

Dr. Lea Kaftan

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Academic positions

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| 09/23–today | GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences Postdoctoral researcher, Survey Data Curation (Prof. Alexia Katsanidou) |
| 10/21–08/23 | Chair for International Political Studies, Witten/Herdecke University, Postdoctoral researcher, DANGER project (Prof. Nils-Christian Bormann, PhD) |
| 10/18–09/21 | Cologne Center for Comparative Politics, University of Cologne, Doctoral Researcher, Rebels in Representative Democracy (Prof. Sven-Oliver Proksch, PhD) |
| 10/13–12/18 | Cologne Center for Comparative Politics, University of Cologne, Student assistant, Decentralization and Electoral Geographies (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

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| 10/17–03/22 | University of Cologne, Dr. rer. pol. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 |

Peer reviewed publications

- Röth, Leonce, Daniel Saldivia Gonzatti, Lea Kaftan, and André Kaiser. Forthcoming. “Studying multi-level systems with cross-level data”. *British Journal of Political Science*.
- Kaftan, Lea, and Theresa Gessler. Forthcoming. “The Democracy I Like. Perceptions of Democracy and Opposition to Democratic Backsliding”. *Government & Opposition*.
- Kaftan, Lea. 2024. “Lip Service to Liberal Democracy in Western Europe?”. *European Political Science Review*, online first, 1–14.

- Duell, Dominik, Lea Kaftan, Sven-Oliver Proksch, Jonathan Slapin, and Christopher Wratil. 2024. "The rhyme and reason of rebel support: exploring European voters' attitudes toward dissident MPs." *Political Science Research and Methods*, 12(2), 301–317.
- Gessler, Theresa, and Lea Kaftan. 2023. "Communicating democratic subversions to citizens". *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties*, online first, 1–13.
- 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*, 85(1), 76–91.
- Mohamad-Klotzbach, Christoph, Susanne Pickel, Lucas Adler, Lea Kaftan, and 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.

Other publications

- Bormann, Nils-Christian, and Lea Kaftan. 2024. "Introducing the Democratic Electoral Systems data, 1919–1925. [version 1; peer review: awaiting peer review]". *Open Research Europe*.
- Röth, Leonce, Lea Kaftan, and Daniel Saldivia Gonzatti. 2024. "Optimized Dictionaries: A Semi-Automated Workflow of Concept Identification in Text-Data". *Social Science Open Access Repository*, <https://nbn-resolving.org/urn:nbn:de:0168-ssoar-91666-3>.
- Volkens, 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.

Grants and scholarships

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| application running | Engage the Citizen – an app-based, long-term field experiment to improve citizen engagement for academia and policy makers (EngageApp) , VolkswagenStiftung Cooperation Project: "Transformational Knowledge on Democracies under Change – Interdisciplinary Perspectives", 1.300.000€ Project application together with Mareike Wieland, Sebastian Ziaja, and the Initiative Offene Gesellschaft. |
| application running | HarDIS , Open Science Clusters' Action for Research & Society (OSCARS), 250,000€ Project application together with Paul Bederke, Sebastian Ziaja, and Alexia Katsanidou |

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| application running | Men4Dem , HORIZON-CL2-2024-DEMOCRACY-01-05: Gender-roles in extremist movements and their impact on democracy, 523.437€ at GESIS Project application together with Alexia Katsanidou (GESIS) and co-applicants at other institutes |
| 07/23-12/23 | INTERSECT , Selten Seeding Grants, ECONTRIBUTE Cluster of Excellence at the University of Bonn and Cologne, 2,500€ Project application together with Chitrlekha Basu and Jens Wäckerle |
| 02/21-09/21, 02/20-09/20 | Hack Your Future , Financial fund for the implementation of the statutory equality mandate of the University of Cologne, 15,062€ Project applications together with Franziska Deeg, Franziska Pradel, Ayjeren R., and 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. |
| not granted (2023) | Kuratorium, Witten/Herdecke University , Nationalism in parliamentary speeches in interwar Germany, 10.000€ Project application together with Nils-Christian Bormann |
| not granted (2022) | Violent Protesters, Violent States. How People Perceive the Legitimacy of Protests and Protest Repression , C-SEB Junior Start-up Grant, 3,950€ Project application together with Lennart Schürmann |

Teaching

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| 03/2024 | Introduction to Computational Text Analysis with R , GESIS – Leibniz-Institute for the Social Sciences, online. |
| SS 23 | Applied Survey Research for Political Scientists, MA level , University of Cologne |
| SS 22 | Public Opinion on Democracy and Advanced Survey Methodology, MA level , University of Cologne |
| 08/20, 08/21 | Hack your Future , University of Cologne, one week R coding course for pupils https://www.hyf-koeln.org/ |
| WS 18/19 | The Political System of Germany, BA level , University of Cologne |

Services do the discipline

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| Reviewer | British Journal of Political Science (2024), European Political Science Review (2023), Public Opinion Quarterly (2023, 2022), Legislative Studies Quarterly (2023, 2022), Journal of Politics (2023), 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 (since 2022 at UWH, in 2021 at UzK), Representative of the PhD Students (UzK, WS 17/18) |

Volunteer work

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| 11/2023 | Short-Term Observer in the OSCE Election Observation Mission to Moldova |
| 2022 | Training as an election observer for the Center for International Peace Operations (Zentrum für International Friedenseinsätze) |
| 2015–today | Budo Arts Movements e.V., Deputy chairwoman (since 2018) & instructor |
| 01/12–11/14 | Kölner Studierendenzzeitung, Chief editor, finances, journalism, ... |