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Education

University of California, San Diego

PhD Political Science

San Diego US

Sep 2025 – Present

- **Research Focus:** American Politics, Methods

University of Konstanz

M.Sc. Political Economy

Konstanz GER

Oct 2021 – Sep 2024

- GPA: 1.2/1.0 (with distinction)
- **Coursework:** Causal Inference, Statistical Modeling and Inference, Econometrics, Microeconomics

Aarhus University

Exchange Semester (Erasmus, no degree)

Aarhus, DK

Aug 2022 – Feb 2023

- GPA: 12/12
- **Coursework:** Comparative Political Economy, Comparative Politics

University of Mannheim

B.A. Political Science

Mannheim, GER

Sep 2018 – Aug 2021

- GPA: 1.4/1.0
- **Coursework:** Empirical Political Research, Quantitative Analysis, Political Economy, Comparative Politics

Research Experience

Postgraduate Research Assistant (Pre-Doctoral Fellow)

ISPS at Yale University

New Haven, CT, U.S.

Since Aug 2024

- **Instructors:** Prof. Josh Kalla
- **Project:** Persuasion Effects of Large Language Models, Election Prediction Competition 2024, Campaign Advertisement
- Data management and analysis in R
- Developed prompt engineering techniques to optimize the use of large language models in survey experiments.
- Organization of an election prediction competition and teaching of an R workshop
- **Instructors:** Prof. Shiro Kuriwaki
- **Project:** Multilevel Regression with Poststratification Methods to Estimate Ticket Splitting
- Lead project management and organization, with responsibility for the conceptual and methodological advancement of the project.
- Data Management and Analysis in R
- Contributed to the development of several R packages for Multilevel Regression with Poststratification.

Managing Editor

Journal: European Union Politics

Konstanz, GER

Aug 2023 - Jul 2024

- **Executive Managing Editor:** Prof. Gerald Schneider
- Replication and Correction of submitted code in R, Stata, Python and SPSS
- Communication with the authors in the publication process

Research Assistant

New York University

New York City, NY, U.S.

Apr 2023 - Jul 2024

- **Instructor:** Elisa Maria Wirsching
- **Project:** Politicized Meritocracy, New York Police Department
- Data Science in R, Data-Management, Analysis and Visualization

Research Assistant

New York University

New York City, NY, U.S.

Mar 2023 - Apr 2023

- **Instructor:** Prof. Hye Young You
- **Project:** Election Campaign Finance, FEC data
- Data Science in R, Data-Management, Analysis and Visualization

Professional Experience

Data Scientist and Consultant (Working Student)

PD-Berater der Oeffentlichen Hand

Berlin & Stuttgart, GER

Oct 2021 - Jul 2024

- Strategic Digital Transformation and Digital Governance for the German Administration
- Data Science and Data Analytics in R and Python for the German Chancellery
- Machine Learning, Forecasting and Simulations

Qualifications & Skills

- **Technologies:** R (Proficiency), Python (Experience), Stata (Experience), Git (Experience)
- **Soft skills:** Project Management
- **Languages:** German (native), English (fluent), Latin

Conference Presentations

Swing voters in swing districts: The dynamics of ticket splitting

Niklas Haehn, Shiro Kuriwaki

Forthcoming

Research Interest

- **Substantive:** Intra-Party Competition, Political Behavior, Political Economy
- **Methodological:** Text- and Video-Data, Social Media Data, Natural Experiments, Machine Learning and Large Language Models, Network Analysis

Scholarships and Awards

Friedrich Ebert Foundation's scholarship program for gifted students

Jan 2021 - Jul 2024

ISPS's Democratic Innovation Award at Yale

Sep 2024

Voluntary commitment

Member of the Mediation Committee

University of Konstanz

Konstanz, GER

Oct 2023 - Sep 2024

- Mediating between the interests of various university boards

Member of the University Senate

University of Konstanz

Konstanz, GER

Oct 2022 - Sep 2023

- Electing and appointing of new chairs in all departments
- Writing and discussing the university's strategy for improving the social situation of students

Member of the Students Parliament

Student Council of the University of Mannheim

Mannheim, GER

Aug 2020 - May 2021

- Conceptual work to improve student life
- Chairing and organizing the group meetings

Head of Financial Office

Student Council of the University of Mannheim

Mannheim, GER

Feb 2019 - Jun 2020

- Administrating, preparing and managing the budgets
- Controlling and monitoring projects
- Chairing committees and working group meetings