

Dr. Lea Kaftan

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Academic positions

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

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

- Kaftan, Lea. Forthcoming. “Party Competition over Democracy”. *Politics and Governance*.
- 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*.

Bormann, Nils-Christian, and Lea Kaftan. 2024. "Introducing the Democratic Electoral Systems data, 1919–1925. [version 2; peer review: 2 approved, 1 approved with reservations]". *Open Research Europe*.

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.

Volken, 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

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>.

Volken, 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

application running	HarDIS , Open Science Clusters' Action for Research & Society (OSCARS), 250,000€ Project application together with Paul Bederke, Sebastian Ziaja, and Alexia Katsanidou
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 Chitralekha 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 (2024)	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.
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

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

Reviewer	British Journal of Political Science (2024), European Political Science Review (2023), Journal of Common Market Studies (2021), Journal of Politics (2023), Legislative Studies Quarterly (2023, 2022), PLOS ONE (2022), Political Science Research and Methods (2024), Political Science Quarterly (2022), Public Opinion Quarterly (2023, 2022)
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

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, ...