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Academic positions

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| 10/21–today | 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 Geographiess (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. • 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 National 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* 85(1): 000–000.
- 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.

Volgens, 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 “The Rebel You Love to Hate. A Cross-National Survey Experiment” *Revise and resubmit* with *Political Science Research and Methods* in December 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 *under review* with the *American Political Science Review* since February 2023

Gessler, Theresa and **Lea Kaftan** “Communicating democratic backsliding to citizens” *Revise and resubmit* with the *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties* in February 2022

Röth, Leonce, **Lea Kaftan** and Daniel Saldivia Gonzatti “The Measurement of Issue Attention across Political Arenas: Exploiting Increasing Returns with Optimized Dictionaries” *under review* with *Sociological Methods & Review* since December 2022

Work in progress

Bormann, Nils-Christian and **Lea Kaftan** “Government formation in Interwar Europe” Poster presented at APSA 2022

Kaftan, Lea “Authoritarianism, Populism, or Radicalism? Correlates of citizens’ democratic attitudes” Manuscript based on dissertation, to be resubmitted in 2023

Kaftan, Lea “Lip Service to Liberal Democracy in Western Europe?” Manuscript based on dissertation, to be resubmitted in 2023

Kaftan, Lea “Party Competition over Democracy. Democracy per se and Liberal Democracy as Electoral Issues in Germany” Manuscript to be submitted to a Special Issue in *Politics & Governance* in 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 based on dissertation to be resubmitted in April 2023

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

Saldivia Gonzatti, Daniel, **Lea Kaftan** and Leonce Röth “Mediated Party Positions from Newspapers”

Manuscript presented on various occasions, to be submitted in 2023

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

Teaching

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| 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 coding 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

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| Application running | Kuratorium, Witten/Herdecke University , Nationalism in parliamentary speeches in interwar Germany, 10.000€ |
| 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., 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

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| Reviewer | 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) |
| 2015–today | Budo Arts Movements e.V. , Deputy chairwoman (since 2018) & instructor |

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| 2015–2022 | Polling officer, Training as an election observer for the Center for International Peace Operations |
| 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

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

Assistant Professor, University of Vienna