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Academic positions

10/21- today	Chair for International Political Studies, Witten/Herdecke University , Postdoctoral researcher (Prof. Nils-Christian Bormann, PhD)
10/18- 09/21	Cologne Center for Comparative Politics, University of Cologne , Doctoral Researcher (Prof. Sven-Oliver Proksch, PhD)
10/13- 12/18	Cologne Center for Comparative Politics, University of Cologne , Student assistant (Prof. Dr. André Kaiser)
03/16- 12/16	Chair for Comparative Politics, University of Duisburg-Essen , Student assistant (Prof. Dr. Susanne Pickel)
04/15- 07/15	Manifesto Project, Berlin Social Science Center , Student assistant (Dr. Andrea Volkens)

Education

10/17- 03/22	University of Cologne , Dr. rer. pol. • Dissertation: "Who cares about democracy? And why? European Citizens' and Parties' Attitudes towards Liberal Democracy"
01/17- 06/17	Science Po, Strasbourg , Erasmus exchange semester
10/15- 09/17	University of Duisburg-Essen , Master of Arts: Theory and Comparative Studies of Political Systems in Transition
06/12- 03/13	Universidad Nacional de La Plata, Argentina , Semester abroad
04/11- 05/15	University of Cologne , Bachelor of Science: Social Sciences

Publications

- Duell, Dominik, **Lea Kaftan**, Sven-Oliver Proksch, Jonathan Slapin and Christopher Wratil (2022): Communicating the Rift: Voter Perceptions of Intra-Party Dissent in Parliaments. *Journal of Politics*.
- Mohamad-Klotzbach, Christoph, Susanne Pickel, Lucas Adler and **Lea Kaftan**, Lisa Vogt (2017): Schwerpunkte der Vergleichenden Politikwissenschaft in Deutschland (2007-2017). *Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft*, 11(4), 557-574.
- Volkens, Andrea, Cristina Ares, Radostina Bratanova and **Lea Kaftan** (2015): Scope, Range, and Extent of Manifesto Project Data Usage: A New Research

Tool for Manifesto Project Database's Users. *Revista de Investigaciones Políticas y Sociológicas*, 14(2), 217-232.

Volgens, Andrea, Cristina Ares, Radostina Bratanova and **Lea Kaftan** (2015): *Scope, Range, and Extent of Manifesto Project Data Usage: A Survey of Publications in Eight High-Impact Journals. Handbook for Data Users and Coders*. Version I. Berlin: WZB Berlin Social Science Center.

Under review / submitted

Duell, Dominik, **Lea Kaftan**, Sven-Oliver Proksch, Jonathan Slapin and Christopher Wratil "Title hidden for review" Under review with *PSRM* since May 2022

Kaftan, Lea "Title hidden for review" Under review with *Public Opinion Quarterly* since July 2022

Gessler, Theresa and **Lea Kaftan** "Title hidden for review " Under review with the *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties* since November 2022

Kaftan, Lea "Title hidden for review" Under review with the *European Journal of Political Research* since November 2022

Work in progress

Bormann, Nils-Christia and **Lea Kaftan** "Government formation in Interwar Europe" Poster presented at APSA 2022

Duell, Dominik, **Lea Kaftan**, Sven-Oliver Proksch, Jonathan Slapin and Christopher Wratil "Challenging the Challengers. Do intraparty divisions help parties fight electoral threats from new parties?" Manuscript presented at APSA, 2022.

Kaftan, Lea "Party Competition over Democracy. Democracy per se and Liberal Democracy as Electoral Issues in Germany" To be submitted to a Special Issue in *Politics & Governance* in January 2023 (Eds. Annika Werner & Reinhard Heinisch)

Kaftan, Lea and Nils-Christian Bormann "Political Polarization and Democratic Deconsolidation in Interwar Europe" Manuscript submitted for the PEDD Conference in February, 2023

Kaftan, Lea and Theresa Gessler "The Democracy I Like. Perceptions of Democracy and Opposition to Democratic Backsliding" Manuscript presented at various occasions, to be submitted to *West European Politics* by December 2022

Kaftan, Lea and Jan Schwalbach "The Battle for Democracy. How Mainstream Parties Defend Liberal Democracy against Radical Right-Wing Parties' Attacks" Research proposal

Röth, Leonce, **Lea Kaftan** and Daniel Saldivia Gonzatti "The Measurement of Issue Attention across Political Arenas: Exploiting Increasing Returns with Optimized Dictionaries" Manuscript presented on various occasions, to be submitted to *Sociological Methods & Research* by December, 2022

Saldivia Gonzatti, Daniel, **Lea Kaftan** and Leonce Röth "Mediated Party Positions from Newspapers" Manuscript presented on various occasions, to be submitted by August 2022

Schürmann, Lennart and **Lea Kaftan** “Violent Protesters. Violent States. How People Perceive the Legitimacy of Protests and Protest Repression” Research proposal for a survey experiment under review with C-SEB, University of Cologne

Teaching

SS 22,	Public Opinion on Democracy and Advanced Survey
SS 23	Methodology, MA level, University of Cologne
08/20,	Hack your Future, University of Cologne, one week Coding
08/21	course for pupils https://www.hyf-koeln.org/
WS 18/19	The Political System of Germany, BA level, University of Cologne
2015- today	Sports classes (Martial Arts and Mobility, Budo Arts Movements e.V., Cologne

Grants and scholarships

Application running	C-SEB Junior Start-Up Grants, University of Cologne Project application together with Lennart Schürmann, 3,950€
02/21-09/21,	Hack Your Future, Financial fund for the implementation of the statutory equality mandate of the University of Cologne, 15,062€
02/20-09/20	Project application together with Franziska Deeg, Franziska Pradel, Ayjeren R., Ingo Rohlfing
10/17-09/18	Cologne Graduate School: PhD Scholarship, University of Cologne
10/16-09/17	Scholarship: UDE-Stipendium The University of Duisburg-Essen-Stipendium is funded by the Federal Government (Deutschlandstipendium) and provides support for top-performing students.

Service & volunteer work

Reviewer	Public Opinion Quarterly (2022), Legislative Studies Quarterly (2022), PLOS ONE (2022), Political Science Quarterly (2022), Journal of Common Market Studies (2021)
Committee work	Appointment committee for a junior professorship in Political Science (UWH, 2022), Election Committee member of the WiSo faculty (UzK, 2021), Representative of the PhD Students (UzK, WS 17/18)
2015- today	Budo Arts Movements e.V., Deputy chairwoman (since 2018) & instructor
01/12-11/14	Kölner Studierendenzzeitung, Chief editor, finances, journalism, ...

References

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Chair for European and Multilevel Politics, University of Cologne

Prof. Jonathan Slapin (jonathanb.slapin@uzh.ch)

Chair for Political Institutions and European Government, University of Zurich

Prof. Christopher Wratil (christopher.wratil@univie.ac.at)

Assistant Professor, University of Vienna