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#### CURRENT POSITION

# Research Associate

June 2018 - ongoing

Collaborative Research Center 884, University of Mannheim

Project C7 "Political attention and the substance of legislative reform"

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Areas: Election Fraud, Legislative Behavior, Political Methodology

Dissertation: Methodological Studies on the Detection of Election Fraud

## **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.

## WORKING PAPERS

## **Election Fraud**

Behrens, Lion. "Detecting systematic electoral interference from undervoting irregularities".

# Legislative Behavior

Behrens, Lion, Dominic Nyhuis and Thomas Gschwend. "Opposition strategies in legislative review.

Tracing the strategic use of legislative amendments using syntax-aware automated text-analysis".

# Political Methodology

Behrens, Lion and Rebecca M Kuiper. "Bayesian evaluation of informative hypotheses for synthesizing evidence from diverse statistical models".

Behrens, Lion and Ingo Rohlfing. "Bayesian nested analysis".

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".

# 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

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Bayesian evaluation of informative hypotheses for synthesizing evidence from diverse models" EPSA 2019

"Opposition strategies in legislative review"

**EPSA 2019** 

"Opposition strategies in legislative review"

ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments 2019

#### INVITED TALKS

"Bayesian evaluation of informative hypotheses for synthesizing evidence from diverse statistical models" Cologne Center for Comparative Politics, November 2019

"Political trust and political participation - The micro-level relationship and its macro-level dependencies", Semi-annual 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.

Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences, Prof. Ingo Rohlfing, Ph.D.

Research Center on Inequality and Social Policy, Bremen, Prof. Michael Windzio

Collaborative Research Center 597, Bremen University, Natascha Zaun, Ph.D.

Jan 17 - March 18

April - July 2016

March - August 2015

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
Machine Learning for the Social Sciences, GESS, University of Mannheim	2019
Advanced Quantitative Methods, GESS, University of Mannheim	2019

# GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Research Grant (with Thomas Gschwend and Dominic Nyhuis), 21000 EUR, Collaborative Research Center 884, "Teaching machines the syntax of political text" April 2019 - March 2020 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

#### Languages

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

# REFERENCES

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