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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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*Areas:* Coalition Politics, Electoral Behavior, Quantitative Methods

*Dissertation:* Post-Electoral Consequences of Pre-Electoral Coalition Politics

## CURRENT POSITION

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09/2017 - PRESENT | **Research Associate**  
Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES), University of Mannheim  
• Project "Pre-Electoral Coalition Strategies" (funded by the German Research Foundation)  
• Project Directors: Prof. Thomas Gschwend, PhD, and Dr. Lukas F. Stötzer

## EDUCATION

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08/2017 - PRESENT | **PhD Candidate**  
Center for Doctoral Studies in Social and Behavioral Sciences (CDSS) at the Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences (GESS), University of Mannheim  
• Supervisor: Prof. Thomas Gschwend, PhD

07/2019 | **M.Sc. Economics** (Grade: 1.3)  
University of Kiel

09/2017 | **M.Ed. Mathematics and Economics/Politics** (Grade: 1.3)  
University of Kiel

02/2014 | **B.A. Mathematics and Economics/Politics** (Grade: 1.5)  
University of Kiel

08/2013 - 01/2014 | **Semester Abroad**  
University of Gothenburg and Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden

06/2010 | **High-School Diploma** (Grade: 1.1)  
Friedrich-Paulsen-Schule Niebüll

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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Oke Bahnsen, Thomas Gschwend, Lukas F. Stötzer, 2020. "How Do Coalition Signals Shape Voting Behavior? Revealing the Mediating Role of Coalition Expectations." *Electoral Studies* 66. doi: 10.1016/j.electstud.2020.102166

Oke Bahnsen, Eric Linhart, 2019. "Politische Diskurse in Print- und Online-Medien: Eine empirische Analyse am Beispiel der Novelle des Erneuerbare-Energien-Gesetzes 2014." ["Comparing political discourses in print and online media: An empirical analysis of the German Renewable Energy Act Amendment 2014."] *Zeitschrift für Diskursforschung* 6(3): 277-305.

Oke Bahnsen, Eric Linhart, Jale Tosun, 2016. "Wer mit wem in der Energiepolitik? Eine Analyse des öffentlichen Diskurses über die Novelle des Erneuerbare-Energien-Gesetzes 2014." ["Advocacy coalitions in the German energy policy: A discourse analysis of the German Renewable Energy Act Amendment 2014."] *der moderne staat* 9(1): 109-134. doi: 10.3224/dms.v9i1.23645

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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Eric Linhart, Oke Bahnsen, 2020. "Die Reformen des Wahlrechts zum Deutschen Bundestag 2011 und 2013 im öffentlichen Diskurs." ["The public discourse on the German federal electoral law reforms 2011 and 2013"] *Zeitschrift für Parlamentsfragen* 51(4): 844-864. doi: 10.5771/0340-1758-2020-4-844

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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Oke Bahnsen. "Agent-Based Pre-Electoral Coalition Politics." *Working Paper*.

Oke Bahnsen. "Government Survival in Presence of Pre-Electoral Coalitions." *Working Paper*.

Oke Bahnsen. "Coalition Signals - Cheap Talk for Voters?" *Working Paper*.

Ulrich W. D. Müller, Oke Bahnsen, Georg W. Alpers. "Anxiety does not Change Political Attitude: A Threat of Shock Experiment." *Working Paper*.

Anna Adendorf, Ines Rehbein, Oke Bahnsen, Thomas Gschwend, Simone Paolo Ponzetto, and Lukas F. Stoetzer. "Who Wants to Go With Whom? Identifying Coalition Signals in Newspaper Articles using Transfer Learning." *Working Paper*.

Thomas Gschwend, Lukas F. Stoetzer and Oke Bahnsen. "Are coalition-directed voters risk-averse?." *Working Paper*.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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1st Conference of the Centre for Analysis and Research in the German Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution (Bundesamt für Verfassungsschutz) on the topic of Extremism and Socialisation, 2021, Berlin, Germany. "Anxiety does not Change Political Attitudes. A Threat of Shock Experiment" (together with Ulrich W. D. Müller and Georg W. Alpers)

28th Academic Convention of the German Political Science Association (DVPW), 2021, Online. "Who Wants to Go With Whom? Identifying Coalition Signals in Newspaper Articles using Supervised Machine Learning" (together with Anna Adendorf, Ines Rehbein, Thomas Gschwend, and Simone Paolo Ponzetto)

11th European Political Science Association General Conference, 2021, Online. "Who Wants to Go With Whom? Identifying Coalition Signals in Newspaper Articles using Supervised Machine Learning" (together with Anna Adendorf, Ines Rehbein, Thomas Gschwend, and Simone Paolo Ponzetto)

14th European Consortium for Political Research General Conference, 2020, Innsbruck, Austria. "Coalition Signals - Cheap Talk for Voters?"

43rd Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, 2020, Berlin, Germany. "Anxiety Politics - Evidence from a Pre-Registered Experiment on the Impact of Threat of Shock on Political Attitudes" (together with Ulrich W. D. Müller and Georg W. Alpers)

26th International Political Science Association World Congress, 2020, Lisbon, Portugal. "An Agent-Based Model of Pre-Electoral Coalition Politics" (Cancelled due to COVID-19 Pandemic)

9th European Political Science Association General Conference, 2019, Belfast, United Kingdom. "Coalition Signals - Cheap Talk for Voters?"

Swiss Political Science Association Annual Conference and Dreiländertagung, 2019, Zurich, Switzerland. "Government Survival in Presence of Pre-Electoral Coalitions."

## INVITED TALKS

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Trinity College Dublin, 2020, Seminar "Party Competition and Government Formation in Germany and in European Comparison" (Course Instructor: Dr. Jan Berz), Talk on "Coalition Signals - Cheap Talk for Voters?".

University of Kiel, 2014, Research Colloquium "Comparative Politics, Interdependence, and Globalization", Talk on "Public Resources and Electoral Turnout - Analysis of German Local Elections in 2013".

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- 10/2020 - PRESENT | **PhD Scholarship Grant of Friedrich Ebert Foundation** (€17,400 per year)
- 07/2020 | **Research Grant of Karin Islinger Foundation** (€2,000)
- 09/2018 | **2018 CDSS Young Scholar Award** (€2,000)  
Awarded by the CDSS and GESS at the University of Mannheim to "honor exceptional ideas and achievements in doctoral research" (together with Ulrich W. D. Müller)
- 02/2017 | **PhD Scholarship Grant for 6-year PhD program at Washington University in St. Louis** (\$22,830 per year, declined)
- 02/2015 | **2015 Holstein Award** (€500)  
Awarded by the University of Kiel for academic merit
- 07/2012 - 08/2017 | **Scholarship Grant of Friedrich Ebert Foundation** (~ €16,200)
- 09/2013 - 01/2014 | **Erasmus Scholarship** (~ €900)
- 10/2012 - 09/2013 | **Germany's National Scholarship** (€3,600, declined)

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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- SPRING 2019 | **Machine Learning for the Social Sciences**, GESS, University of Mannheim
- FALL 2018 | **Bayesian Statistics for Social Scientists**, GESS, University of Mannheim
- SPRING 2018 | **Python Programming for Social Sciences**, GESS, University of Mannheim
- SPRING 2018 | **Advanced Quantitative Methods**, GESS, University of Mannheim
- FALL 2017 | **Multivariate Analyses**, GESS, University of Mannheim
- FALL 2017 | **Theory Building and Causal Inference**, GESS, University of Mannheim
- FALL 2016 | **Agent-Based Models of Financial Markets**, Kiel Institute for the World Economy

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- 11/2016 - 07/2017 | **Research Assistant**  
University of Chemnitz  
• Chair for Political Systems, Prof. Dr. Eric Linhart
- 10/2014 - 10/2016 | **Research Assistant**  
University of Kiel  
• Project "The Comparison of Electoral Systems' Functions with a Special Focus on Mixed Systems" (funded by the German Research Foundation)  
• Project Director: Prof. Dr. Eric Linhart
- 05/2014 - 08/2014 | **Intern**  
infas - Institute for Applied Social Sciences, Bonn  
• Project "2014 German Survey of Volunteers"

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- 04/2015 - 08/2015 | **Tutor**  
Institute for Social Sciences, University of Kiel  
• Course "Methods of Empirical Social Science Research" (Undergraduate)  
• Course Instructor: Prof. Dr. Christian Martin

## PUBLIC OUTREACH

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- 09/2018 | **Sweden to face political uncertainty as far-right makes electoral gains**  
The National

## ACADEMIC SERVICES

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04/2021 - PRESENT | **Staff Representative**  
Department AB-B, MZES, University of Mannheim

07/2015 - 06/2017 | **Member of Parliament**  
Students' Parliament of Kiel University

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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MEMBERSHIPS | European Political Science Association (EPSA), German Political Science Association (DVPW)

REVIEWER | Journal of Politics, Electoral Studies, Party Politics, West European Politics, Government & Opposition  
([Publons Profile](#))

## FURTHER QUALIFICATIONS

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LANGUAGE | German (native), English (business fluent)

SOFTWARE | R, Maple, MATLAB, Stata, SPSS, SQL, PHP