

Pim Trommelen

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Education

The Ohio State University, PhD, expected 2027

PhD, Political Science (concentration: political theory, comparative politics)

Committee: Benjamin McKean (chair), Eric MacGilvray, Emma Saunders-Hastings

University of Chicago, Master of Arts, 2021

Master of Arts Program in the Social Sciences

Advisor: John P. McCormick

West Virginia University, Bachelor of Arts, 2020

Dual degree in Sociology and Philosophy

Minors: Psychology and Public Relations

Summa Cum Laude

Columbia University in the City of New York, Visiting Student, 2019

Research Assistance

2024-Present FIDE – North America Learning Series Research Coordinator

2023-Present The Ohio State Institute of Democratic Engagement and Accountability (IDEA)

Publications

Trommelen, Pim. “Tired of Politics? On Political Experience and Oligarchic Fatigue.”

Perspectives on Politics (forthcoming).

Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

2025	Humane Studies Fellowship (\$3,000), Institute for Humane Studies
2025	Department Grant Competition Recipient (\$1,000), The Ohio State University
2024	Participedia Summer School Scholarship (CAD\$2,000), Participedia
2024	Department Grant Competition Recipient (\$1,500), The Ohio State University
2024	Institute for Democratic Engagement and Accountability grant (\$1,500), The Ohio State University
2023	Department Grant Competition Recipient (\$300), The Ohio State University
2023	Research Small Grants Program (\$600), The Ohio State University

2023 Institute for Democratic Engagement and Accountability grant (\$2,000), The Ohio State University
2022-2023 University Fellowship, The Ohio State University
2020-2021 1/3 Tuition Scholarship, University of Chicago
2020 Most Outstanding Senior Award, West Virginia University

Invited Talks

2023 “The Struggle for Democracy: A Community Conversation on Hope, Disruption and Care” as part of the Participedia-CERi Summer School in Vancouver, CA.

Professional Papers and Presentations

2025 “Better a Small Lord than a Great Servant: Johan (1622-1660) and Pieter (1618-1685) De la Court on Commerce and Democracy,” The Ohio State University Political Theory Workshop, Columbus OH.
2025 “An Agonistic Model of Democratic Republicanism: The Brothers De la Court on Self-Love and Non-Domination,” WPSA, Seattle WA.
2025 “Tired of Politics? On the Influence of the Wealthy and Oligarchic Fatigue,” Graduate Political Theory Workshop, Stanford University, Palo Alto CA.
2024 “Tired of Politics? On the Influence of the Wealthy and Oligarchic Fatigue,” MANCEPT, Manchester UK.
2024 “Critical Deliberative Forums: The Potential of Emancipation and Risk of Cooptation,” MPSA, Chicago IL.
2024 “Tired of Politics? On the Influence of the Wealthy and Oligarchic Fatigue,” WPSA, Vancouver CA.
2023 “Tired of Politics? On the Influence of the Wealthy and Oligarchic Fatigue,” The Ohio State University Political Theory Workshop, Columbus OH.
2021 “Political Decay in Liberal Democracy: Five Core Principles to Battle Systemic Corruption and Promote More Democracy,” Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference, University of Chicago, Chicago IL.

Department and Professional Service

Reviewer,
New Political Science; Political Communication

Discussant,
Ohio State University Political Theory Workshop

Activities

2025-2026 Secretary, Political Science Graduate Student Organization (PSGSO)

Languages

Dutch (native), English (fluent), German, French (reading)

Other Experience

West Virginia University, Morgantown WV, December 2021 – June 2022

Program Assistant Department of Sociology & Anthropology

Barnes & Noble, Morgantown WV, August 2021 – December 2021

Supervisor, Law School