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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Areas: Coalition Politics, Electoral Behavior, Quantitative Methods

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

CURRENT POSITION

09/2017 - PRESENT	Research Associate Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES), University of Mannheim <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project "Pre-Electoral Coalition Strategies" (funded by the German Research Foundation)• Project Directors: Prof. Thomas Gschwend, PhD, and Dr. Lukas F. Stötzer
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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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supervisor: Prof. Thomas Gschwend, PhD
08/2019	M.Sc. Economics (Grade: 1.3) University of Kiel
11/2017	M.Ed. Mathematics and Economics/Politics (Grade: 1.3) University of Kiel
03/2014	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

Ines Rehbein, Simone Paolo Ponzetto, Anna Adendorf, Oke Bahnsen, Lukas Stötzer, 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. 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

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

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*.

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

Thomas Gschwend, Roni Lehrer, Oke Bahnsen, Klara Müller, Marcel Neunhoeffer, 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** (≈ €16,200)
- 10/2012 - 09/2013 | **Germany's National Scholarship** (€3,600, declined)

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- 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 | **Intern**
infas - Institute for Applied Social Sciences, Bonn
- Project "2014 German Survey of Volunteers"

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 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

- 09/2018 | [Sweden to face political uncertainty as far-right makes electoral gains](#)
The National

ACADEMIC SERVICES

- 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

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

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

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