evaluation and Accountability*, 23(4), 321-339.
1. **Dassonneville, R.** (2010). Negatieve verkiezingscampagnes en de gevolgen op kiesintenties. De Vlaamse regionale verkiezingen van juni 2009. *Res Publica: Tijdschrift voor Politicologie*, 52(3), 353-372.

#### Other journals

5. Deschouwer, K., Baudewyns, P., **Dassonneville, R.**, Hooghe, M., Pilet, J.-B., Rihoux, B. & Walgrave, S. (2015). Gegoochel met 'dode zielen'? *Samenleving en Politiek*, 22(2), 76-80.
4. **Dassonneville, R.** & Baudewyns, P. (2014). Transferts de voix, flux électoraux et électeurs mobiles. *Courrier hebdomadaire du CRISP*, nr. 2225, 9-19.
3. **Dassonneville, R.** & Baudewyns, P. (2014). Volatiliteit: veel beweging, geen aardverschuiving. *Samenleving en Politiek*, 21(9), 5-16.
2. **Dassonneville, R.** & Hooghe, M. (2013). Waar komen de lokale N-VA kiezers vandaan? *Samenleving en Politiek*, 20(1), 65-75.
1. Quintelier, E., Verhelst, J. & **Dassonneville, R.** (2011). Hoe 'traditioneel' zijn socialistische kiezers? *Samenleving en Politiek*, 18(8), 32-39.

#### Edited books

2. Pilet, J.-B., **Dassonneville, R.**, Hooghe, M. & Marien, S. (Eds.) (2014). L'électeur local. Le comportement électoral au scrutin communal de 2012. Bruxelles: Editions de l'Université de Bruxelles.
1. **Dassonneville, R.**, Hooghe, M., Marien, S. & Pilet, J.-B. (Eds.) (2013). De lokale kiezer: Het kiesgedrag bij de Belgische gemeenteraadsverkiezingen van oktober 2012. Brussel: ASP.

**Book chapters** 9. **Dassonneville, R.** (Forthcoming). Age and Voting. In: Arzheimer, K., Evans, J. & Lewis-Beck, M.S. (Eds.), *The Handbook of Electoral Behavior*. Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications.

8. **Dassonneville, R.** & Baudewyns, P. (2014). Volatility: Much Movement but no Earthquake. In: Vermeersch, W. (Ed.), *Behind the Landslide Elections of May 2014* (pp. 5-15). Ghent: Stichting Gerrit Kreveld.
7. **Dassonneville, R.**, Hooghe, M., Marien, S. & Pilet, J. (2013). De gemeenteraadsverkiezingen

van 14 oktober 2012. Algemene tendensen. In: Dassonneville R. et. al. (Eds.), De lokale kiezer: Het kiesgedrag bij de Belgische gemeenteraadsverkiezingen van 2012, Chapt 1 (pp. 9-33). Brussel: ASP.

6. **Dassonneville, R.**, Hooghe, M. & Marien, S. (2013). Partijtrouw en volatiliteit in lokale verkiezingen. In: Dassonneville R. et. al. (Eds.), De lokale kiezer: Het kiesgedrag bij de Belgische gemeenteraadsverkiezingen van 2012, Chapt 2 (pp. 35-66). Brussel: ASP.

5. Marien, S., Hooghe, M. & **Dassonneville, R.** (2013). Het belang van lokale argumenten en loyaliteiten: Het verschil tussen federale en lokale stemvoorkeuren. In: Dassonneville R. et. al. (Eds.), De lokale kiezer: Het kiesgedrag bij de Belgische gemeenteraadsverkiezingen van 2012, Chapt 3 (pp. 67-91). Brussel: ASP.

4. **Dassonneville, R.** & Hooghe, M. (2013). Determinants of Electoral Volatility. Where did the N-VA find its Local Support? In: Vermeersch, W. (Ed.), As Ever, In Between Elections (pp. 19-26). Gent: Stichting Gerrit Kreveld.

3. Quintelier, E., **Dassonneville, R.** & Claes, E. (2012). De invloed van burgerschapsopvoeding op school op politieke houdingen. In: Hooghe, M. (Ed.), Jongeren, politiek en burgerschap. Politieke socialisatie bij Belgische jongeren, Chapt 1 (pp. 21-33). Leuven: Acco.

2. Hooghe, M. & **Dassonneville, R.** (2012). De invloed van lessen over politiek op politieke kennis bij jongeren. In: Hooghe, M. (Ed.), Jongeren, politiek en burgerschap. Politieke socialisatie bij Belgische jongeren, Chapt 6 (pp. 95-109). Leuven: Acco.

1. Quintelier, E., Verhelst, J. & **Dassonneville, R.** (2011). How Traditional is the Flemish and Walloon Socialist Electorate? In: Vermeersch, W. (Ed.), Belgian Society and Politics 2011 - The Left amidst a Nationalist Surge (pp. 102-110). Gent: Stichting Gerrit Kreveld.

#### DATASETS

5. **Dassonneville, R.** (2015). *Net Volatility in Western Europe: 1950-2014* [Dataset]. Leuven: Centre for Citizenship and Democracy. Available at <http://soc.kuleuven.be/web/staticpage/11/95/eng/1197>

4. **Dassonneville, R.**, Falk Pedersen, E., Grieb, A. & Hooghe, M. (2014). *Belgian Elections of May 25, 2014: Leuven Exit Poll* [Dataset]. Leuven: Centre for Citizenship and Democracy.

3. **Dassonneville, R.**, Falk Pedersen, E., Grieb, A. & Hooghe, M. (2014). *Belgian Election Panel 2009-2014* [Dataset]. Leuven: Centre for Citizenship and Democracy.

2. **Dassonneville, R.**, Marien, S. & Hooghe, M. (2012). *PartiRep Exit Poll 2012* [Dataset]. Leuven: Centre for Citizenship and Democracy.

1. Hooghe, M., Havermans, N., Quintelier, E. & **Dassonneville, R.** (2011). *Belgian Political Panel Survey (BPPS), 2006-2011* [Dataset]. Leuven: Centre for Citizenship and Democracy.

## WORKING PAPERS

12. Daoust, J.-F. & **Dassonneville, R.** Economic Voting in Canada.
11. **Dassonneville, R.** Electoral Dealignment and Parties' Ideological Responsiveness.
10. Meeusen, C., Boonen, J. & **Dassonneville, R.** The Structure of Prejudice and Voting Propensities in Belgium: Flanders and Wallonia Compared.
9. **Dassonneville, R.** & Stiers, D. Electoral Volatility in Belgium, 2009–2014.
8. Arel-Bundock, V., Blais, A. & **Dassonneville, R.** Benchmarking in Economic Voting.
7. **Dassonneville, R.**, Hooghe, M. & Miller, P. Compulsory voting, (in)equality, and quality of the vote: The impact of compulsory voting on accountability and proximity voting.
6. **Dassonneville, R.** & Hooghe, M. Are Voters Benchmarking the Economy? An Experimental Test on the Impact of Pre-Benchmarked Economic Information.
5. **Dassonneville, R.** & Lewis-Beck, M.S. Electoral Rules and the Economic Vote: Main vs. Conditional Effects.
4. **Dassonneville, R.** & Hooghe, M. Voter Turnout Decline and Stratification. The Changing Impact of Political Sophistication Indicators.
3. **Dassonneville, R.** & Lewis-Beck, M.S. Short-Term Electoral Forces in Western Europe: Changing Weight of the Economic Vote?
2. **Dassonneville, R.** & Ferland, B. Shifting Parties, Sophisticated Switchers. Are Voters Responding to Ideological Shifts by Political Parties?
1. **Dassonneville, R.** & Grieb, A. How Electoral Campaigns Affect the Link between Political Sophistication and Partisanship. A Longitudinal Analysis using the German SOEP-survey (1984-2011).

## GRANTS

FRQSC - Établissement de nouveaux professeurs-chercheurs (2016–2019)	
<i>Le comportement électoral dans un contexte de désalignement politique</i>	\$49,994
FWO Ph.D. Research Fellowship, 2011-2015, 4 year full time grant	€152,000
Co-author of an FWO Research Grant to investigate electoral volatility, <i>Belgian Election Panel, 2009-2014</i> (PI: Prof. Marc Hooghe)	€280,000
FWO Grant for participation in an international conference (APSA, 2014)	€1,253
FWO Travel Grant for a long stay abroad (CRCES, 2013),	€9,966
EPOP conference, Graduate student bursary (2012)	£100
True European Voter, Cost Action IS0806, Conference Grant (2011)	€250

## AWARDS

Shortlisted for the ECPR Jean Blondel Prize for the best dissertation in political science	2016
<i>Jaarprijs politicologie</i> (best dissertation in Belgium and the Netherlands)	2016
ECPR Party Politics Award for the Best Student Paper (Peter Mair Prize)	2012

## TEACHING

POL 2005 - Les élections, Université de Montréal	2016
POL 6602 - Les élections, Université de Montréal	2015
Co-organizer of the Leuven-Montréal Winter School on Elections and Voting Behavior <i>Graduate student program supported by the ECPR standing group on Public Opinion and Voting Behaviour in a Comparative Perspective. Co-organized with André Blais, Patrick Fournier and Marc Hooghe.</i>	2015/2016
Module on Local Elections (in Political Sociology Course), University of Leuven <i>Modules of three lectures, with 40 students</i>	2013/2014
Datasources, references and managing your research project <i>Lecture in PhD seminar for 1st year PhD students in the social sciences (PartiRep II)</i>	2013
Supervision of 6 M.A. theses on various topics (election campaigns, political participation, economic voting and local elections), University of Leuven	2010-2015

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

European Consortium for Political Research - General Conference, Montréal (2015); European Consortium for Political Research - Joint Sessions of Workshops, Warsaw (2015); Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington DC (2014); Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association, Edinburgh (2014); Annual Conference of the Elections, Public Opinion and Parties Specialist Group, Edinburgh (2014); Belgian-Dutch Political Science Conference, Maastricht (2014); Citizens, Parties, and Electoral Contexts Pre-IPSA Workshop, Montreal (2014); World Congress of Political Science Conference, Montreal (2014); Conference on Methodological Innovations in the Study of Elections in Europe and Beyond, College Station (TX) (2014); General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research, Bordeaux (2013); Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association (2013); European Consortium for Political Research Joint Sessions of Workshops, Mainz (2013); Annual Conference of the Elections, Public Opinion and Parties Specialist Group, Oxford (2012); Conference on Change in Political Attitudes: Panels and Experiments, Barcelona (2012); Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago (2012); Belgian-Dutch Political Science Conference, Amsterdam (2012); Conference What Happened to Incumbency Voting, Leuven (2012); Conference on Valence Politics and the Continuing Economic Crisis in Comparative Perspective, College Station (TX) (2012); Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Conference, Seattle (2011); European Conference on Comparative Electoral Research, Sofia (2011); General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research, Reykjavik (2011); Belgian-Dutch Political Science Conference, Amsterdam (2011); Belgian-Dutch Political Science Conference, Leuven (2010).

#### INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES) (Mannheim, June 2016)

'Do Responsiveness and Accountability Matter at the Municipal Level?', INRS Centre Urbanisation Culture Société (Montréal, May 2015)

Behavioral Ethics Lab, University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, November 2015)

#### SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

Council member of the APSA Forecasting Group

Board member of the ECPR Standing Group on Political Methodology

Section co-chair of the 'Political Behavior, Parties and Elections' section at the EPSA Annual Meeting (Brussels, 2016).

Chair of the panel 'Stability of Political Attitudes and Values' at the ECPR General Conference (Montréal, 2015).

Co-organizer of session 'Accountability Without Parties? The Effects of Dealignment on Accountability in Decision-Making' at the ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshop (Warsaw, 2015).

Co-organizer of session 'Dealigned Electorates – Short-Term Vote Choice Determinants' at the Dutch-Belgian Political Science Conference (Maastricht, 2014).

Co-organizer of session 'Voting Behavior in the Low Countries' at the Belgian-Dutch Political Science Conference (Ghent, 2013).

Co-organizer of conference 'What Happened to Incumbency Voting?' (Leuven, 2012).

Co-organizer of session 'Voter Dealignment and Realignment' at the Dutch-Belgian Political Science Conference (Amsterdam, 2012).

Co-organizer of session 'Electoral Volatility: Party Systems Adrift?' at the Dutch-Belgian Political Science Conference (Amsterdam, 2011).

Discussant at the ECPR General Conference (2015), at the EPSA Annual Meeting (2014) and at the MPSA Annual Conference (2012 & 2013).

Manuscript reviewer for *Acta Politica*; *American Journal of Political Science*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *Canadian Journal of Political Science/revue canadienne de science politique*; *Communication Research*; *Czech Journal of Political Science*; *Electoral Studies*; *European Journal of Political Research*; *European Political Science Review*; *German Politics*; *International Journal of Forecasting*; *Italian Journal of Applied Statistics*; *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*; *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties*; *Journal of Politics*; *Party Politics*; *Politics & Policy*; *Politi-*



cal Behavior; Political Communication; Political Studies; Political Science Research and Methods; Public Choice; Public Opinion Quarterly; Research & Politics; Res Publica; Revue internationale de politique comparée; Scandinavian Political Studies, Sociétés et politiques ; The International Journal of Press/Politics; Young.

Reviewer for the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) and the Research Foundation Flanders (FWO).

#### COMPUTER SOFTWARE

Stata, SPSS, R, HLM  
Microsoft Office software and L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

#### LANGUAGES

Dutch (native), English (fluent), French (advanced), German (notions)

#### REFERENCES

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