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Academic Positions

08/2021 – now
Postdoctoral Researcher, Transformations of Democracy Unit, WZB Berlin Social Science Center

10/2018 – 08/2021
Doctoral Researcher, DFG-Project 'Coalitionpolicy', Chair of Comparative Political Behavior, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Visiting Positions

04/2024 – 06/2024
Visiting Scholar, Nuffield College, Oxford University
Faculty Sponsor: Tarik Abou-Chadi

09/2022 – 12/2022
Visiting Scholar, Center for European Studies, Harvard University
Faculty Sponsor: Daniel Ziblatt

02/2021 – 05/2021
Visiting Doctoral Researcher, Department of Political Sciences, European University Institute
Faculty Sponsor: Elias Dinas

Education

10/2018 – 03/2022
Doctorate in Political Science at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
Dissertation Title: *Party Polarization and Political Representation in Contemporary Democracies*
Committee: Heike Klüver (supervisor), Mark Kayser, Daniel Ziblatt, Anselm Hager, Jochen Müller
Graduate of the "DYNAMICS"-Program at Humboldt University and Hertie School

04/2016 – 09/2018
Master of Arts in Political Science, University of Potsdam

08/2017 – 12/2017
Visiting MA Student, Graduate Program of the Department of Political Science, Duke University

10/2012 – 03/2016
Bachelor of Arts in Politics, Administration and Organization, University of Potsdam

09/2014 – 01/2015
Visiting BA Student, Department of Political Science, Bogazici University Istanbul

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Green Party Entry and Conservative Backlash: Evidence from Germany. (2025). With Tom Arend, António Valentim. British Journal of Political Science.

Does Political Violence Undermine Descriptive Representation? The Case of Women in Politics. (2025). With Jeyhun Alizade, Marius Grünewald, Thomas Tichelbäcker. European Journal of Political Research.

Local Newspaper Decline and Political Polarization – Evidence from a Multiparty Setting. (2024). With Hanno Hilbig, Sascha Riaz, Philipp Tillmann. British Journal of Political Science.

Adopting restriction: how coalition governments respond to radical right parties. (2024). With Heike Klüver. West European Politics.

2025 Gordon Smith and Vincent Wright Memorial Prize

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The Mobilizing Effect of Party System Polarization. Evidence From Europe. (2024). Comparative Political Studies.

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

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

Book Chapters

Understanding pledge-making in coalition agreements: Evidence from the COALITIONPOLICY Dataset. (2025). With Heike Klüver. In: T. Bräuninger & M. Debus (Eds.), *Handbook on Coalition Politics.* Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing.

Policy Reports

Wie Wahlen gewonnen werden. Eine vergleichende Analyse von Mitte-links-Erfolgen in Europa und Nordamerika. (2026). With Sebastian U. Bukow. *böll.schriften Demokratie.* Berlin: Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung.

Selected Working Papers

When Politics Turns Violent: The Electoral Implications of Political Crime.

Who Owned the People? "Das Volk" in German Parliamentary Discourse, 1867–1918. With Caterina Chiopris, Daniel Ziblatt.

How Framing Shapes Anti-Far-Right Mobilization. With Jeyhun Alizade.

Teaching

04/2021 – 09/2021 *Political Polarization in Established Democracies.* BA-level Seminar, Humboldt University Berlin. Grade: 1.4 (Scale 1.0–6.0).
04/2020 – 09/2020 *Democratic Responsiveness and Representation: Intro to Institutional and Behavioral Approaches.* BA-level Seminar, Humboldt University Berlin. Grade 1.6 (Scale 1.0–6.0).
09/2019 – 12/2019 *Statistics 1: Descriptives, Inference, and Regression.* TA, MA-level Lab Sessions, Hertie School. Grade: 9.3 (Scale 10.0–1.0).

Grants and Prizes

2026: Friends of the WZB Award. 1'000 EUR
2025: Winner of the West European Politics Gordon Smith and Vincent Wright Memorial Prize.
2025: WZB Seed Funding: "When immigrants oppose immigration: The politics of respectability and social status" with Jeyhun Alizade, Tae Meixner-Yun, Paris Boo. 15'000 EUR
2024: WZB Seed Funding: "Conservative elites and anti-far-right mobilization" with Jeyhun Alizade. 9'500 EUR
2022: DAAD Postdoc Program Research Grant: Harvard University. 10'932 EUR

Invited Academic and Public Talks

2026 *Germany's 2026 Regional Elections* (Harvard CES)
2026 *Wie Wahlen gewonnen werden* (Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung)
2026 *Demokratie ohne Zeitungen?* (Demokratieort Paulskirche e.V., Frankfurt am Main)
2025 *Who Owned the People?* (Demokratiekolloquium, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz)
2025 *Who Owned the People?* (International Relations Colloquium, University of Wisconsin–Madison)
2023 *The Electoral Consequences of Politically Motivated Crime* (MZES Mittelbaukolloquium, University of Mannheim)
2021 *Local Newspaper Decline and Political Polarization* (WZB Talks)

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Conference and Workshop Participation

2026 DVPW Comparative Parliamentarism Working Group Meeting (University of Greifswald)
2025 EPSA Annual Conference; *Representation in Divided Democracies* workshop (ETH Zurich and University of Zurich); APSA Annual Meeting
2024 *Multi-Data Perspectives on Democracy* workshop (GESIS and University of Cologne); EPSA Annual Conference; Berlin Political Behavior Workshop; DVPW Congress
2023 APSA Annual Meeting; Berlin Political Behavior Workshop
2022 MPSA Annual Conference; EPSA Annual Conference; APSA Annual Meeting; Center for European Studies (Harvard University); *Political Violence and Electoral Politics* workshop (University of Amsterdam)
2021 MPSA Annual Conference; EPSA Annual Conference; APSA Annual Meeting; DVPW Congress; Political Behavior Colloquium (European University Institute); Berlin Political Behavior Workshop
2020 APSA Annual Meeting; *Under Pressure: Electoral and Non-electoral Participation in Polarizing Times* workshop (Freie Universität Berlin and WZB); Berlin Political Behavior Workshop
2019 EPSA Annual Conference; Inaugural Meeting of the DVPW Comparative Parliamentarism Thematic Group (Goethe University Frankfurt); *Comparative Research on Political Elites* conference (Hertie School); Berlin Political Behavior Workshop

Service

Reviewer for Journals

American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, British Journal of Political Science, European Journal of Political Research, Comparative Political Studies, European Union Politics, West European Politics, Party Politics

Further Academic Activities

2027 DVPW Congress panel *Democracy in Flux: Incumbency Disadvantage as the New Normal?* (forthcoming, co-chair with Sebastian U. Bukow)
2027 DVPW Congress panel *Die Transformation der politischen Mitte: Mitte-Rechts-Parteien und die Herausforderung durch die radikale Rechte* (forthcoming, co-chair with Markus Kollberg)
2026 *Contemporary Conservatism in Crisis: Integration and Erosion of the Center-Right* workshop (WZB, co-organizer with Paul Marx)
2025 *The Evolution of Democratic Ideas* conference (WZB, organizer)
2024 DVPW Congress panel *Political Extremism and Violence as Contributors to the Polycrisis* (chair, co-organized with Jeyhun Alizade)
Since 2023 Annual Transformations of Democracy Junior Scholars Workshop (WZB, co-organizer with Hanno Hilbig)
Berlin Political Behavior Workshop (co-organizer with Heike Klüver and Mark Kayser)
Annual WZB IPI–TD Brown Bag Seminar Series (organizer)