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EDUCATION

Doctoral degree [Doktor der Naturwissenschaft], Dr. rer. nat. Statistics	Sept. 2022
TU Dortmund University	Dortmund, Germany
Master of Science, M. Sc. Statistics	Nov. 2018
TU Dortmund University	Dortmund, Germany
Bachelor of Science, B. Sc. Statistics	Oct. 2016
TU Dortmund University	Dortmund, Germany

PREVIOUS AND CURRENT POSITIONS

Postdoc	since Oct. 2022
TU Dortmund University	Dortmund, Germany
NLP Scientist	Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2023
Leibniz Institute for Media Research Hans-Bredow-Institut (HBI)	Hamburg, Germany
Doctoral student	Dec. 2018 – Sept. 2022
TU Dortmund University	Dortmund, Germany

AFFILIATIONS

Leibniz Institute for Media Research Hans-Bredow-Institut (HBI)	since Oct. 2023
Member of the TU Dortmund Young Academy	since June 2023
Member of DoCMA (Dortmund Center for Data-based Media Analysis)	since Dec. 2018

FUNDING

Research Center for Trustworthy Data Science and Security	Oct. 2023
Trustworthy performance evaluation of large language models	21 000€
TU Dortmund Young Academy	June 2023
The era of ChatGPT: Evaluation and regulation of large language models	5000€

PROJECTS

NEAR	since Oct. 2023
Narrative Economics Alliance Ruhr	MERCUR

FURTHER PROJECT AFFILIATIONS

Medien-Doktor Assistance	since Mar. 2023
KI-Assistenzsysteme für eine bessere Medizinberichterstattung	
GADMO	since Oct. 2022
German-Austrian Digital Media Observatory	EU
FLACA	since Oct. 2022
Few-Shot Learning for Automated Content Analysis in Communication Science	BMBF

FORMER PROJECTS

GADMO

German-Austrian Digital Media Observatory

Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2023

EU

FLACA

Few-Shot Learning for Automated Content Analysis in Communication Science

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BMBF

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Methodological research

- Evaluation of topic models (i.a., quality and reliability) and other NLP systems
- Parameter-efficient fine-tuning (PEFT) for large language models in few-shot scenarios
- Model selection and parameter tuning of topic models
- Update algorithms and monitoring settings for topic models
- Detection of structural breaks, events and narratives in text corpora

Software engineering in R

- Author and maintainer of `rollinglda` and `ldaPrototype`, co-author and contributor of `tosca` and `spINAR`

Applied research

- Text corpus-based indicators
- Content analysis of texts and tweets of political parties and parliamentarians
- Argument mining in news and social media debates
- Characteristics of disinformation and fact-checks

SERVICE TO THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY

Reviewing

- ACL Rolling Review and ACL-associated workshops (6 papers)
- Advances in Statistical Analysis
- Communication Methods and Measures
- Comparative European Politics
- Computational Intelligence
- Educational and Psychological Measurement
- Frontiers in Artificial Intelligence
- Statistical Papers: DOI: 10.1007/s00362-019-01126-7

Conferences

- Organizing committee of NEAR Conference 2024
- Program committee of workshop ClimateNLP at ACL 2024
- Organizing committee of Statistische Woche 2023

INVITED TALKS

CompStat 2024

PETapter: A masked-language-modeling classification head for modular fine-tuning of (large) language models

Aug. 2024

Gießen, Germany

BDI/BDA-Arbeitskreis Statistik

Bekämpfung von Desinformation und Fake-News durch GADMO

May 2024

Düsseldorf, Germany

ZPID Lecture Series

Keep rollin'! The abilities for monitoring growing corpora using RollingLDA

Dec. 2022

Trier, Germany

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

DGPuK 2024 Exploring the potential of large language models (such as GPT-4) for (semi-)automatic content analysis of stances and frames in media texts	Mar. 2024 Erfurt, Germany
Digital Total Few-shot learning for automated content analysis (FLACA) in the German media debate on arms deliveries to Ukraine	Oct. 2023 Hamburg, Germany
DiTox'23 Workshop @LDK 2023 Debunking Disinformation with GADMO: A Topic Modeling Analysis of a Comprehensive Corpus of German-language Fact-Checks	Sept. 2023 Vienna, Austria
Statistische Woche 2023 Bekämpfung von Desinformation durch GADMO: Analyse eines umfassenden deutschsprachigen Faktencheck-Korpus mithilfe von Topic Modellen	Sept. 2023 Dortmund, Germany
Statistische Woche 2023 Scrutinizing ChatGPT against Few-Shot Learning with Adapter Extensions and XLM-RoBERTa: A Case Study on Identifying Claims, Arguments and their Stance in the German News Media Debate on Arms Deliveries to Ukraine	Sept. 2023 Dortmund, Germany
ECREA PolComm 2023 Beyond "Master Frames": A Semi-automated Approach to Studying Viewpoint Diversity of the Media Discourse	Aug. 2023 Berlin, Germany
DGPuK 2023 Few-shot learning for automated content analysis: Efficient coding of arguments and claims in the debate on arms deliveries to Ukraine	May 2023 Bremen, Germany
MUFin'23 Workshop @AAAI 2023 Early Warning Systems? Building Time Consistent Perception Indicators for Economic Uncertainty and Inflation Using Efficient Dynamic Modeling	Feb. 2023 Washington, DC, USA
SDP'22 Workshop @COLING 2022 Finding scientific topics in continuously growing text corpora	Oct. 2022 Gyeongju, Republic of Korea
Statistische Woche 2022 Monitoring consistent topics in continuously growing scientific text corpora	Sept. 2022 Münster, Germany
Text2Story'22 Workshop @ECIR 2022 Dynamic change detection in topics based on rolling LDAs	Apr. 2022 Stavanger, Norway
DAGStat 2022 Improving the reliability of LDA results using LDAPrototype as selection criterion	Mar. 2022 Hamburg, Germany
EMNLP 2021 RollingLDA: An Update Algorithm of Latent Dirichlet Allocation to Construct Consistent Time Series from Textual Data	Nov. 2021 Punta Cana, Dominican Republic
EDML'20 Workshop @ECML PKDD 2020 Assessing the Uncertainty of the Text Generating Process using Topic Models	Sept. 2020 Online
NLDB 2020 Improving Latent Dirichlet Allocation: On Reliability of the Novel Method LDAPrototype	June 2020 Online
Statistische Woche 2019 Quantifizierung der Stabilität der Latent Dirichlet Allocation mithilfe von Clustering auf wiederholten Durchläufen	Sept. 2019 Trier, Germany
DGPuK 2019 Softwaretools für die Kommunikationsforschung	May 2019 Münster, Germany
DAGStat 2019 Measuring Stability of Replicated LDA Runs	Mar. 2019 Munich, Germany

Dissertation

- Rieger (2022). "Reliability evaluation and an update algorithm for the latent Dirichlet allocation". TU Dortmund University. DOI: 10.17877/DE290R-22949.

Peer-reviewed publications

- Faymonville, Rizzo, Rieger, Jentsch (2024). "spINAR: An R Package for Semiparametric and Parametric Estimation and Bootstrapping of Integer-Valued Autoregressive (INAR) Models". *Journal of Open Source Software* 9.97, p. 5386. DOI: 10.21105/joss.05386.
- Rieger, Yanchenko, Ruckdeschel, von Nordheim, Kleinen-von Königslöw, Wiedemann (2024). "Few-shot learning for automated content analysis: Efficient coding of arguments and claims in the debate on arms deliveries to Ukraine". *Studies in Communication and Media* 13, pp. 72–100. DOI: 10.5771/2192-4007-2024-1-72.
- Krause, Rieger, Flossdorf, Jentsch, Beck (2023). "Visually Analyzing Topic Change Points in Temporal Text Collections". In: *Vision, Modeling, and Visualization*. DOI: 10.2312/vmv.20231231.
- Rieger, Hornig, Flossdorf, Müller, Mündges, Jentsch, Elmer (2023). "Debunking Disinformation with GADMO: A Topic Modeling Analysis of a Comprehensive Corpus of German-language Fact-Checks". In: *Proceedings of the 4th Conference on Language, Data and Knowledge*, pp. 520–531. URL: <https://aclanthology.org/2023.ldk-1.56>.
- Rieger, Hornig, Schmidt, Müller (2023). "Early Warning Systems? Building Time Consistent Perception Indicators for Economic Uncertainty and Inflation Using Efficient Dynamic Modeling". In: *Proceedings of the 3rd Workshop on Modelling Uncertainty in the Financial World*. URL: <https://github.com/JonasRieger/mufin23/blob/master/paper.pdf>.
- Bittermann, Rieger (2022). "Finding scientific topics in continuously growing text corpora". In: *Proceedings of the 3rd Workshop on Scholarly Document Processing*, pp. 7–18. URL: <https://aclanthology.org/2022.sdp-1.2>.
- Lange, Rieger, Benner, Jentsch (2022). "Zeitenwenden: Detecting changes in the German political discourse". In: *Proceedings of the 2nd Workshop on Computational Linguistics for Political Text Analysis*. URL: <https://old.gscl.org/en/arbeitskreise/cpps/cpps-2022/workshop-proceedings-2022>.
- Rieger, Lange, Flossdorf, Jentsch (2022). "Dynamic change detection in topics based on rolling LDAs". In: *Proceedings of the Text2Story'22 Workshop*. CEUR-WS. URL: <http://ceur-ws.org/Vol-3117/>.
- Rieger, Jentsch, Rahnenführer (2021). "RollingLDA: An Update Algorithm of Latent Dirichlet Allocation to Construct Consistent Time Series from Textual Data". In: *Findings Proceedings of the 2021 EMNLP-Conference*. ACL, pp. 2337–2347. DOI: 10.18653/v1/2021.findings-emnlp.201.
- von Nordheim, Rieger, Kleinen-von Königslöw (2021). "From the Fringes to the Core - An Analysis of Right-Wing Populists' Linking Practices in Seven EU Parliaments and Switzerland". In: *Digital Journalism*, pp. 1–19. DOI: 10.1080/21670811.2021.1970602.
- von Nordheim, Koppers, Boczek, Rieger, Jentsch, Müller, Rahnenführer (2021). Die Entwicklung von Forschungssoftware als praktische Interdisziplinarität. In: *M&K Medien & Kommunikationswissenschaft* 69, pp. 80–96. DOI: 10.5771/1615-634X-2021-1-80.
- Rieger, Jentsch, Rahnenführer (2020). "Assessing the Uncertainty of the Text Generating Process Using Topic Models". In: *Proceedings of the ECML PKDD 2020 Workshops*. Vol. 1323. CCIS. Springer, pp. 385–396. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-030-65965-3_26.
- Rieger (2020). "ldaPrototype: A method in R to get a Prototype of multiple Latent Dirichlet Allocations". In: *Journal of Open Source Software* 5.51, p. 2181. DOI: 10.21105/joss.02181.
- Rieger, Rahnenführer, Jentsch (2020). "Improving Latent Dirichlet Allocation: On Reliability of the Novel Method LDAPrototype". In: *Natural Language Processing and Information Systems, NLDB 2020*. Vol. 12089. LNCS. Springer, pp. 118–125. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-030-51310-8_11.
- von Nordheim, Rieger (2020). "Im Zerrspiegel des Populismus - Eine computergestützte Analyse der Verlinkungspraxis von Bundestagsabgeordneten auf Twitter". In: *Publizistik* 65, pp. 403–424. DOI: 10.1007/s11616-020-00591-7.

Selected non-peer reviewed publications (preprints, working papers and datasets)

- Rieger, Jentsch, Rahnenführer (2022). "LDAPrototype: A Model Selection Algorithm to Improve Reliability of Latent Dirichlet Allocation". Research Square. DOI: 10.21203/rs.3.rs-1486359/v1.

- Lange, Rieger, Jentsch (2022). "Lex2Sent: A bagging approach to unsupervised sentiment analysis". arXiv. DOI: 10.48550/arXiv.2209.13023.
- Shrub, Rieger, Müller, Jentsch (2022). "Text data rule - don't they? A study on the (additional) information of Handelsblatt data for nowcasting German GDP in comparison to established economic indicators". In: *Ruhr Economic Papers* #964. DOI: 10.4419/96973128.
- Jentsch, Mammen, Müller, Rieger, Schötz (2021). "Text mining methods for measuring the coherence of party manifestos for the German federal elections from 1990 to 2021". In: *DoCMA Working Paper* #8. DOI: 10.17877/de290r-22363.
- Rieger, von Nordheim (2021). "corona100d - German-language Twitter dataset of the first 100 days after Chancellor Merkel addressed the coronavirus outbreak on TV". In: *DoCMA Working Paper* #4. DOI: 10.17877/DE290R-21911.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (AT THE TU DORTMUND UNIVERSITY, IF NOT SPECIFIED)

Natural Language Processing Lecture (English)	WiSe 2023/24
Introduction to Topic Modeling Seminar (English)	SuSe 2023
University of Bremen	
Text as Data Lecture (English)	WiSe 2022/23
Data Mining Cup Seminar (English)	SuSe 2019 – 2024
Einführung in L^AT_EX Compact course (German)	SuSe 2019 – 2022
Fallstudien I Seminar (German)	WiSe 2021/22
Schätzen und Testen Organization (German)	WiSe 2021/22
Nichtparametrische Verfahren Exercise (German)	WiSe 2020/21
Text Data meets Econometrics Seminar (English)	WiSe 2020/21
Entscheidungstheorie - Statistik VI Exercise (German)	SuSe 2020
Wahrscheinlichkeitstheorie - Statistik V Exercise (German)	WiSe 2019/20
Textdatenanalyse Seminar (German)	SuSe 2019

SUPERVISED THESES

Master

- TBA (Lars Grönberg, 2024)
- TBA (Niklas Herzog, 2024)
- Data preparation & training of LLMs in e-commerce settings (Mariia Hrechyn, 2024)
- Exploration of unsupervised language-style transfer (ULST) methods (Rohan Kumar Nayak, 2024)
- ChatGPT as a negotiator: Analyzing its adherence to principles of proportionality and equality (Veronika Tsishetska, 2024)
- Attaching PET (-like) models to RELATIO to find causal relationships between narratives (Muhammad Mahir Hasan Chowdhury, 2024)
- A few-shot and active learning approach for email classification (Nishat Tasnim Ahmed Meem, 2024)
- Semantic shift modelling with graph neural networks (Imene Kolli, 2024)
- Diachronic sense modeling with hierarchical word embeddings (Aymane Hachcham, 2024)
- #FrierenFürDenFrieden: Quantifizierung des Diskurses zum Thema Gas- und Energiesparen auf Twitter durch Anwendung von NLP-Methoden und Textklassifizierung durch RoBERTa (Carmen Loschke, 2023)
- Comparison of diachronic embeddings with pre-trained model embeddings for historical texts (Priyanka Madiraju, 2023)
- Text Data-based nowcasting of German GDP growth using newspaper data (Yuliya Shrub, 2022)
- Resampling strategies for unsupervised sentiment analysis using lexicon-based text embedding methods (Kai-Robin Lange, 2021)

Bachelor

- Modellierung der Zielgruppe und Beliebtheit in Deutschland veröffentlichter Manga — Vergleich von Modellen auch mithilfe von Textdatenanalyse (Darya Lukashina, 2024)
- Comparison of active learning techniques for the benefit of data set generation in the field of text mining (Jannik Bloß, 2023)