

## Dr Jan Berz

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### Curriculum Vitae

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#### Current Position

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**Interim Professor of Comparative Politics (W3)** 10/2024 –

**Goethe University Frankfurt, Institute of Political Science**

*Postdoctoral Researcher and Lecturer, On leave for interim position* 04/2023 –

*Goethe University Frankfurt, Institute of Political Science*

#### Past Positions

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**Assistant Professor (Non-Tenure Track)** 08/2020 – 03/2023

**Trinity College Dublin**, Department of Political Science, supported by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

**Research Fellow (Pre- and Postdoc)** 03/2019 – 06/2020

**Leuphana University Lüneburg**, at the German Research Foundation (DFG) project: “Career Profiles and Prime Ministerial Performance in Central and Eastern European Democracies”

**Research Associate (Pre-doc)** 04/2016 – 03/2019

**Leuphana University Lüneburg**, Institute of Political Science

#### Education

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**Leuphana University Lüneburg**, Dr. rer. pol. in Political Science, 6th March 2020

Grade: summa cum laude

Supervisor: Dr. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel

Examiners: Dr. Christian Welzel, Dr. Thomas Poguntke

**European University Institute, Florence**, Visiting PhD Student, Host: 02-04/2019

Dr. Hanspeter Kriesi

**Leuphana University Lüneburg**, M.A. Public Economics, Law and Politics 2016

**Jagiellonian University, Kraków**, Erasmus+ Student Exchange 2015

**University of Mannheim**, B.A. Political Science 2013

#### Publications & Work in Progress

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##### *Journal Articles*

7. **Berz, J.**, and Kroeber, C. (2023). Walking the line: Electoral cycles and the shift in legislative priorities among German Parliamentarians. **Electoral Studies**, 83. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2023.102595>

6. **Berz, J.**, and Jankowski, M. (2022). Local preferences in candidate selection. Evidence from a Conjoint Experiment among Party Leaders in Germany. **Party Politics**, 28(6): 1136-1149. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F13540688211041770>
5. Grotz, F., Müller-Rommel, F., **Berz, J.**, Kroeber, C., and Kukec, M. (2021). How Political Careers affect Prime-Ministerial Performance: Evidence from Central and Eastern Europe. **Comparative Political Studies**, 54(11): 1907-1938. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F0010414021997174>
4. **Berz, J.** (2020). All the Prime Minister's Glory? Leader Effects and Accountability of Prime Ministers in Parliamentary Elections. **Politics** 40(4): 444-459. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F0263395720907054>
3. **Berz, J.** (2020). The effect of voters' economic perception, Brexit and campaigns on the evaluation of party leaders over time. **The British Journal of Politics and International Relations**, 22(2): 202-219. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/1369148119886220>
2. **Berz, J.** (2019). Potent executives: the electoral strength of prime ministers in Central Eastern Europe. **East European Politics**, 35(4): 517-537. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/21599165.2019.1662400>
1. **Berz, J.** (2019). 14 Jahre Bundeskanzlerin Angela Merkel: Unterstützung durch Annäherung. **ZParl Zeitschrift für Parlamentsfragen** 50 (3): 545-556. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5771/0340-1758-2019-3-545>

#### Monographs

2. Grotz, F., **Berz, J.**, Kroeber, C., and Kukec, M. (2025). *Prime-Ministerial Performance in Central and Eastern Europe: Careers, Context, and Performance*. **Oxford University Press**, Comparative Politics Series, ISBN: 978-0-198-93725-8. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-90891-1>
1. Müller-Rommel, F., Vercesi, M., and **Berz, J.** (2022). *Prime Ministers in Europe. Changing Career Experiences and Profiles.*, Palgrave Studies in Political Leadership Series, **Palgrave Macmillan**, ISBN: 978-3-030-90890-4. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-90891-1>

#### Original Datasets

2. Müller-Rommel, F., Vercesi, M., **Berz, J.** (2022). Prime Ministers in Europe. Changing Career Experiences and Profiles. Harvard Dataverse. <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/QX26VI>
1. Grotz, F., Müller-Rommel, F., **Berz, J.**, Kukec, M., Kroeber, C. (2021). Expert survey on prime-ministerial performance in Central-Eastern Europe. GESIS Institute for Social Science. (Version: 1.0.0). DOI: <https://dx.doi.org/10.7802/1998>

*Work in Progress or Under Review*

- Paper *No laughing matter? How damaging are inappropriate emotional displays by political leaders?*, together with Constantin Wurthmann (University of Mannheim).
- Paper *'Exogenous Crises and Electoral Accountability. When do Voters React Competently to different Characteristics of Crises?'*
- Paper *'Technocratic Cabinets and Electoral Accountability.'*, together with Lucas da Silva (Trinity College Dublin).
- Paper *'Ministerial Turnover in German Cabinets and Voters' Responsibility Attribution in Coalition Governments.'*
- Paper *'Political Scandals and Leader Effects'*, together with Martin Gross (LMU Munich) and Constantin Wurthmann (Friedrich-Alexander-University).
- Paper *'The Behavioural Consequences of missed Electoral Accountability. Evidence from a Regression Discontinuity Design.'*
- Paper *'Exploring the Mechanisms of the Prime Minister Party Heuristic. Evidence from a Survey Experiment and Cross-National Electoral Studies'*

**Research Grants, Scholarships, and Travel Grants**

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*Total amount of funding attracted: ≈€230,000*

Principal Investigator, Provost's PhD Project Award, Trinity College Dublin, Title: 'Prime-Ministerial Power and the Contextual Dynamics of Voters' Responsibility Attribution in Coalition Governments' (2021–2025)	€113,000
GRADE Social Science Funding Scheme, Goethe University Frankfurt (2023–2024)	€1065
Fachlektorat (lecturer) funding by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Funding No. 91770594, (2020–2023)	€114,000
Political Studies Association of Ireland, PEC Funding Scheme (2022)	€290
German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Events & Projects Fund (2021)	€900
Arts and Social Sciences Benefaction Fund, Trinity College Dublin (2021)	€1,500
Junior Research Fund, Leuphana University Lüneburg (2019)	€1,200
Junior Research Fund, Leuphana University Lüneburg (2018)	€790
Junior Research Fund, Leuphana University Lüneburg (2017)	€1,500
Junior Research Fund, Leuphana University Lüneburg (2016)	€550

*Third-party applications not selected for funding:*

*Emmy Noether-programme, Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), 2024*

*Veni talent programme, Dutch Research Council (NWO), 2022*

## Teaching Experience

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*Average student evaluation ratings in the last five years: 4.2 out of 5*

### Postgraduate level

'Heads of government in national and international politics', <i>Seminar</i> , Goethe University Frankfurt, <i>Average student ratings: 4.2/5</i>	2023 – 2024
'Presidents and Prime Ministers: Executives in Government', <i>Seminar</i> , Trinity College Dublin, <i>Average student ratings: 4.6/5</i>	2023
'MSc Research Design', <i>Seminar</i> , Trinity College Dublin, <i>Average student ratings: 4.5/5</i>	2021
'International Politics', <i>Seminar</i> , Trinity College Dublin, <i>Average student ratings: 4.2/5</i>	2020, 2022

### Undergraduate level

'Democracy and Crises', <i>Seminar</i> , Goethe University Frankfurt, <i>Average student ratings: 4/5</i>	2024 –2025
'Party Systems and Party Organization', <i>Seminar</i> , Goethe University Frankfurt, <i>Student evaluation not available</i>	2023 – 2025
'Government and Party Systems in Central and Eastern Europe in Comparison', <i>Seminar</i> , Goethe University Frankfurt, <i>Average student ratings: 3.8/5</i>	2023-2024
'Capstone Year Long Research Project (undergraduate dissertation colloquium), Trinity College Dublin, <i>Average student rating: 4.2/5</i>	2022 – 2023
'Party Competition, Government Formation and Political Behaviour in Germany', <i>Seminar</i> , Trinity College Dublin, <i>Average student rating: 4.7/5</i>	2021 – 2022
'German Politics. Historic Developments and Contemporary Challenges', <i>Lecture</i> , Trinity College Dublin, <i>Average student rating: 4/5</i>	2021 – 2023
'Electoral Accountability in Parliamentary Systems', <i>Seminar</i> , Trinity College Dublin, <i>Average student ratings: 4.1/5</i>	2021 – 2022
'Party Competition and Government Formation in Germany and in European Comparison', <i>Seminar</i> , Trinity College Dublin, <i>Average student ratings: 4.7/5</i>	2020
'Personalisation and Voting Behaviour in International Comparison', <i>Seminar</i> , Leuphana University Lüneburg, <i>Average student ratings: 4.9/7</i>	2016 – 2019
'Introduction to Comparative Politics and Comparative Methods', <i>Tutorial</i> , Leuphana University Lüneburg	2016 – 2018

### Student Supervision

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Bachelor dissertations: 17 dissertations, at Leuphana University Lüneburg (2017 – 2020), Trinity College Dublin (2022 – 2023) and Goethe University Frankfurt (2024 –)

Master dissertations: 8 dissertations, Trinity College Dublin, (2021 – 2023) and Goethe University Frankfurt (2024 –)

PhD dissertations: Lucas Da Silva (ongoing), Trinity College Dublin, 2021 – current

### **Conference & Workshop Presentations**

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*Overview of presentations at annual conferences:*

EPSA Annual Conference: 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2019

ECPR General Conference: 2024, 2023, 2022, 2020

APSA Annual Meeting: 2022, 2019

EPOP Annual Conference: 2022, 2021

PSAI Annual Conference: 2022, 2021, 2020

*Other Conference & Workshop Presentations:*

Jahrestagung des DVPW AK 'Wahlen und politische Einstellungen', University of Siegen 2024

'Linking Survey and Context Data to Analyze Elite and Mass Interactions' Workshop, University of Münster 2023

4th North German Colloquium for the Social Sciences, University of Oldenburg 2020

Jahrestagung des DVPW AK 'Handlungs- und Entscheidungstheorie', University of Bremen 2019

'The 2017 General Election: One Year On', Graduate Conference, University of Manchester 2018

2nd North German Colloquium for the Social Sciences, University of Bremen 2018

ECPR Joint Sessions, University of Nicosia 2018

3rd Leuven-Montréal Winter School on Elections, KU Leuven 2017

ECPR Graduate Student Conference, University of Tartu 2016

### **Outreach Activities**

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Media coverage: The Washington Post, Euronews, RTÉ News, Al Jazeera English, Rombo Podcasts, Nordwest-Zeitung

Blog contributions: WZB Democracy Blog, DVPW Blog, Counting Counts Blog

### **Service to Academia & Academic Governance**

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Referee for: *The Journal of Politics, Comparative Political Studies, Political Behavior, Party Politics, Political Studies, Government & Opposition, Representation, Italian Political Science Review, Austrian Science Fund (FWF)*

Co-director, ECPR Summer School on Parliaments 2024 2023 – 2024

Executive Committee Member of Trinity Research in Social Sciences (TRiSS), Trinity College Dublin 2021 – 2023

Coordinator of the Monday Interdisciplinary Seminar Series, Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, Trinity College Dublin 2020 – 2023

Library commissioner for the Institute of Political Science, Leuphana University Lüneburg	2016 – 2019
Member of the Equal Opportunities Commission, Leuphana University Lüneburg	2016 – 2018
Member of the Permanent Committee for the Investigation of Allegations of Research and Academic Misconduct, University of Mannheim	2012 – 2013
Student representative, University Council, University of Mannheim	2011 – 2012

### **Professional Affiliations**

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European Political Science Association (EPSA)

German Political Science Association (DVPW)

Center for the Study of Democracy (ZDEMO), Leuphana University Lüneburg, Associated Member

### **Language & Computational Proficiencies**

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Languages: German (native), English (proficient), French (basic), Polish (basic), Spanish (basic)

Programming: R, Python, Stata

Markup:  $\LaTeX$ , HTML