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Academic Positions

08/2021 – now

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Transformation of Democracy Unit, WZB Berlin Social Science Center

04/2024 – 06/2024

Visiting Scholar, Nuffield College, Oxford University. Faculty Sponsor: Prof. Tarik Abou-Chadi

09/2022 – 12/2022

Visiting Scholar, Center for European Studies, Harvard University

10/2018 – 08/2021

Doctoral Research Fellow, DFG-Project 'Coalitionpolicy', Chair of Comparative Political Behavior, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

02/2021 – 05/2021

Visiting Doctoral Fellow, Department of Political Sciences, European University Institute, Italy
Faculty Sponsor: Prof. Elias Dinas

Education

10/2018 – 03/2022

Doctorate in Political Science at Humboldt University Berlin

Dissertation Title: *Party Polarization and Political Representation in Contemporary Democracies*

Committee: Heike Klüver (chair), Mark Kayser, Daniel Ziblatt, Anselm Hager, Jochen Müller

Completion of the Graduate Program "DYNAMICS" at Humboldt University and Hertie School

04/2016 – 09/2018

Master of Arts in Political Science, University of Potsdam

08/2017 – 12/2017

Visiting Student, Graduate Program at the Department of Political Science, Duke University, USA

10/2012 – 03/2016

Bachelor of Arts in Politics, Administration and Organization, University of Potsdam

09/2014 – 01/2015

Visiting Student, Department of Political Science, Bogazici University, Turkey

Publications

Do Politicians Discriminate Against Constituents with an Immigration Background? Field Experimental Evidence from Germany. (2022). With Jeyhun Alizade. *The Journal of Politics*.

The Mobilizing Effect of Affective and Spatial Polarization. Evidence from Europe. (2023). *Comparative Political Studies*.

The electoral consequences of policy-making in coalition governments. (2023). With Heike Klüver, Anthea Alberto. *Research & Politics*.

Accepted for Publication

Local Newspaper Decline and Political Polarization – Evidence from a Multiparty Setting. With Hanno Hilbig, Sascha Riaz, Philipp Tillmann. Cond. Accepted at British Journal of Political Science. [Preprint](#)

Coalition Cabinets, Radical Right Parties and Government Policy: Why Coalition Governments go Tough on Immigration. With Heike Klüver. Accepted at West European Politics.

Selected Working Papers

The Electoral Consequences of Political Crime. New Evidence on Germany.

Why did Conservatives Fear Democracy? Evidence from 19th-century Parliamentary Debates. With Caterina Chiopris, Brian Rathbun, Daniel Ziblatt.

Exposure to Political Violence Does Not Reduce Political Involvement Among Women. With Jeyhun Alizade, Marius Grünewald, Thomas Tichelbäcker. Submitted for Review. [Preprint](#)

The Electoral Consequences of New Political Actors: Evidence from the German Greens. With Tom Arend, António Valentim. Submitted for Review.

Teaching and Teaching Assistance

04/2021 – 09/2021 *Political Polarization in Established Democracies.* BA-level Seminar, Humboldt University Berlin. **Eval:** 1.4 (1.0–6.0).

04/2020 – 09/2020 *Democratic Responsiveness and Representation: Introduction to Institutional and Behavioral Approaches.* BA-level Seminar, Humboldt University Berlin. **Eval:** 1.6 (1.0–6.0).

09/2019 – 12/2019 *Statistics 1: Descriptives, Inference, and Regression.* TA, MA-level Tutorial, Hertie School. **Eval:** 9.3 (10.0–1.0).

Research Grants

DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Postdoc-Program Research Grant. (2022). 10'932 EUR

Presentations

2023 APSA, Berlin Political Behavior Workshop, MZES Mittelbau Colloquium at Mannheim University

2022 MPSA, EPSA, APSA, CES at Harvard University, EVaP Electoral Violence Workshop at University of Amsterdam

2021 MPSA, EPSA, APSA, DVPW, EUI Political Behavior Colloquium, WZB Talks, Berlin Political Behavior Workshop

2020 APSA, "Political Participation in Polarizing Times" Workshop at Free University Berlin, Berlin Political Behavior Workshop

2019 EPSA, DVPW Comparative Parliamentarism Section, Comparative Research on Political Elites Conference at Hertie School, Berlin Political Behavior Workshop

Service

Reviewer for Journals

American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, European Union Politics, West European Politics, Party Politics

Organizer

Ongoing Berlin Political Behavior Workshop Series

Ongoing WZB IPI-TD Brown Bag Seminar Series

2024 DVPW Panel on Political Extremism and Violence

2023 Transformations of Democracy Junior Scholars Workshop

2022 Transformations of Democracy Conference on Political Violence

Participation in Selected Workshops

2023 *Causal Graphs* by Julian Schuessler

2022 *Data Management for Social Scientists* by Nils Weidmann

2020 *Programming Methods for Data Retrieval & Management* by Christopher Gandrud

2019 *ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques* at Central European University.

2018 *Introduction to Quanteda* by Kohai Watanabe and Stefan Müller

Skills

Languages

German (Native), English (Fluent, 112/120 TOEFL ibt), French (Basic, B1 DELF-certified)

Technical Skills

R, Python, Stata

- Experimental Analysis and Causal Inference
- Web Scraping and Automated Data Collection
- Quantitative Text Analysis and Natural Language Processing
- Deep Learning using PyTorch

LaTeX, HTML, Markdown

References:

Daniel Ziblatt

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Harvard University
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