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Curriculum Vitae

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Current Appointment

Goethe University Frankfurt

04/2023 –

Postdoctoral Researcher and Lecturer, Institute of Political Science

Past Appointments

Trinity College Dublin

08/2020 – 03/2023

Assistant Professor (Non-Tenure Track), Department of Political Science, supported by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

Leuphana University Lüneburg

03/2019 – 06/2020

Research Fellow (Pre- and Postdoc), at the German Research Foundation (DFG) project: "Career Profiles and Prime Ministerial Performance in Central and Eastern European Democracies"

Leuphana University Lüneburg (Pre-doc)

04/2016 – 03/2019

Research Associate, Institute of Political Science

Education

Leuphana University Lüneburg, Dr. rer. pol. in Political Science,

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:

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

Research & Publications

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 Kuvec, 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

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.**, Kuvec, 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 and Under Review

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| Paper | <i>'Female Front-runner Entry and the Gender Gap in Voter Turnout. Findings from a Differences-in-Differences Design.'</i> |
| Paper | <i>'When do Leaders increase their Party's Vote Share?'</i> |
| Paper | <i>'The Behavioural Consequences of missed Electoral Accountability. Evidence from a Regression Discontinuity Design.'</i> |

Paper	<i>'Random Crises and Government Accountability. When do Voters React Competently to Random Crises?'</i>
Book Proposal	<i>'Prime-Ministerial Performance in Central and Eastern Europe.'</i> , under review at Oxford University Press , together with Florian Grotz, Corinna Kroeber and Marko Kukec.

Teaching Experience

Average student evaluation ratings in the last four years: 4.42 out of 5

Postgraduate level

'Heads of government in national and transnational politics', <i>Seminar</i> , Goethe University Frankfurt	2023
'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: 4.22/5</i>	2020, 2022

Undergraduate level

'Political Parties and Party Organization', <i>Seminar</i> , Goethe University Frankfurt	2023
'Government and Party Systems in Central and Eastern Europe in Comparison', <i>Seminar</i> , Goethe University Frankfurt	2023
'Capstone Year Long Research Project (undergraduate dissertation colloquium), <i>Average student rating: 4.19/5</i>	2022 – 2023
'Party Competition, Government Formation and Political Behaviour in Germany', <i>Seminar</i> , Trinity College Dublin, <i>Average student rating: 4.71/5</i>	2021 – 2022
'German Politics. Historic Developments and Contemporary Challenges', <i>Lecture</i> , Trinity College Dublin, <i>Average student rating: 4.04/5</i>	2021 – 2023
'Electoral Accountability in Parliamentary Systems', <i>Seminar</i> , Trinity College Dublin, <i>Average student ratings: 4.05/5</i>	2021 – 2022
'Party Competition and Government Formation in Germany and in European Comparison', <i>Seminar</i> , Trinity College Dublin, <i>Average student ratings: 4.67/5</i>	2020
'Personalisation and Voting Behaviour in International Comparison', <i>Seminar</i> , Leuphana University Lüneburg, <i>Average student ratings: 4.86/7</i>	2016 – 2019
'Introduction to Comparative Politics and Comparative Methods', <i>Tutorial</i> , Leuphana University Lüneburg	2016 – 2018

Student Supervision

Bachelor dissertations: 14 dissertations, at Leuphana University Lüneburg (2017 – 2020) and Trinity College Dublin (2022 – 2023)

Master dissertations: 6 dissertations, Trinity College Dublin, 2021 – 2023

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

Grants & Award Grants

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)	€114,000
GRADE Social Science Funding Scheme, Goethe University (2023)	€498
PSAI PEC Travel Funding Support 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
Erasmus+ Grant for studying at the Jagiellonian University Krakow (2014)	€1250

Conference & Workshop Presentations

Overview of annual conferences

EPSA Annual Conference: 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 (canceled: Covid-19), 2019

ECPR General Conference: 2023, 2022, 2020

APSA Annual Meeting: 2019, 2022

EPOP Annual Conference: 2022, 2021

PSAI Annual Conference: 2022, 2021, 2020

Other Conferences & Workshops

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
Arbeitskreis für Handlungs- und Entscheidungstheorie der Deutschen Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft (DVPW)	2019
<i>The 2017 General Election: One Year On</i> , Graduate Conference, University of Manchester	2018
2nd North German Colloquium for the Social Sciences, University of Bremen	2018

European Consortium for Political Research (<i>ECPR</i>) Joint Sessions	2018
3rd Leuven-Montréal Winter School on Elections, KU Leuven	2017
European Consortium for Political Research (<i>ECPR</i>) Graduate Student Conference	2016

Invited Talks

Travers Department of Political Science, University of California Berkeley	03/05/2021
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Outreach Activities

Media coverage: RTÉ Ireland, Al Jazeera English, Rombo Podcasts, Northwest-Zeitung

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

Awards

Dirk Berg-Schlosser Award, Second Prize, awarded at the ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques, Central European University, Budapest	2017
Essay competition on 'EU Democracy', First Prize awarded by the Centre for the Study of Democracy, Leuphana University Lüneburg & Policy Lab e.V.	2014
President's Award for Voluntary Work, Leuphana University Lüneburg	2014

Service to Academia & Academic Governance

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

Co-organizer, 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
Vice-speaker of the Student Body, University of Mannheim	2011 – 2012

Professional Affiliations

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

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

Programming: R, Python, SQL, Stata

Markup: \LaTeX , HTML