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Professional experience

10/2021–today	Chair for International Political Studies, Witten/Herdecke University Postdoctoral researcher <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project: “Democracy, Anger, and Elite Responses”• Archival work, quantitative text analysis, project coordination
10/2018–09/2021	Cologne Center for Comparative Politics, University of Cologne Research assistant <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project: “Rebels in Representative Democracy”• Survey experiments, Twitter experiments, quantitative text analysis
10/2013–12/2018	Cologne Center for Comparative Politics, University of Cologne Student assistant <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project: “Decentralization and Electoral Geographies”• Quantitative and qualitative analyses, including text analysis
03/2016–12/2016	Chair for Comparative Politics, University of Duisburg–Essen Student assistant <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preparing an article on the state of the art in the field of comparative politics, developing the codebook, data collection and analysis• Data and literature research on political culture and German political parties, supporting and preparing teaching lessons
04/2015–07/2015	Manifesto Project, Berlin Social Science Center Student assistant <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Classical content analysis of scientific articles, co-writing the codebook, cross-validation of data, data analyses with STATA

- Research on European and Latin American parties
- Supporting preparations for the Manifesto Project User Conference

Education

10/2017–04/2022

University of Cologne

Doctoral studies: Political Science

- Dissertation: “Who cares about democracy? And why? European Citizens’ and Parties’ Attitudes towards Liberal Democracy”

01/2017–06/2017

Science Po, Strasbourg

Erasmus exchange semester

10/2015–09/2017

University of Duisburg–Essen

Master of Arts: Theory and Comparative Studies of Political Systems in Transition

- Master thesis: “Leadership in Bargaining Situations. A New Theory of Chairpersonship and a Case from the European Union”

06/2012–03/2013

Universidad National de La Plata, Argentina

Semester abroad

04/2011–05/2015

University of Cologne

Bachelor of Science: Social Sciences

- Bachelor thesis: “Decentralization – a party’s decision to secure future power?”

Teaching

SS 2022

Public Opinion on Democracy and Advanced Survey

Methodology, MA level

University of Cologne

08/2020,

Hack your Future

08/2021

University of Cologne, one week Coding course for pupils

<https://www.hyf-koeln.org/>

Winter 2018/2019

The Political System of Germany, BA level

University of Cologne

2015–today	Sports classes (Martial Arts and Mobility) Budo Arts Movements e.V., Cologne
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Grants and scholarships

02/2021–09/2021 & 02/2020–09/2020	Hack Your Future Financial fund for the implementation of the statutory equality mandate of the University of Cologne Project application together with Franziska Deeg, Franziska Pradel, Ayjeren R., Ingo Rohlfing
10/2017–09/2018	Cologne Graduate School: PhD Scholarship University of Cologne
10/2016–09/2017	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 (2022), Election Committee member of the WiSo faculty (UzK, 2021), Representative of the PhD Students (WS 17/18)
2015–today	Budo Arts Movements e.V. Deputy chairwoman (since 2018) & instructor https://www.budo-arts-movements.de/
01/2012–11/2014	Kölner Studierendenzzeitung Chief editor, finances, journalism, ...

Languages and skills

German native • **English**, **Spanish**, **French** fluent • **Egyptian–Arabic** intermediate • **Dutch**
beginner • **Latin** qualification

Word, **Excel**, **Latex** • **Stata**, **SPSS**, **R** • **MaxQDA** • **Git**

Publications

- Duell, Dominik/Kaftan, Lea/Proksch, Sven-Oliver/Slapin, Jonathan/Wratil, Christopher (forthcoming): Communicating the Rift: Voter Perceptions of Intra-Party Dissent in Parliaments. *Journal of Politics*.
- Mohamad-Klotzbach, Christoph/Pickel, Susanne/Adler, Lucas/Kaftan, Lea/Vogt, Lisa (2017): Schwerpunkte der Vergleichenden Politikwissenschaft in Deutschland (2007–2017). *Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft*, 11(4), 557–574.
- Volkens, Andrea/Ares, Cristina/Bratanova, Radostina/Kaftan, Lea (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.
- Volkens, Andrea/Ares, Cristina/Bratanova, Radostina/Kaftan, Lea (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.

References

Dominik Duell, PhD (dominik.duell@uibk.ac.at)

Assistant Professor, University of Innsbruck

Prof. André Kaiser (Andre.Kaiser@uni-koeln.de)

Chair for Comparative Political Science, University of Cologne

Prof. Sven-Oliver Proksch (so.proksch@uni-koeln.de)

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

Christopher Wratil, PhD (christopher.wratil@univie.ac.at)

Assistant Professor, University of Vienna