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## academic employment

2021-	<i>University of Pennsylvania</i> Annenberg School for Communication Political Science (Secondary Appointment)	Associate Professor
2016-	<i>University of Pennsylvania</i> Annenberg School for Communication Political Science (Secondary Appointment)	Assistant Professor
2012-2016	<i>University of Amsterdam</i> Amsterdam School of Communication Research	Assistant Professor

## education

2012	<i>PhD in Communication</i> PhD minor in Social Psychology	Stanford University
2008	<i>Master in Political Science</i>	Temple University
2005	<i>Bachelor in Political Science</i> and Journalism & Mass Communication	University of Wisconsin-Madison

## refereed journal articles

\* Bakker, B. Jaidka, K. Lelkes, Y. Fasching, N. Dörr, T. Questionable and open research practices: attitudes and perceptions among quantitative communication researchers. (In Press) *Journal of Communication*.

\* Yang, T., Ticona, J., Lelkes, Y. (In Press) *The Impact of Free Wifi on Quality-of-Life Policing*. *Journal of Communication*.

Bakker, B. **Lelkes, Y.**, Malka, A. (In press). Reconsidering the Relationship Between Self-Reported Personality Traits and Political Preferences. *American Political Science Review*.

\* Brenes Peralta, C., Wojcieszak, M., **Lelkes, Y.** (2021). Can I Stick to My Guns? Motivated Reasoning and Biased Processing of Balanced Political Information. *Communication and Society*.

\* Dias, N., **Lelkes, Y.** (In Press). The Partisan Roots of Affective Polarization: Disentangling Partisanship from Policy Positions. *American Journal of Political Science*.

\* Fischer, S., Jaidka, K, **Lelkes, Y.** (2020). Topical biases in local news curation: an audit of Google News. *Nature Human Behavior*.

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**Lelkes, Y.** (2020). Policy over party: Comparing the effects of candidate ideology and party on affective polarization. *Political Science Research and Methods*.

Westwood, S., Petersen, E., & **Lelkes, Y.** (2019). Are there Still Limits on Partisan Prejudice?. *Public Opinion Quarterly* 83(3), 584-597.

\* Jaidka, K., Zhou, A., & **Lelkes, Y.** (2019). Brevity is the soul of Twitter: The constraint affordance and political discussion. *Journal of Communication*, (69)4, 345-372.

Iyengar, S., **Lelkes, Y.**, Levendusky, M., Malhotra, N., & Westwood, S. J. (2019). The origins and consequences of affective polarization in the United States. *Annual Review of Political Science*, 22, 129-146.

Kim, N., Krosnick, J.A., **Lelkes, Y.** (2019). Race of Interviewer Effects in Telephone Surveys Preceding the 2008 U.S. Presidential Election. *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, 31(2), 220-242.

Malka, A. **Lelkes, Y.**, & Soto, C. (2019). Are Cultural and Economic Conservatism Positively Correlated? A Large-Scale Cross-National Test. *The British Journal of Political Science*, 49(3), 1045-1069.

Bakker, B., and **Lelkes, Y.** (2018) Selling Ourselves Short: The implications of brief personality measures for political psychology. *Journal of Politics*, 80(40), 1311-1325.

**Lelkes, Y.** (2018). Affective Polarization and Ideological Sorting: A Reciprocal, albeit Weak, Relationship. *The Forum: A Journal of Applied Research in Contemporary Politics* 16(1), 23-45.

**Lelkes, Y.**, Sood, G., & Iyengar, S. (2017). The hostile audience: The effect of access to broadband internet on partisan affect. *American Journal of Political Science* 61(1), 5-20.

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\* Brenes Peralta, C., Wojcieszak, M., **Lelkes, Y.**, & de Vreese, C. (2017). Selective exposure to balanced content and evidence type: The case of issue and non-issue publics about climate change and health care. *Journalism Mass Communication Quarterly*, 94(3), 833-861.

**Lelkes, Y.** and Westwood, S. (2017). The Limits of Partisan Discrimination. *Journal of Politics*, 79(2), 485-501.

**Lelkes, Y.**, and Sniderman P.M. (2017) The Ideological Asymmetry of the American Party System, 46(4), 825-844. *British Journal of Political Science*.

**Lelkes, Y.**, Malka, A., and Sheets, P. (2016). Democratic Like Us? Political Orientation and the Effect of Making Democracy Salient on Anti-Israel Attitudes. *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, 3(1), 97-107.

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**Lelkes, Y.** (2016). Mass Polarization: Manifestations and Measurements. *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 80 (S1): 392-410.

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Malka, A., Soto, C., Inzlicht, M., **Lelkes, Y.** (2014) Do Needs for Security and Certainty Predict Cultural and Economic Conservatism? A Cross-National Analysis. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 106,1031-1051.

Iyengar, S., Sood G., & **Lelkes, Y.** (2012). Affect, not Ideology: A Social Identity Perspective on Polarization. *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 76(3), 405-431.

**Lelkes, Y.**, Krosnick, J.A., Marx, D.M., Judd, C., and Park, B.M. (2012). Complete Anonymity Produces an Apparent Reduction in Social Desirability Response: Bias at the Expense of Accuracy. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 48(6), 1291-1299.

Ross, L.D., **Lelkes, Y.**, and Russell, A.G. (2012). Projection as a Means of Dissonance Reduction: How Christians Reconcile their Personal Political Views and the Teachings of their Faith. *The Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 109(10), 3616-3622.

Malka, A., **Lelkes, Y.**, Srivastava, S., Cohen, A.B., and Miller, D.T. (2012). Association of Religiosity and Political Conservatism: The Role of Engagement with Political Discourse. *Political Psychology*, 33, 275- 295.

Malka, A., and **Lelkes, Y.** (2010). More than ideology: Conservative-liberal identity and receptivity to political cues. *Social Justice Research*, 23, 156-188.

Pasek, J., Tahk, A., **Lelkes, Y.**, Krosnick, J.A., Payne, B.K., Akhtar, O., Tompson, T. (2009). Determinants of Turnout and Candidate Choice in the 2008 U.S. Presidential Election: Illuminating the Impact of Racial Prejudice and Other Considerations. *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 73, 943-994.

Payne, K., Krosnick, J.A., Pasek, J., **Lelkes, Y.**, Akhtar, O., and Tompson, T. (2009). Implicit and Explicit Prejudice in the 2008 American Presidential Election. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 46, 367-374.

## book chapters, non-peer reviewed contributions

\* Moore-Berg, S.L., Parelman, J.M., **Lelkes, Y.**, & Falk, E. (in press). Neural polarization and routes to depolarization. *The Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

\* Fisher, S. & **Lelkes, Y.** (In Press) *The Internet and Affective Polarization*. In R. Nabi & J. Myrick (Eds.), *Our online emotional selves: The link between digital media and emotional experiences*. Oxford University Press.

Bakker, B. & **Lelkes, Y.** (In Press) *Political Ideology: Causes, Structure, and Consequences*. In C. Sibley & D. Osborne (Eds.), *Cambridge Handbook of Political Psychology*. Cambridge University Press.

**Lelkes, Y.** (In Press) *Affective Polarization*. In P. Moy (Ed.), *Oxford Bibliographies in Communication*. Oxford, UK.

**Lelkes, Y.** (2019) *National and Cross-National Perspectives on Political Media Bias*. In E. Suhay, B. Grofman, and Trechsel (Eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Electoral Persuasion*. Oxford, UK.

Sood, G., and **Lelkes, Y.** (2018) *Expose Yourself: Discretionary Exposure to Political Information*. In W. Thompson (Ed.), *The Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. Oxford, UK.

Malka, A., **Lelkes, Y.**, and Holzer, N. (2017) Rethinking the Rigidity of the Right Model: Three Sub-optimal Methodological Practices and Their Implications. *Frontiers of Social Psychology: Politics of Social Psychology*. J. T. Crawford, & L. Jussim (Eds.) Psychology Press: New York.

**Lelkes, Y.** (2010) Priming. *International Encyclopedia of Political Science*, ed. George T. Kurian. CQ Press.

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## book reviews

**Lelkes, Y.** (2018). *Uncivil Agreement: How Politics Became our Identity*. By Lilliana Mason. University of Chicago Press, 2018. 192p. \$105.00 cloth, \$20.00 paper. *Perspectives on Politics*, 16(4), 1179-1181.

## working papers

\* Kawakatsu, M., Lelkes, Y., Levin, S., Tarnita, C. Cooperation–Polarization–Cohesion: A Tense Triad in the Information Age. Revise and Resubmit. *The Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

\* Leonard, N., Bizyaeva, A., Franci, A., Lelkes, Y., Lipsitz, K. Opinion dynamics and polarization. Revise and Resubmit. *The Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

\* Jaidka, K., Zhou, A., Lelkes, Y. *This Side of Us: An Experiment for Improving Online Deliberation Through Online Personalization and Party Identity Manipulations*. Revise and Resubmit, *Journal of Computer Mediated-Communication*.

\* Lee, Hye-Yon and Lelkes, Y. Positive Partisanship: Americans like their own party more than they hate the other party.

\* Arceneaux, K., Bakker, B. Hoffman, R., Lelkes, Y. How much do we really know about ideological asymmetries?

Lelkes, Y. Ancestral Kinship and the Origins of Ideology. Under Review.

Fischer, S. & Lelkes Y. The Impact of Electoral Systems and Electoral Outcomes on Mass Attitudes: Experimental Evidence. In Preparation.

\* Mukerjee, S., Jaidka, K., Lelkes, Y. *The Ideological Landscape of Elites on Twitter*. In Preparation.

\* Martin, E., Lelkes, Y. *Honor Culture and U.S. Political Campaign Advertising*. In Preparation.

## op-eds

Fischer, S., Jaidka, K., & Lelkes, Y. (2020, December 22). How Google is hurting local news. The Washington Post. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2020/12/22/how-google-is-hurting-local-news/>

Lelkes, Y., Messing, S., Westwood, S. (2020, October 1) Election forecasts helped elect Trump in 2016. It could happen again in 2020. USA Today. <https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2020/10/01/election-forecasts-can-wrong-you-still-need-vote-column/5857993002/>

Federico, C.M., Johnston, J.C.D., Lavine, H., Lelkes, Y., Malka, A., Soto, C. (2020, April 15), Will the COVID-19 pandemic shake up conservatives views on government spending and involvement in the economy? Maybe. The Washington Post. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2020/04/15/will-coronavirus-make-conservatives-love-government-spending/>

Lelkes, Y., Jaidka, K., & Zhou, A. (2019, September 17). Twitter got somewhat more civil when tweets doubled in length. Heres how we know. The Washington Post. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2019/09/17/twitter-got-somewhat-more-civil-when-tweets-doubled-length-heres-how-we-know/>

Malka, A., & Lelkes, Y. (2017, August 10). In a new poll, half of Republicans say they would support postponing the 2020 election if Trump proposed it. The Washington Post. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2017/08/10/in-a-new-poll-half-of-republicans-say-they-would-support-postponing-the-2020-election-if-trump-proposed-it/>

Lelkes, Y. & Sniderman, P. Democrats policies are more popular. But Republicans are more ideologically unified. (2016, December 16). Democrats policies are more popular. But Republicans are more ideologically unified. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2016/12/16/democrats-policies-are-more-popular-but-republicans-are-more-ideologically-unified/>

## invited talks

June 2021: University of Amsterdam

June 2021: Tel Aviv University

May 2021: Princeton University

February 2021: Princeton, Julis-Rabinowitz Center for Public Policy Finance

November 2020: GBH News Form: How to Bridge the Partisan Divide  
September 2020: Political Psych/EPOVB webinar  
August 2020: Arizona State University-Princeton Polarization Conference II (virtually presented)  
September 2020: APSA Political Psychology Pre-Conference, **Keynote**. (Cancelled due to Covid)  
June 2020: Hebrew University (virtually presented)  
April 2020: Duke University (Rescheduled due to Covid)  
March 2020: University of Minnesota (Rescheduled due to Covid)  
February 2020: New America Foundation  
January 2020: Arizona State University-Princeton Polarization Conference  
November 2019: Stonybrook University, Department of Political Science  
October 2019: University of Pennsylvania, Social and Behavioral Science Initiative  
June 2019: Facebook  
May 2019: **Keynote**, Social and Cultural Evolution Symposium, University of Pennsylvania  
April 2019: Princeton Conference on Youtube and Politics, Woodrow Wilson School  
February 2019: **Keynote**, Computation & Journalism Conference, Miami.  
February 2019: Communication Meets Political Science: Cross-Disciplinary perspectives on Social Media and Politics, Southern Political Science Association, Austin, Texas.  
February 2019: School of Communication, Austin Texas.  
February 2018: Network for Responsible Public Policy, Fairleigh Dickinson University  
November 2017: Facebook  
January 2016: Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania  
November 2016: George Washington University, School of Media and Public Affairs  
January 2015: Radboud University, Department of Communication.  
October 2015: Utrecht University, European Centre on Migration and Ethnic Relations.  
May 2015: University of Haifa, Department of Communication.  
May 2015: University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication  
April 2015: Temple University, Department of Political Science.  
April 2015: Princeton University, Media and Polarization Conference.  
March 2014: Aarhus University, Department of Political Science.  
March 2014: University of Southern Denmark, Department of Political Science.  
September 2013: Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties Pre-Conference Workshop.  
January 2012: Hebrew University, Department of Communication.  
December 2012: Yeshiva University, Department of Psychology.

## **conferences presentations** (last 3 years)

### **2020**

\* Martin, E., Lelkes, Y. 2020. *Honor Culture and U.S. Political Campaign Advertising*. Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association. San Francisco, CA.

\* Mukerjee, S., Jaidka, K., Lelkes, Y. 2020. *The Ideological Landscape of Elites on Twitter*. International Communication Association. Virtual Conference.

\* Jaidka, K., Zhou, A., Lelkes, Y. 2020. *This Side of Us: An Experiment for Improving Online Deliberation Through Online Personalization and Party Identity Manipulations*. International Communication Association. Virtual Conference.

\* Fischer, S., Jaidka, K., Lelkes, Y. 2020. *Topical Biases in Local News Curation: An Audit of Google News*. International Communication Association. Virtual Conference.

Lelkes, Y. 2020. *Ancestral Kinship and the Roots of Ideology*. Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association. San Francisco, CA.

\* Fischer, S., Jaidka, K., Lelkes, Y. *Topical Biases in Local News Curation: An Audit of Google News*. Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association. Cancelled due to Covid-19.

Lelkes, Y. 2020. *Ancestral Kinship and the Roots of Ideology*. Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association. Cancelled due to Covid-19.

\* Fischer, S., Jaidka, K., Lelkes, Y. 2020. *Topical Biases in Local News Curation: An Audit of Google News*. Computation & Journalism Symposium. Cancelled due to Covid-19.

\* Fischer, S., Jaidka, K., Lelkes, Y. 2020. *Topical Biases in Local News Curation: An Audit of Google News*. Michigan Symposium on Media and Politics. Ann Arbor, MI.

## 2019

\* Mukerjee, S., Jaidka, K., Lelkes, Y. *Echo Chambers and Affective Polarization: A Twitter Field Experiment*. International Conference on Computational Social Science.

Lelkes, Y. 2019. *The Constraint Affordance and Political Discourse*. Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association. Washington, DC.

Lelkes, Y., Messing, S., Westwood, S. 2019. *What Election Forecasts Mean for Electoral Competition and Voter Turnout*. Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association. Washington, DC.

\* Lee, Hye-Yon and **Lelkes, Y.** 2019. *Positive Partisanship: Americans like their own party more than they hate the other party*. Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association. Washington, DC.

\* Fischer, S., Jaidka, K., **Lelkes, Y.** 2019. *Topical Biases in Local News Curation: An Audit of Google News*. Conference on Politics and Computational Social Science.

\* Lee, Hye-Yon and **Lelkes, Y.** 2019. *Positive Partisanship: Americans like their own party more than they hate the other party*. Annual Conference of the International Society for Political Psychology. Lisbon, Portugal.

\* Jaidka, K., Zhou, A., and **Lelkes, Y.** 2019. *Brevity is the soul of Twitter: The constraint affordance and political discussion*. Annual Conference of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA.

## 2018

**Lelkes, Y.** and Westwood S. *Affective Polarization Before and After 2016: Trump as a Cause or a Reflection*. Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, Ill.

**Lelkes, Y.** and Bakker, B. *An Expressive Utility Account of Partisan Cue Receptivity: Cognitive Resources in the Service of Identity Expression*. Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, Ill.

**Lelkes, Y.** *Author Meets Critics: "Neither Liberal nor Conservative."* Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association. Boston, MA.

**Lelkes, Y.** *Need for speed: The effect of high-speed internet on political behavior*. Annual Conference of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA.

**Lelkes, Y.** and **Bakker, B.** *An Expressive Utility Account of Partisan Cue Receptivity: Cognitive Resources in the Service of Identity Expression*. Annual Conference of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA.

**Lelkes, Y.** *Need for speed: The effect of high-speed internet on political behavior.* Annual Conference of the International Communication Association. Prague, Czech Republic.

\* Fischer, S. and **Lelkes, Y.** *Hollywood's Political Space: Estimating Film Ideology From Revealed Preferences.* Annual Conference of the International Communication Association. Prague, Czech Republic.

## funding

- 2021 Facebook (with Joe Turow), *Privacy Attitudes*, \$75,000
- 2020 University of Pennsylvania, Research Recovery Grant, *A theory of cue taking*, \$15,000
- 2020 New America Foundation, *Electoral Systems and Polarization*, \$30,000
- 2019 Comcast-Internet Essentials, *Impact of Internet Essentials on Life Outcomes*, \$430,000
- 2019 Facebook Integrity Grant, *Impact of Affordances on Polarization*, \$100,000
- 2018 Mozilla Research Grant, *Using the browser as an experimental platform*, \$30,000
- 2017 University of Pennsylvania, *Funding for Faculty Working Group Governance in a World of Pervasive Digital Communications*, \$4,400
- 2017 University of Pennsylvania, *Undergraduate Research Mentoring Program*, \$5,000
- 2015 International Society for Political Psychology, *Small Grant to host Benelux Political Psychology Conference*, 3,500€
- 2015 The Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, *Small Grant to host Benelux Political Psychology Conference*, 4,500€
- 2014 Longitudinal Internet Studies for the Social sciences, *Immigrant attitudes towards immigrants*, 25,000€
- 2012 Google, *Selective Exposure and Affective Polarization*, \$75,000
- 2010 Stanford University, *Alumni Research Experience Program*, \$1000

## awards

- 2019 Top Paper Award from the Political Communication Division, International Communication Association Meeting for "An Expressive Utility Account of Partisan Cue Receptivity: Cognitive Resources in the Service of Identity Expression" with Bert Bakker and Ariel Malka
- 2016 Teaching Excellence Award, University of Amsterdam
- 2015 Roberta Sigel Award for Best Paper Presented at the International Society for Political Psychology Conference by a Junior Scholar for "Limits of Partisan Prejudice" with Sean Westwood
- 2008 March Fong Eu Graduate Fellow, Stanford University
- 2007–2012 Departmental Fellowship, Stanford University
- 2008 Travel Grant, Southern Political Science Association
- 2005–2007 University Fellowship, Temple University

## service to the university

Faculty Disciplinary Committee, 2018–

Vice Provost for Education Fellowship Selection Committee, 2018–

Stavros Niarchos Foundation Paideia Program Faculty Committee, 2020–

## service to the department

Graduate Studies Committee, 2017–

IT AV/Committee, 2018–

Undergraduate Thesis Award Committee , 2019

## service to the discipline

ad hoc reviewer	<i>American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, British Journal of Political Science, Political Communication, Political Studies, Political Psychology, Public Opinion Quarterly, International Journal of Public Opinion Research, Political Behavior, American Politics Research, Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, Human Communication Research, Journal of Communication, Journalism and Mass Communication, New Media and Society, Journal of Cognitive Psychology, Communication Review, Communication Theory, International Journal of Communication, Journal of Experimental Social Psychology, Psychological Science, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences</i>
editorial board	<i>Political Communication (2015–)</i> <i>International Journal of Public Opinion Research (2012–2014)</i>
chair	<i>ICA/APSA Best Book in Political Communication Committee 2017</i>
chair	<i>International Society of Political Psychology Junior Scholar Award committee 2020</i>
co-founder	<i>Dutch Political Psychology Organization</i> Semi-Annual Meetings with 50+ participants from around Northern Europe