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## Education and Professional Experience

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- 10/2018 – present     **PhD Fellow and Research Associate**  
Department of Political Science, University of Salzburg, Austria
- 11/2019                **Research Stay**  
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   **MA in Survey Methodology** (without degree)  
Department of Sociology, University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany
- 10/2014 – 07/2017   **MA in Theory and Comparative Studies of Political Systems in Transition**  
Department of Political Science, University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany  
Thesis: “The Paradox of Democracy: Citizens’ Understanding of Democracy and Regime Support in Consolidated Democracies”
- 02/2017 – 07/2017   **Erasmus+ Student in MA Research Design and Social Data Analysis**  
02/2016 – 07/2016   Department of Political Science, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania
- 10/2011 – 12/2014   **BA in Political Science**  
Department of Political Science, University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany  
Thesis: “Ukraine – A Country Divided in its Political Culture?”

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## Publications

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- 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](https://doi.org/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](https://doi.org/10.17645/pag.v8i3.2915).
- Book chapters**     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](https://doi.org/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](https://doi.org/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.

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**Grants and Fellowships**

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| 11/2019                                | <b>EUROLAB Grant</b> (€1,500)<br>granted by EUROLAB, GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Cologne, Germany  |
| 02/2017 – 07/2017<br>02/2016 – 07/2016 | <b>ERASMUS+-Scholarship</b> (€1,500)<br>granted by European Commission, Luxembourg  |
| 09/2016                                | <b>UDE-Scholarship / German National Scholarship</b> (€300)<br>granted by University of Duisburg-Essen & Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), Germany |

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**Conferences**

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**Paper presentation**

"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 (DVPW) Standing Group 'Democratization', 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 (ÖGPW) 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 Wrocław, 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 (DVPW), Austrian Political Science Association (ÖGPW) and Swiss Political Science Association (SVPW), 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 (ÖGPW) Political Science Day, Virtual Event, November 26–27, 2020

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## Teaching Experience

### University of Salzburg, Austria

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”, Course Instructor: Reinhard Heinisch

**Political Campaigning** (Master)

Guest Lecture on “Presentations”, 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

**Measuring the Understanding of Democracy with International Surveys & Civil Society in Eastern Europe** (Master)

Winter 2016/17

Winter 2015/16

Teaching Assistant, Annual Excursion to Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania (taught in German and English), Course Instructor: Susanne Pickel

Summer 2015

**Statistics for Political Science** (Bachelor)

Tutor, Course Instructor: Achim Goerres

**Research Experience**

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03/2021–04/2021

*Data Collection and Report Writing:* “Europeaniz-EU-law”. Data collection and report writing on 2019 European election ballots, results and party information as well as on the 2018 Council Decision, European University Institute (EUI), Florence, Italy

03/2020–07/2020

*Project Management:* “[Making Tomorrow’s Leaders: Youth Movements of Right Wing Populist Parties](#)” in Austria. 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 about the organizational structure, funded by the Swedish Research Council (€7,200)

02/2019–05/2019

*Coding of Party Positions:* [euandi Voting-Advice-Application](#) for the May 2019 European Parliament Elections, European University Institute (EUI), Florence, Italy

11/2018–03/2019

*Quantitative Survey Design:* Module on “Understanding of Representative Democracy in Austria: Causes and Consequences” (with Zoe Lefkofridi, University of Salzburg), Austrian National Election Study (AUTNES) Online Panel, Wave 7

10/2018–11/2018

*Qualitative Semi-Structured Elite Interviews:* Party officials of the Austrian Freedom Party (Freiheitliche Partei Österreichs/FPÖ), Project “[The One Percent Problem: Muslims in the West and the Rise of the New Populists](#)”, The Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C., U.S.

**Media Coverage & Blogs**

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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*.

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## Summer Schools and Workshops

### ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques 2021

Multilevel Structural Equation Modelling  
Virtual Winter School, March 22–26, 2021

### Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis 2020

Causal Inference and Experiments in the Social Sciences  
University of Essex, Colchester, Essex, UK, July 27 – August 7, 2020 (held virtually)

### ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques 2020

Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Introduction to Bayesian Inference, Introduction to Machine Learning for the Social Sciences  
University of Bamberg, Germany, February 14–21, 2020

### ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques 2019

Introduction to R, Multilevel Regression Modelling, Structural Equation Modelling (SEM) with R  
University of Bamberg, Germany, February 22 – March 1, 2019

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## Additional Academic and Professional Training

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| 03/2019 – present | <b>University Didactics</b><br>( <i>HSD+ Hochschuldidaktik Lehrgang</i> ), University of Salzburg                         |
| 11/2018 – present | <b>Third-Party Funding Management</b><br>( <i>Zertifikatsprogramm “Drittmittelführerschein”</i> ), University of Salzburg |

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## Professional Affiliations and Service

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| <b>Committees:</b>  | Member of the Department Council, University of Salzburg (12/2019 – present)  |
| <b>Memberships:</b> | Austrian Political Science Association (ÖGPW) (12/2018 – present); Doctorate School “Internet & Democracy”, University of Salzburg (10/2018 – present); German Political Science Association (DVPW) (03/2021 – present); International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP) (02/2021 – present) |
| <b>Reviewer:</b>    | Australian Journal of Political Science, Political Research Exchange  |

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## Languages

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

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## Computational Skills

R, STATA, Latent GOLD, Mplus, SPSS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, MAXQDA, Qualtrics, LimeSurvey, MS Office

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