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SUMMARY

I am an early career academic researching comparative politics and quantitative methods. In my substantive work, I study electoral fraud and legislative behavior. To this end, I apply statistical modeling, Monte Carlo simulation, and machine-learning techniques. Methodically, I explore the merits that Bayesian statistics provides for inference in the political sciences, particularly when facing challenges such as evidence synthesis and multi-method research.

CURRENT POSITION

Research Associate   June 2018 - ongoing
Collaborative Research Center 884, University of Mannheim
Project C7 *"Political attention and the substance of legislative reform"*

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science   Sep 2018 - ongoing
Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences, University of Mannheim

M.Sc. Methodology and Statistics   Sep 2016 - May 2018
Utrecht University

B.A. Political Science (with distinction)   Sep 2013 - July 2016
University of Bremen

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Behrens, Lion and Ingo Rohlfing. 2018. "Not so different in present attitudes and behavior, but expected future membership - A technical replication of a study of party youth in six European democracies". *Research & Politics*, Online Only, 1-5.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Behrens, Lion and Rebecca M Kuiper. "A Bayesian method for synthesizing evidence from heterogeneous statistical models". *Working Paper.*

Behrens, Lion and Ingo Rohlfing. "Bayesian nested analysis". *In preparation.*

Buskens, Vincent, Werner Raub, Lion Behrens, Rebecca M. Kuiper and Irene Klugkist. "Embeddedness effects on trust in social and economic exchange: A Bayesian analysis of evidence from four studies". *In preparation.*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant
Applied Bayesian Statistics, Utrecht Summer School   May 2018
Structural Equation Modeling with Mplus, Utrecht Summer School   July 2017
Business Statistics, De Bijlespartner Amsterdam   March 2017 - May 2017

Tutor
Instrumental Variables in Psychology, B.A. Thesis, Utrecht University,   January 2017 - May 2017
by Hugo Hanema

PRESENTATIONS

"Political Trust and Political Participation - The Micro-Level Relationship and Its Macro-Level Dependencies", Semiannual Meeting of the Ecuadorian Political Science Association (AECIP), Quito   April 2016

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Internships
GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Mannheim   January - March 2018
Research assistance for Oshrat Hochman analyzing European Social Survey data

FLACSO - Latin American Social Science Institute, Quito   February - April 2016
Research on political participation analyzing data from the Latin American Public Opinion Project

Research Assistantships
Department for Methods & Statistics, Utrecht University, Prof. Rens van de Schoot, Ph.D.   Jan 17 - March 18
Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences, Prof. Ingo Rohlfing, Ph.D.   April - July 2016
Research Center on Inequality and Social Policy, Bremen, Prof. Michael Windzio   March - August 2015
Collaborative Research Center 597, Bremen University, Natascha Zaun, Ph.D.   July - December 2014

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Multilevel analysis using HLM, GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences   2015
Hot Topics in Machine Learning, GESS, University of Mannheim   2018
Computational Text Analysis, GESS, University of Mannheim   2018
Theory Building and Causal Inference, GESS, University of Mannheim   2018

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Full scholarship grant, Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes   2016 - 2018
Full scholarship grant, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung   2013 - 2016

INVITED REFEREE

Research & Politics

SKILLS

Computing
R, Stata, Mplus, SPSS, HLM, JAGS, Shiny, LaTeX, Markdown

Methodical
General Linear Model, Multilevel Analysis, Structural Equation Modeling, Instrumental Variables, Propensity Score Matching, Statistical Computing and Simulation, Bayesian Methods

Languages
German: Native, English: Fluent, Spanish: Oral Fluency

REFERENCES

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