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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Areas: Coalition Politics, Electoral Behavior, Quantitative Methods Dissertation: Post-Electoral Consequences of Pre-Electoral Coalition Politics

#### RECENT POSITIONS

01/2022 - PRESENT

#### Research Associate

Collaborative Research Center, SFB 884 - Political Economy of Reforms, University of Mannheim

- Project "Measuring a common space and the dynamics of reform positions" Project directors: Prof. Thomas Gschwend, PhD, Prof. Dr. Simone Paolo Ponzetto, and Prof. Dr. Heiner Stuckenschmidt

09/2017 - 12/2021

#### 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. Stoetzer

#### **EDUCATION**

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

- Primary supervisor: Prof. Thomas Gschwend, PhD Secondary supervisor: Dr. Lukas F. Stoetzer

08/2019

M.Sc. Economics (Grade: 1.3 - ECTS grade: A)

University of Kiel

11/2017

M.Ed. Mathematics and Economics/Politics (Grade: 1.3 - ECTS grade: A)

University of Kiel

03/2014

B.A. Mathematics and Economics/Politics (Grade: 1.5 - ECTS grade: A)

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

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Ines Rehbein, Simone Paolo Ponzetto, Anna Adendorf, Oke Bahnsen, Lukas Stoetzer, Heiner Stuckenschmidt, 2021, "Come hither or go away? Recognising pre-electoral coalition signals in the news." Proceedings of the 2021 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP): 7798-7810. doi: 10.18653/v1/2021.emnlp-main.615

Oke Bahnsen, Thomas Gschwend, Lukas F. Stoetzer, 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

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

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

#### WORK IN PROGRESS

Oke Bahnsen. "How a Cordon Sanitaire Against the NSDAP Would Have Altered the Fate of the Weimar Republic - Counterfactual Simulations of an Agent-Based Model With Coalition-Directed Voters." 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.

Oke Bahnsen, Lukas F. Stoetzer, Thomas Gschwend. "Coalition-directed Voting as a Lottery" Working Paper.

Roni Lehrer, Oke Bahnsen, Klara Müller, Marcel Neunhöffer, Thomas Gschwend, Sebastian Juhl. "Leadership Approval in Times of Crisis." Working Paper.

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

#### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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

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**

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 ( $\approx$ $ ext{ }$ 616,200)
10/2012 - 09/2013	Germany's National Scholarship (€3,600, declined)

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

SPRING 2022	Agent-based Modelling in the Social Sciences, GESIS Spring Seminar
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

11/2016 - 07/2017	Research Assistant University of Chemnitz, Institute of Political Science, Chair for Political Systems, Prof. Dr. Eric Linhart
10/2014 - 10/2016	Research Assistant University of Kiel, Department of Agricultural Economics, Junior Professor for Applied Political Economy, Prof. Dr. Eric Linhart

Project "The Comparison of Electoral Systems' Functions with a Special Focus on Mixed Systems" (funded by the German Research Foundation)

05/2014 - 08/2014

infas - Institute for Applied Social Sciences, Bonn

• Project "2014 German Survey of Volunteers"

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

04/2022 **Course Instructor** 

GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Mannheim and Köln

- Workshop "Introduction into R"
  Co-teaching together with Dr. Guido Ropers

04/2015 - 08/2015

Institute for Social Sciences, University of Kiel

- Course "Methods of Empirical Social Science Research" (Undergraduate) Course instructor: Prof. Dr. Christian Martin

## PUBLIC OUTREACH

Sweden to face political uncertainty as far-right makes electoral gains 09/2018

The National

# **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

04/2021 - 12/2021 | Staff Representative

Department AB-B, MZES, University of Mannheim

07/2015 - 06/2017 | **Member of Parliament** 

Students' Parliament of Kiel University

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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

REVIEWER | Journal of Politics, Political Science Research and Methods, Electoral Studies, Party Politics, West

European Politics, Government & Opposition (Publons Profile)

# **FURTHER QUALIFICATIONS**

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

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