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PUBLICATIONS

Not Everyone Suffers Equally: The Effect of Electoral Overlap on Mainstream Party Responses to Radical Right Parties

Party Politics, published online in May 2024, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/1354068824124712>

Comparative quantitative study of 8 European democracies, using a survey-based voter availability measure to explain the positions taken by mainstream parties on immigration and multiculturalism in response to the rise of right-wing challengers.

CURRENT RESEARCH

Negative Campaigning Against Right-Wing Challenger Parties

Planned contribution in an edited volume on Negative Campaigning, edited by Marc Debus, Zeynep Somer-Topcu, and Margit Tavits (book proposal under review at Oxford University Press).

This paper analyses negative campaigning against right-wing challenger parties in five European democracies on the basis of the Comparative Campaign Dynamics Dataset, and finds a significant increase in negative campaigning directed at radical right challenger parties compared to other competitors. **Presented** in the panel *"Political Campaigns"* at **EPSA Annual Conference 2024** (Cologne, June 2024).

Bündnis Sahra Wagenknecht: Reactions to the Rise of a New Challenger

Focusing on the 2024 European Parliament election campaign in Germany, this paper analyses how competitors react to the newly founded Bündnis Sahra Wagenknecht (BSW). **Presented** in the panel *"Elections and Political Parties"* at the **ECPR General Conference 2024** (Dublin, August 2024)

POSITIONS

Postdoctoral Researcher – Ruprechts-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, Germany
since June 2025

Member of the DFG research project “The New Climate Divide” under Jun-Prof. Endre Borbáth. Tasked with various aspects of the project; currently primarily working on data collection using transformer-based text models.

EDUCATION

PhD in Politics and International Relations – University College Dublin, Ireland
January 2021 – March 2025 | supervisor: Dr. Thomas Däubler

Paper-based thesis: “Stepping Up to the Challenge: How European Parties Respond to Electoral Threats from a Growing Radical Right”.

I analyse competition with the radical right through three lenses: manifesto-based positional strategy, the use of negative campaign messages in media, and tracking of radical right reactions to the rise of a new left-wing challenger.

Visiting PhD researcher – University of Zurich, Switzerland
September 2024 – December 2024

MSc in Political Science – University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
September 2018 – July 2019 | specialisation: European Politics and External Relations

BA in Political Science – University of Zurich, Switzerland
September 2015 – August 2018 | specialisations: Comparative Politics and International Relations

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- ECPR General Conference 2024 (Dublin): Paper on Bündnis Sahra Wagenknecht (see *Current Research*).
- EPSA General Conference 2024 (Cologne): Paper on negative campaigning against challenger parties (see *Current Research*).
- ECPR Joint Sessions 2023 (Toulouse): Draft paper on mainstream party accommodation to radical right challengers; part of workshop on Populism.
- **Where Is My Party project workshop** (Mannheim): In-depth discussion of various projects using the Comparative Campaign Dynamics Dataset, hosted by the project directors.
- Political Science Association of Ireland Post-Graduate Conference (Belfast, Northern Ireland).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Head Tutor for Theories and Concepts in IR and Comparative Politics

September 2023 – May 2024, University College Dublin

Head tutor duties included leading and supporting a group of four other tutors, responding to student queries and complaints, and coordinating between everyone involved in the module.

Tutor for Theories and Concepts in International Relations

Autumn term 2022 and 2023, University College Dublin | Second-year Bachelor level course

Duties included planning and conducting seven weekly seminars with 15-20 students, including lecture segments and simulation games.

Tutor for Comparative Politics

Spring Term 2023 and 2024, University College Dublin | Second-year Bachelor level course

Duties included planning and conducting weekly group discussions with approx. 15 students, and grading student presentations.

GRANTS, HONOURS, AND AWARDS

Nominated for Rudolf Wildenmann Prize 2023 – awarded for an outstanding paper presented by an early career researcher at the ECPR Joint Sessions.

Ad Astra PhD Scholarship – awarded by University College Dublin

MSc distinction cum Laude – awarded by University of Amsterdam

ADDITIONAL SKILLS AND EXPERIENCES

Language Skills

Fluent in German (native) and English (C2). B1-B2 level in French and Dutch.

Competitive Debating

Contributed to the running of student debating societies in Dublin (UCD L&H) and Zurich (Debate Club Zurich), as well as co-organising the Swiss national team at the schools level. Competed in five European University Debating Championships.

Data Editor at StatsPerform, Amsterdam, Netherlands

September 2020 – January 2021

Prepared and published football statistics for TV broadcasters in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Tasks included preparing reports for broadcasts, responding to live queries, and supervising weekend shifts in a team of around 15 people.

Internship at Circle Economy, Amsterdam, Netherlands

November 2019 – June 2020

Helped designing an online tool to publicise research and projects on circular economy, and organised an online public outreach workshop with global partners to promote and introduce said tool. Coding of internal analysis tools in Python.