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Education and Academic Employment

10/2018 – present	**PhD Fellow and Research Associate** Department of Political Science, University of Salzburg, Austria
11/2019	**Visiting Researcher** EUROLAB, GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Cologne, Germany
10/2014 – 09/2018	**Research Assistant** Professorship of Comparative Politics (Susanne Pickel), Department of Political Science, University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany
10/2016 – 09/2018	**M.A. in Survey Methodology** (without degree) Department of Sociology, University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany
10/2014 – 07/2017	**M.A. in Theory and Comparative Studies of Political Systems in Transition** Department of Political Science, University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany
02/2017 – 07/2017 02/2016 – 07/2016	**Erasmus+ Visiting Student in M.A. Research Design and Social Data Analysis** Department of Political Science, Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania
10/2011 – 12/2014	**B.A. in Political Science** Department of Political Science, University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany

Publications

Journal articles

Wegscheider, Carsten, and Toralf Stark. 2020. "What drives citizens evaluation of democratic performance? The interaction of citizens democratic knowledge and institutional level of democracy." *Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft* 14 (4): 345–74. DOI: 10.1007/s12286-020-00467-0.

Heinisch, Reinhard, and Carsten Wegscheider. 2020. "Disentangling how populism and radical host ideologies shape citizens' conceptions of democratic decision-making." *Politics and Governance* 8 (3): 32–44. DOI: 10.17645/pag.v8i3.2915.

Book chapters

Habersack, Fabian, and Carsten Wegscheider. 2021. "Populism and Euroscepticism: Two sides of the same coin?" In *Political Populism: Handbook on Concepts, Questions and Strategies of Research*, eds. Reinhard Heinisch, Christina Holtz-Bacha, Oscar Mazzoleni. Baden-Baden: Nomos, 195–212. DOI: 10.5771/9783748907510-195

Wegscheider, Carsten, and Roula Nezi. 2021. "Who belongs to 'the people'? The societal boundaries of national and European notions of citizenship." In *Democratic Citizenship in Flux: Conceptions of Citizenship in the Light of Political and Social Fragmentation*, eds. Markus Bayer, Oliver Schwarz and Toralf Stark. Bielefeld: transcript-Verlag, 173–92. DOI: 10.14361/9783839449493-009.

Heinisch, Reinhard, and Carsten Wegscheider. 2019. "Zum Verhältnis des Populismus zur liberalen Demokratie." In *Die Komplexität der Welt und die Sehnsucht nach Einfachheit*, ed. Martin Dürnberger. Innsbruck: Tyrolia, 107–18.

Stark, Toralf, Carsten Wegscheider, Elmar Brähler, and Oliver Decker. 2017. "Wahlurne ohne WählerInnen – eine Analyse der Ursachen für Nichtwahl in Deutschland." In *Wahlenthaltung. Zwischen Abwendung, Verdrossenheit und Desinteresse*, ed. Horst Kahrs. Berlin: Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung, 11–28.

Conference reports

Wurthmann, Lucas C., Cemal Öztürk, and Carsten Wegscheider. 2016. "„Vorsicht Sicherheit! Legitimationsprobleme der Ordnung von Freiheit" aus vergleichender Perspektive. Kongressbericht der Sektion Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft vom 26. wissenschaftlichen Kongress der Deutschen Vereinigung für Politische Wissenschaft (DVPW), 21.25. September 2015 in Duisburg", *Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft* 9 (4): 317–33. DOI: 10.1007/s12286-016-0276-y.

Online publications

Stark, Toralf, Carsten Wegscheider, Elmar Brähler, and Oliver Decker. 2017. *Sind Rechtsextremisten sozial ausgegrenzt? Eine Analyse der sozialen Lage und Einstellungen zum Rechtsextremismus*. Papers 2/2017. Berlin: Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung.

Working papers

"Explaining populist attitudes: The impact of issue specific discontent and representation" (with Robert A. Huber and Michael Jankowski), in-principle acceptance: *Politische Vierteljahresschrift*

"Democratic congruence and regime support: The demand-supply relationship"

"Hate it or love it: Democracy and partisanship towards populist parties in Western Europe" (with Cristóbal Rovira Kaltwasser and Steven M. Van Hauwaert)

"The people and the nation: Conceptions of nationhood and support for radical parties in Europe" (with Roula Nezi)

"Who defends democracy and why? Procedural justice, conceptions of democracy and support for (il)liberal procedures" (with Markus Wagner and Zoe Lefkofridi)

"Populist parties, Euroscepticism and persistent non-compliance with EU law" (with Robert A. Huber and Thomas Lehner)

"Voicing their party, partisans or the public? How party-centrism and voter-centrism shape candidates' policy congruence" (with Zoe Lefkofridi and Nadine Zwiener-Collins)

"Patterns of radical and populist voters: Democratic attitudes and support for radical and populist parties in Europe" (with Susanne Pickel and Toralf Stark)

"How does the next generation of radical right populist leaders understand democracy? Evidence from a vignette-based interview project with party youth leaders from Austria and Germany" (with Uwe Backes, Reinhard Heinisch and Steffen Kailitz)

"For the community or for myself? Perceptions of equality, existential insecurity and support for egalitarian democracy" (with Markus Wagner and Zoe Lefkofridi)

"Populist time travel: Assessing the extent of populist attitudes among voters using machine learning" (with Marco Fölsch and Fabian Habersack)

"Defenders of democracy? Emancipative values, political opportunity structures and political protest" (with Marlene Mauk)

"Does social capital matter? An analysis of its micro and macro level relationships with democratic knowledge" (with Christoph Mohamad-Klotzbach and Toralf Stark)

"Within-country variation of economic and cultural anxieties in Germany: Determinants of subnational-level populist attitudes and xenophobia" (with Fabian Habersack)

Awards and Grants

11/2021	**Young Investigators Award (2nd Place)** (€ 200) awarded by University of Salzburg, Austria
07/2021	**Research Grant** (€ 3,600) granted by Faculty of Cultural and Social Sciences, University of Salzburg, Austria
08/2021 08/2020	**Travel Grants** (€ 640) granted by Austrian Political Science Association (AuPSA), Austria
11/2019	**EUROLAB Grant** (€ 1,500) granted by EUROLAB, GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Cologne, Germany
02/2017 – 07/2017 02/2016 – 07/2016	**ERASMUS+ Scholarship** (€ 1,500) granted by European Commission, Luxembourg
09/2016	**UDE-Scholarship** (€ 300) granted by University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany

Conference and Workshop Participation

Paper presentation

"Democratic congruence and regime support: The demand-supply relationship", Austrian Political Science Association (AuPSA) Political Science Day, Virtual Event, September 25–26, 2021

"Voicing their party, partisans or the people?", Austrian Political Science Association (AuPSA) Political Science Day, Virtual Event, September 25–26, 2021

"Assessing the extent of populist attitudes among voters using machine learning", Austrian Political Science Association (AuPSA) Political Science Day, Virtual Event, September 25–26, 2021

"Defenders of democracy? How democratic attitudes relate to political participation", Austrian Political Science Association (AuPSA) Political Science Day, Virtual Event, September 25–26, 2021

"Assessing the extent of populist attitudes among voters using machine learning", German Political Science Association (GPSA) Congress, Virtual Event, September 14–16, 2021

"Does social capital matter? An analysis of its micro and macro level relationships with democratic knowledge", German Political Science Association (GPSA) Congress, Virtual Event, September 14–16, 2021

"Defenders of democracy? How democratic attitudes relate to political participation", German Political Science Association (GPSA) Congress, Virtual Event, September 14–16, 2021

"Democratic congruence and regime support: The demand-supply relationship", International Political Science Association (IPSA) World Congress, Virtual Event, July 10–15, 2021

"Democratic lip service or defending democracy in the electoral arena?", European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) Joint Sessions Workshop "New Frontiers in Democracy Research: Tackling a Conceptual and Methodological Impasse", Virtual Event, May 26–28, 2021

"Patterns of radical and populist voters: Democratic attitudes, political discontent and support for radical and populist parties in Europe", Annual Conference of the German Political Science Association (GPSA) Working Group "Wahlen und politische Einstellungen", Virtual Event, Mai 20, 2021

"Patterns of radical and populist voters: Democratic attitudes, political discontent and support for radical and populist parties in Europe", Annual Conference of the German Political Science Association (GPSA) Working Group "Demokratieforschung", Virtual Event, March 11, 2021

"The people and the nation: Conceptions of nationhood and support for radical populist parties in Europe", Austrian Political Science Association (AuPSA) Political Science Day, Virtual Event, November 26–27, 2020

"Dissatisfied democrats? Citizens' notions of democracy and support for populist parties in Europe", European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference, Virtual Event, August 24–28, 2020

"Citizens' discontent with liberal democracy and support for populist radical right parties", EUROLAB Author's Conference on "Populism and polarization – a dual threat to Europe's liberal democracies?", GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Cologne, Germany, November 21–22, 2019

"Preferences for democratic decision-making, democratic discontent and support for populist parties in Germany and Austria", GESIS Political Science Research Roundtable, GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Cologne, Germany, November 18, 2019

"Bring it back to 'the people'! Notions of citizenship and support for populist parties in Europe", European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference, University of Wroclaw, Poland, September 4–7, 2019

"Populist Parties, Euroscepticism and Persistent Non-Compliance with EU Law", Author's Conference "The Ideational Approach to Populism: Consequences and Mitigation", IE University Segovia, Spain, June 24–26, 2019

"Who belongs to 'the people'? Notions of national and European citizenship and their political and societal implications", Author's Conference "Democratic citizenship in flux?", University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany, June 13–14, 2019

"Voicing the 'people' or their partisans? Policy congruence between candidates, partisans and the public in Austria", AUTNES Data Conference: Evidence from the Demand, Media & Supply Side, University of Vienna, Austria, May 16–17, 2019

"Substantive democracy. Determinants of substantive notions of democracy", Trilateral Conference of the German Political Science Association (GPSA), Austrian Political Science Association (AuPSA) and Swiss Political Science Association (SPSA), ETH Zürich, Switzerland, February 14–16, 2019

"The democratic paradox: Citizens' understanding of democracy and regime support in consolidated democracies", Authors' Conference "Measuring Understanding of Democracy: Discussing Solutions for Methodological Fallacies", Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany, August 20–21, 2018

Discussant EUROLAB Author's Conference on "Populism and polarization – a dual threat to Europe's liberal democracies?", GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Cologne, Germany, November 21–22, 2019

Panel "Populist attitudes and parties", European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference, University of Wroclaw, Poland, September 4–7, 2019

Panel Chair	Panel "Demand side of populism", Austrian Political Science Association (AuPSA) Political Science Day, Virtual Event, November 26–27, 2020

Teaching Experience

University of Salzburg, Austria

Winter 2021/22	**Parties, Voters and Elections** (Bachelor & Master) Seminar (taught in German)
Summer 2021	**Introduction to Political Psychology** (Bachelor & Master) Seminar, co-taught with Lena Ramstetter (taught in German)
	Introduction to Comparative Politics (Bachelor) Proseminar, co-taught with Lena Ramstetter (taught in German)
Winter 2020/21	**Introduction to Political Psychology** (Bachelor & Master) Seminar, co-taught with Lena Ramstetter (taught in German)
	Introduction to Comparative Politics (Bachelor) Proseminar, co-taught with Lena Ramstetter (taught in German)
Winter 2019/20	**Introduction to Comparative Politics** (Bachelor) Guest Lectures on "Political Parties and Cleavages" and "Voting Behavior" (taught in German), Course Instructor: Zoe Lefkofridi
	Populism in Qualitative Text Analysis (Master) Guest Lecture on "Content Analysis" (taught in German), Course Instructor: Reinhard Heinisch
	Workshop "EU: Why is there no agreement on European asylum policy?" Pupils University (taught in German)
Summer 2019	**Introduction to Comparative Politics** (Bachelor) Guest Lectures on "Political Parties and Cleavages" and "Voting Behavior" (taught in German), Course Instructor: Zoe Lefkofridi
	Research Design (Master) Guest Lectures on "Qualitative Research – Coding and Text Analysis" and "Presentations" (taught in English), Course Instructor: Reinhard Heinisch
	Political Campaigning (Master) Guest Lecture on "Presentations" (taught in English), Course Instructor: Reinhard Heinisch
Winter 2018/19	**Introduction to Comparative Politics** (Bachelor) Guest Lecture on "Political Parties and Cleavages" (taught in German), Course Instructor: Zoe Lefkofridi
	Comparative Populism (Master) Guest Lecture on "Populism and Communication" (taught in English), Course Instructor: Reinhard Heinisch
	Workshop "Syria Conflict: Why is a solution so difficult?" Pupils University in Cooperation with Friedensbüro Salzburg (taught in German)

University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany

Winter 2017/18 Winter 2016/17	**Measuring the Understanding of Democracy with International Surveys & Civil Society in Eastern Europe** (Master)

Winter 2015/16	Teaching Assistant, Annual Excursion to Babe-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania (taught in German and English), Course Instructor: Susanne Pickel
Summer 2015	**Statistics for Political Science** (Bachelor) Tutor (taught in German), Course Instructor: Achim Goerres

Research Experience

10/2021 – present	"ProConEU" and "Euromanifesto Study": Manual coding of Austrian party manifestos for the 2019 European Parliament election; Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Germany & Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES), University of Mannheim, Germany
03/2021 – 04/2021	"Europeanising the elections of the European Parliament": Data collection and report writing on the electoral law, ballots, results and party information for the 2019 European Parliament election in Austria; European University Institute (EUI), Italy
03/2020 – 07/2020	"Making Tomorrow's Leaders: Youth Movements of Right Wing Populist Parties": Conducting qualitative semi-structured elite interviews with leaders and executive members of the youth organization of the Austrian Freedom Party (Freiheitliche Partei Österreichs/FPÖ) "Ring Freiheitlicher Jugend" (RFJ), conducting an online survey among the members and collecting information on the organizational structure; Swedish Research Council, Sweden
02/2019 – 05/2019	"euandi2019 Voting-Advice-Application": Manual coding of Austrian party positions for the 2019 European Parliament election; European University Institute (EUI), Italy
11/2018 – 03/2019	"Austrian National Election Study (AUTNES) Online Panel Study 2017–2019, Wave 7: Questionnaire design and implementation of a survey module on "Understanding of Representative Democracy in Austria: Causes and Consequences"; Vienna Center for Electoral Research (VieCER), University of Vienna, Austria
10/2018 – 11/2018	"The One Percent Problem: Muslims in the West and the Rise of the New Populists": Conducting qualitative semi-structured elite interviews with party officials of the Austrian Freedom Party (Freiheitliche Partei Österreichs/FPÖ); Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C., U.S.

Media Coverage and Blogs

Dingler, Sarah, Fabian Habersack, Reinhard Heinisch, Zoe Lefkofridi, and Carsten Wegscheider. 2019. "EU-Wahl: Wie finde ich heraus, wer meine politische Position vertritt?" *ÖGPW Political Science Blog – derStandard.at*.

Additional Academic Training

11/2018 – 10/2021	**Third-Party Funding Management** (*Zertifikatsprogramm "Drittmittelführerschein"*), University of Salzburg, Austria
08/2021	**Scaling Methods for Social Science: Measurement and Ideal Point Estimation for Surveys and Behavior** Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, Virtual Summer School
03/2019 – 07/2021	**HSD+ Certification in University Didactics** (*HSD+ Hochschuldidaktik Lehrgang*), University of Salzburg, Austria
03/2021	**Multilevel Structural Equation Modelling** ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques, Virtual Winter School

07/2020 – 08/2020	**Causal Inference and Experiments in the Social Sciences** Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, Virtual Summer School
02/2020	**Maximum Likelihood Estimation; Introduction to Bayesian Inference; Introduction to Machine Learning for the Social Sciences** ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques, University of Bamberg, Germany
02/2019 – 03/2019	**Introduction to R; Multilevel Regression Modelling; Structural Equation Modelling (SEM) with R** ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques, University of Bamberg, Germany

Academic Services and Memberships

Committees:	Speaker of the Working Group "Demokratieforschung" of the German Political Science Association (GPSA) (09/2021 – present); Member of the Department Council, University of Salzburg (12/2019 – present)
Memberships:	Austrian Political Science Association (AuPSA) (12/2018 – present); Doctoral School "Internet & Democracy", University of Salzburg (10/2018 – present); German Political Science Association (GPSA) (03/2021 – present); International Political Science Association (03/2021 – 12/2021); International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP) (02/2021 – present)
Reviewer:	Australian Journal of Political Science, Frontiers in Political Science (Review Editor), Journal of Politics, Political Behavior, Political Research Exchange, Political Research Quarterly

Languages

German (native), English (fluent), Spanish (basic), Romanian (basic)

Computational Skills

R, Stata, Mplus, SPSS, LaTeX, MAXQDA, Qualtrics, LimeSurvey, MS Office

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