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Current appointment

2020-current   RESEARCH FELLOW, WZB Berlin Social Science Center

Areas of specialization

Comparative Political Science, Political Sociology, Party Behavior, Political Protest, Quantitative Methods, Text-as-Data

Education

2017-2020   PH.D. in Social and Political Sciences, European University Institute
Dissertation: **Is There a Populist Zeitgeist? Coming to Grips With an Elusive Phenomenon** (ungraded)
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Hanspeter Kriesi
Committee: Prof. Dr. Ellen Immergut (EUI), Prof. Dr. Sarah de Lange (University of Amsterdam), Prof. Dr. Heike Klüver (Humboldt University)

2016-2017   M.RES. in Social and Political Sciences, European University Institute

2014-2016   M.SC. in Political Science, University of Copenhagen

2015   VISITING STUDENT, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

2011-2014   B.A., in Anthropology, Ludwig-Maximilian-University Munich

2010-2014   B.A., in Political Science (minor: Economics), Ludwig-Maximilian-University Munich

Publications

JOURNAL ARTICLES

2018   Hunger, Sophia. **No naturalization, no participation? The influence of citizenship regimes and naturalization on immigrants' political incorporation on national and individual level**, Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft 12: 279 – 296.

Books & book chapters

forthc.   Sophia Hunger and Julia Schulte-Cloos. ***Outcomes - Government Responsiveness.*** In: Bojar, Abel, Swen Hutter, Hanspeter Kriesi, and Theresa Gessler (Eds.): Contentious episodes in the age of austerity. Studying the dynamics of government-challenger interactions, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

forthc.   Hanspeter Kriesi and Sophia Hunger. ***The characteristics of the episodes.*** In: Bojar, Abel, Swen Hutter, Hanspeter Kriesi, and Theresa Gessler (Eds.): Contentious episodes in the age of austerity. Studying the dynamics of government-challenger interactions, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

forthc.   Bojar, Abel, Swen Hutter, and Sophia Hunger. ***Selecting and coding contentious episodes.*** In: Bojar, Abel, Swen Hutter, Hanspeter Kriesi, and Theresa Gessler (Eds.): Contentious episodes in the age of austerity. Studying the dynamics of government-challenger interactions, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

forthc.   Hanspeter Kriesi, Swen Hutter, Abel Bojar, Argyrios Altiparmakis, Theresa Gessler, Sophia Hunger, Katia Pilati and Julia Schulte-Cloos. ***Introduction: A new approach for studying political contention – contentious episode analysis.*** In: Bojar, Abel, Swen Hutter, Hanspeter Kriesi, and Theresa Gessler (Eds.): Contentious episodes in the age of austerity. Studying the dynamics of government-challenger interactions, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

2020   Hunger, Sophia and Jasmine Lorenzini. ***All quiet on the protest scene? – Action repertoires in Europe during the Great Recession.*** In: Hanspeter Kriesi, Jasmine Lorenzini, Silja Häusermann, Bruno Wueest (Eds.): Contention in times of crises. Comparing political protest in 30 European countries, 2000-2015, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Media & other publications

2020   Hunger, Sophia and Swen Hutter. ***Online Strikes with the Usual Suspects. How Fridays for Future Has Coped with the Covid-19 Pandemic.*** LSE EUROPP Blog - European Politics and Policy.

2020   Hunger, Sophia and Swen Hutter. ***Protest in der Corona-Krise. Der Netzstreik fürs Klima..*** Coronavirus and Its Societal Impact - Highlights from WZB Research.

2020   Hutter, Swen, Endre Borbàth, and Sophia Hunger. ***The Political Consequences of Crisis. Lessons Learned from the Great Recession..*** Coronavirus and Its Societal Impact - Highlights from WZB Research.

2019   Hunger, Sophia. ***Book review: Koen Vossen, The Power of Populism: Gert Wilders and the Party For Freedom in the Netherlands.*** e-Extreme, Newsletter of the ECPR Standing Group on Extremism & Democracy.

2018   Hunger, Sophia and Theresa Gessler. ***Same same but different? Germany's way to a new-old grand coalition.*** Blog Post for Party systems and governments observatory.

Work in progress

R&R   Gessler, Theresa and Sophia Hunger. ***Nothing attracts a crowd as quickly as a crisis? How the refugee crisis and radical right parties shape party competition on immigration.***

R&R   Hunger, Sophia and Fred Paxton. ***What's in a buzzword? A systematic review of the state of populism research in political science.***

under review   Williams, Christopher J. and Sophia Hunger. ***Adding fuel to the fire: How mainstream parties drive public salience of challenger party issues.***

under review   Borbath, Endre, Sophia Hunger, Swen Hutter, and Ioana-Elenda Oana. ***Civic and Political Engagement during the COVID-19 Crisis.***

under review   Dennision, James and Sophia Hunger. ***Cleavage politics in the 21st century.***

in preparation	Hunger, Sophia. ***Virtuous people and evil elites? Moralizing frames and normative distinctions in identifying populist discourse.*** paper draft, 30 pages.
in preparation	Hunger, Sophia. ***A contagious zeitgeist? The diffusion of populism in the European Parliament.*** paper draft, 25 pages.
in preparation	Hunger, Sophia and Jasmine Lorenzini. ***Renewal of democratic life in times of crises: The great recession as a critical juncture?*** paper draft, 32 pages.

Teaching experience & training

spring 2019	INSTRUCTOR, BACHELOR SEMINAR: The study of radical right-wing and populist parties in Western Europe, University of Düsseldorf (32 hours)
	TEACHING ASSISTANT, PH.D. SEMINAR: Introduction to quantitative text analysis, EUI
fall 2018	CERTIFICATE: Teaching in higher education, EUI
spring 2018	INSTRUCTOR, PH.D. SEMINAR: Text as data. An introduction into quantitative text analysis with R Quanteda, EUI (2 day workshop, with Theresa Gessler)
spring 2014	TEACHING ASSISTANT, BACHELOR SEMINAR: Image Discourses, Ludwig-Maximilian-University Munich

Conference presentations

2019	Quantitative Text Analysis Workshop (QTA-DUB), Dublin
	EPSA Annual General Conference, Belfast
	SISP Convengo 2019, Lecce
	Workshop "Public opinion and how it matters", EUI
2018	MPSA Conference, Chicago
	EPSA Annual General Conference, Vienna
	ECPR General Conference, Hamburg
	Conference "The Political Consequences of the Great Recession", EUI
2017	LSE Graduate Conference "Populism: Left Right Centre", London
	EPSA Annual General Conference, Milan
2016	Author workshop for a special issue of the Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft, Leipzig
2014	ECPR Graduate Conference, Innsbruck

Invited talks

2019	Departmental Seminar, Department of Social Sciences, University Düsseldorf
2018	Notte Europea dei Ricercatori (European Researchers' Night) – Bright 2018, Florence

Participation in funded research projects

2020-current	RESEARCH FELLOW: Political Protest and Radicalization in Germany (MOTRA)
2019	COUNTRY EXPERT, euandi2019, Voting Advice Application for the European Parliament election, EUI
2016-2020	DOCTORAL RESEARCHER, ERC Research Program POLCON - Political Conflict in Europe in the Shadow of the Great Recession, EUI
2016	RESEARCH ASSISTANT, CONSENSUS project, Ludwig-Maximilian-University Munich
2014-2015	RESEARCH ASSISTANT, GovLis Project, University of Copenhagen

Additional training

2019	WORKSHOP: Item Response Theory, EUI
2018	Zurich Summer School for Women in Political Methodology
	WORKSHOP: Panel Data Analysis, EUI
2017	WORKSHOP: Weighting and Matching in Regression Analysis, EUI
	ECPR Summer School on Political Parties, University of Nottingham
	PH.D. TRAINING SCHOOL: Disentangling populism: Reception and effects of populist communication, The National School of Political Science and Public Administration, Bucharest
	WORKSHOP: Matching Methods, EUI
	WORKSHOP: Latex for Social Scientists, EUI
	WORKSHOP: Machine Learning techniques for social science texts and datasets, EUI
	WORKSHOP: Text Analysis Using R, London School of Economics and Political Science
	WORKSHOP: Survey Experiments, EUI
2016	WORKSHOP: Causal Inference, EUI
	ECPR Winter School on Methods and Techniques: Quantitative Text Analysis, Bamberg
2014	ERASMUS INTENSIVE PROGRAM: Women in Public Relations in Europe, Leeds Metropolitan University
	SPRING SCHOOL: Sustainable consumption in everyday life?, Ludwig-Maximilian-University Munich

Scholarships & competitive grants

2018	Fellowship & Travel grant, Zurich Summer School for Women in Political Methodology
2017	Travel grant, COST Action IS1308 Populist Political Communication in Europe (€700)
2016-2020	Doctoral Scholarship of the DAAD (approx. €65,000)
2016	ECPR Grant, ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques (€300)
2014	Luitpoldiana-Foundation, travel grant (€150)
2012-2016	Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation, Scholarship covering living expenses (approx. €35,000)
2013	DAAD travel grant (€250)

Academic & other services

2017–2019	Organizer of the Political Behaviour Colloquium at the EUI
2016-2017	Researcher Representative, Department of Social and Political Science, EUI
	Member of the Executive Committee, Library Committee
2015	Delegate at the Young Conference on Islam, Berlin, Germany
2014-2016	Representative of the scholarship holders of the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation in Scandinavia
2013-2016	Mentor in the project "Arbeiterkind.de", a group empowering students with a working class background
2012-2014	Student Representative for Political Science at Ludwig-Maximilian-University

Professional memberships & service

	MEMBERSHIPS: European Political Science Association (EPSA), Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA)
	REVIEWER FOR: *European Journal for Political Research, Journal of International Migration and Integration*
2020	MEMBER OF THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Automated Extraction of Socio-political Events from News (AESPEN) Conference.
2018-current	PARTICIPANT: OSSC19 Crowdsourced Replication Initiative.

Relevant professional experience

2014   INTERNSHIP: Office of Isabell Zacharias, Member of the Bavarian Parliament, Munich
2013   INTERNSHIP: Office of Dr. Thomas Gambke, Member of the Bundestag, Berlin
2013   INTERNSHIP: Social Programme "Hug the World", Bursa (Turkey)

Additional skills

Languages   German (native), English (fluent), Danish (intermediate), Italian (intermediate)
Software   Stata, R, LaTeX, Markdown