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Professional Experience

- since 03/2019 Research Fellow, Leuphana University of Lüneburg (German Research Foundation research project “Career Profiles and Prime Ministerial Performance in Central and Eastern European Democracies”, headed by Ferdinand Müller-Rommel)
- 04/2016 – 03/2019 Research Associate at the Chair of Comparative Politics, Leuphana University of Lüneburg

Education

- since 06/2016 Leuphana University of Lüneburg, Doctoral Candidate, *Thesis submitted: 11. October 2019*
- 02 – 04/2019 European University Institute, Florence, Visiting Student, *Host: Hanspeter Kriesi*
- 2013 – 2016 Leuphana University of Lüneburg, M.A. Public Economics, Law and Politics
- 2014 – 2015 Jagiellonian University, Krakow, *Erasmus*
- 2010 – 2013 University of Mannheim, B.A. Political Science

Publications

Journal articles

- 2019 ‘Potent Executives: The Electoral Strength of Prime Ministers in Central Eastern Europe’ In *East European Politics (EEP)* 35 (4): 517–537
- 2019 ‘14 Jahre Bundeskanzlerin Angela Merkel: Unterstützung durch Annäherung’ In *Zeitschrift für Parlamentsfragen (ZParl)* 50 (3): 545–556
- Forthcoming ‘The Effect of Voters’ Economic Perception, Brexit and Campaigns on the Evaluation of Party Leaders over Time’ In *The British Journal of Politics and International Relations (BJPIR)*
- Accepted ‘All the Prime Minister’s Glory? Leader Effects and Accountability of Prime Ministers in Parliamentary Elections’ In *Politics*

- Under Review 'How Political Careers affect Prime-Ministerial Performance: Evidence from Central and Eastern Europe' In *Comparative Political Studies (CPS)*, together with Florian Grotz, Ferdinand Müller-Rommel, Corinna Kroeber and Marko Kukec
- Under Review 'Multi-dimensional Preferences in Candidate Selection? Evidence from a Conjoint Experiment among Party Leaders in Germany' In *The Journal of Politics (JOP)*, together with Michael Jankowski

Working Papers

- 'Female Front Runner Entry and the Gender Gap in Voter Turnout. Findings from a Differences-in-Differences Design'*
- "Neue Kooperationen braucht das Land? Eine Analyse der Kooperationsbereitschaft deutscher Parteien und ihrer Mitglieder auf der lokalen Ebene'* together with Michael Jankowski. Submission to *Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft (ZfVP)* planned for January 2020
- 'Aufstehen, aufeinander zugehen? Zum Einigungspotential einer linken Sammlungsbewegung in Deutschland'* together with Michael Jankowski

Academic Blogs

- 2019 'Are Prime Ministers in Central Eastern Europe weaker than their counterparts in Western Europe?' on *Counting Counts*: <https://countingcountsblog.wordpress.com/>

Additional Methods Training

- 2018 *Multiple Imputation of Missing Data. Theory and Praxis.* (Jörg Drechsler), GESIS Institute for Social Science, Mannheim, 8. – 9. March
- 2017 *Applied Multilevel Modelling (Zoltan Fazekas) & Introduction to Bayesian Statistics (Juraj Medzihorsky)*, ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques, Central European University, Budapest, 27. July – 12. August
- The Statistics of Causal Inference (Elias Dinas)*, 3rd Leuven-Montréal Winter School on Elections, University of Leuven, 4. March

Teaching Experience

B.A.-Level

- 2016 – 2019 ‘Personalisation and Voting Behaviour in International Comparison’, *Seminar*, Leuphana University of Lüneburg
- 2016 – 2018 ‘Introduction to Comparative Politics’, *Seminar*, Leuphana University of Lüneburg
- 2016 – 2019 Co-Supervision of seven B.A. Theses

Conference Activities

- 2020 4. Norddeutsches Kolloquium Sozialwissenschaften (*NKS*), Oldenburg, 24. January
- 2019 *ECPR* General Conference, University of Wrocław, 4.–7. September
- Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association (*APSA*), Washington DC, 29. August–1. September
- Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association (*EPSA*), Queen’s University Belfast, 20.–22. June
- Arbeitskreis für Handlungs- und Entscheidungstheorie der Deutschen Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft (*DVPW*), University of Bremen, 23.–24. May
- 2018 *The 2017 General Election: One Year On*, Graduate Conference, University of Manchester, 26. September
2. Norddeutsches Kolloquium Sozialwissenschaften (*NKS*), University of Bremen, 06. July
- ECPR* Joint Sessions, University of Nicosia, 10.–14. April
- 2017 3rd *Leuven-Montréal Winter School on Elections*, University of Leuven, 25. February–5. March
- 2016 *ECPR* Graduate Student Conference, University of Tartu, 10.–13. July

Awards & Grants

- 2017 Dirk Berg-Schlosser Award, Second Prize, awarded at the *ECPR* Summer School in Methods and Techniques, Budapest
- 2015 One-semester Erasmus Grant for studying at the Jagiellonian University, Krakow
- 2014 Essay competition on ‘EU Democracy’, First Prize awarded by the Centre for the Study of Democracy Leuphana University Lüneburg & Policy Lab e.V.
- 2014 Award for voluntary work, Leuphana University of Lüneburg

Service to Academia

2016 – 2018	Member of the Equal Opportunities Commission, Leuphana University of Lüneburg
2012 – 2013	Student member of the Permanent Committee for the Investigation of Allegations of Research and Academic Misconduct, University of Mannheim
2011 – 2012	Student representative in the University Council, University of Mannheim
2011 – 2012	Vice-speaker of the Student Body, University of Mannheim

Linguistic Proficiencies

German, Mother tongue
English, Fluent
French, Intermediate
Polish, Beginner

Computational Skills

Statistical	R, Stata, Qualtrics
Text Processing	L ^A T _E X, MS Office
Graphic Editors	Inkscape, Gimp