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Academic Employment

since 10/2022	Postdoctoral Researcher and Study Program Coordinator Department of Political Science, University of Münster, Germany
10/2018 – 09/2022	Doctoral Researcher 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 Department of Political Science, University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany

Education

10/2018 – 09/2022	Dr. phil. in Political Science Department of Political Science, University of Salzburg, Austria
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, Babeş-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

- Anter, Luise, Uwe Backes, Reinhard Heinisch, Steffen Kailitz, and Carsten Wegscheider. 2025. "Challenging liberal principles: Understanding of democracy among populist radical right youth leaders in Austria and Germany." *German Politics* 34 (3): 555–585. DOI: [10.1080/09644008.2024.2353071](https://doi.org/10.1080/09644008.2024.2353071).
- Lefkofridi, Zoe, Carsten Wegscheider, and Nadine Zwiener-Collins. 2025. "Gendered dynamics in representation: Examining candidates' policy congruence with parties and voters." *Party Politics*. DOI: [10.1177/13540688251332188](https://doi.org/10.1177/13540688251332188).
- McDonnell, Duncan, Sofia Ammassari, Annika Werner, Niklas Bolin, Marco Valbruzzi, Hugo Ferrinho Lopes, Reinhard Heinisch, Ann-Cathrine Jungar, and Carsten Wegscheider. 2025. "Young Radicals, Moderates and Aligned: Ideological Congruence and Incongruence in Party Youth Wings." *European Journal of Political Research* 64 (4): 1759–1782. DOI: [10.1111/1475-6765.70000](https://doi.org/10.1111/1475-6765.70000).
- Wegscheider, Carsten, and Marlene Mauk. 2025. "Capable but not empowered? How emancipative values affect protest participation across different contexts." *Political Studies* 73 (1): 391–411. DOI: [10.1177/00323217241247377](https://doi.org/10.1177/00323217241247377).

- Fölsch, Marco, Martin Dolezal, Reinhard Heinisch, Carsten Wegscheider, and Annika Werner. 2024. "Cue-taking, populist attitudes, and support for holding a referendum: evidence from survey experiments." *Contemporary Politics* 30 (4): 553–575. DOI: [10.1080/13569775.2023.2297507](https://doi.org/10.1080/13569775.2023.2297507).
- Habersack, Fabian, and Carsten Wegscheider. 2024. "Left behind economically or politically? Economic grievances, representation, and populist attitudes." *Politics and Governance* 12: 1–15. DOI: [10.17645/pag.8567](https://doi.org/10.17645/pag.8567).
- McDonnell, Duncan, Sofia Ammassari, Marco Valbruzzi, Niklas Bolin, Annika Werner, Reinhard Heinisch, Ann-Cathrine Jungar, and Carsten Wegscheider. 2024. "Inside party youth wings: The YOMEM project." *Party Politics*. DOI: [10.1177/13540688241310349](https://doi.org/10.1177/13540688241310349).
- Bucher, Hannah et al. 2023. "Special Issue Conclusion: The GLES Open Science Challenge 2021 in hindsight: Experiences gained and lessons learned." *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* 64 (1): 207–19. DOI: [10.1007/s11615-022-00437-z](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11615-022-00437-z).
- Huber, Robert A., Michael Jankowski, and Carsten Wegscheider. 2023. "Explaining populist attitudes: The impact of policy discontent and representation." *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* 64 (1): 133–54. DOI: [10.1007/s11615-022-00422-6](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11615-022-00422-6).
- Wegscheider, Carsten, Cristóbal Rovira Kaltwasser, and Steven M. Van Hauwaert. 2023. "How citizens' conceptions of democracy relate to positive and negative partisanship towards populist parties." *West European Politics* 46 (7): 1235–63. DOI: [10.1080/01402382.2023.2199376](https://doi.org/10.1080/01402382.2023.2199376).
- 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).
- 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).

Book chapters

- Huber, Robert A., Carsten Wegscheider, and Thomas Lehner. 2024. "Populist parties and persistent non-compliance with EU law." In *The Ideational Approach to Populism, Volume II: Consequences and Mitigation*, eds. Angelos Chrysogelos, Eliza Tanner Hawkins, Kirk A. Hawkins, Levente Littvay, Nina Wiesehomeier. London: Routledge, 199–217. DOI: [10.4324/9781003489993-13](https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003489993-13).
- 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](https://doi.org/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](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, L. Constantin, 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

Rovira Kaltwasser, Cristóbal, Carsten Wegscheider, and Steven M. Van Hauwaert. 2022. *Supporting and Rejecting Populist Parties in Western Europe*. SCRIPTS Working Paper No. 14, Berlin: Cluster of Excellence 2055 “Contestations of the Liberal Script - SCRIPTS”.

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.

Awards and Grants

05/2025	Stiftungspreis der Demokratie-Stiftung (€ 5,000) awarded by Demokratie-Stiftung, University of Cologne, Germany
12/2023	Research Grant: Ideas Lab (€ 80,000) granted by University of Münster, Germany
11/2023	Dissertation Prize (€ 2,000) awarded by University of Salzburg and Rotary Club Salzburg-Nord, Austria
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 (ÖGPW), Austria
11/2019	EUROLAB Grant (€ 1,500) granted by 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

Austrian Political Science Association (ÖGPW) Political Science Day	2020, 2021
AUTNES Data Conference, University of Vienna, Austria	2019
“Citizen Perspectives on Democracy” (Workshop), University of Mainz, Germany	2024
“Current Directions in Research on Political Support”, University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany	2024
Dreiländertagung (DVPW, ÖGPW & SVPW)	2019, 2023
EUROLAB Author’s Conference, Cologne, Germany	2019

European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference <i>Joint Sessions of Workshops</i>	2019, 2020, 2022, 2024, 2025 2021, 2025
Falling Walls Science Summit, Berlin, Germany	2024
German Political Science Association (DVPW) Congress <i>Standing Group "Demokratieforschung"</i> <i>Standing Group "Wahlen und politische Einstellungen"</i>	2021, 2024 2018, 2019, 2021, 2023 2021
GESIS Political Science Research Roundtable, Cologne, Germany	2019
International Political Science Association (IPSA) World Congress	2021
Pre-EPISA Workshop, University of Münster, Germany	2024
Team Populism Author's Conference, IE University Segovia, Spain	2019

Teaching Experience

University of Münster, Germany

Winter 2024/25	Introduction to Public Governance (Bachelor), Lecture, German
Summer 2023–25	Challenges of Public Governance (Bachelor, 2x), Seminar, German
Winter 2023/24	Quantitative Methods (Master), Seminar, German
Winter 2022/23–25/26	Elections and Voting Behavior in the European Union (Master), Seminar, English
Winter 2022/23	Political Culture and Democracy (Bachelor), Reading Course, German

University of Salzburg, Austria

Summer 2022	Introduction to Comparative Politics (Bachelor), Proseminar, German
Winter 2021/22	Parties, Voters and Elections (Bachelor & Master), Seminar, German
Summer 2021 Winter 2020/21	Introduction to Political Psychology (Bachelor & Master), Seminar, German co-taught with Lena Ramstetter
Summer 2021 Winter 2020/21	Introduction to Comparative Politics (Bachelor & Master), Seminar, German co-taught with Lena Ramstetter
Winter 2018/19–19/20 Summer 2019	Introduction to Comparative Politics (Bachelor), Seminar, German Guest Lectures on "Political Parties and Cleavages" and "Voting Behavior", Course Instructor: Zoe Lefkofridi
Winter 2019/20	Populism in Qualitative Text Analysis (Master), Seminar, German Guest Lecture on "Content Analysis", Course Instructor: Reinhard Heinisch
Winter 2019/20	EU: Why is there no agreement on European asylum policy? (Pupils University), Workshop, German
Summer 2019	Research Design (Master), Seminar, English Guest Lectures on "Qualitative Research - Coding and Text Analysis" and "Presentations", Course Instructor: Reinhard Heinisch
Summer 2019	Political Campaigning (Master), Seminar, English Guest Lecture on "Presentations", Course Instructor: Reinhard Heinisch
Winter 2018/19	Comparative Populism (Master), Seminar, English

Guest Lecture on "Populism and Communication", Course Instructor: Reinhard Heinisch

Winter 2018/19 **Syria Conflict: Why is a solution so difficult?** (Pupils University), Workshop, German
University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany

Winter 2015/16–17/18 **Measuring the Understanding of Democracy with International Surveys & Civil Society in Eastern Europe** (Master), Seminar, German & English
Teaching Assistant, Annual Excursion to Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, Course Instructor: Susanne Pickel

Summer 2015 **Statistics for Political Science** (Bachelor), Tutor, German
Course Instructor: Achim Goerres

Research Experience

05/2024 – 10/2024 [GESIS Panel \(Wave 1c\)](#): Questionnaire design of a survey module on "Public attitudes towards party bans in Germany"; GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Cologne, Germany

01/2024 – 12/2025 [Mapping \(Anti-\)Globalization Attitudes \(MAGA\)](#) (Principal Investigator): Development of a multidimensional measurement of globalization attitudes and spatial analysis via geo-coded survey; University of Münster, Germany

10/2021 – 06/2022 [ProConEU & Euromanifesto Study](#): Manual coding of Austrian party manifestos for 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 electoral law, ballots, results and party information for 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](#): Qualitative elite interviews, data collection and online survey with Austrian Freedom Party (Freiheitliche Partei Österreichs/FPÖ) youth organization "Ring Freiheitlicher Jugend" (RFJ); Swedish Research Council, Sweden

02/2019 – 05/2019 [euandi2019 Voting-Advice-Application](#): Manual coding of Austrian party positions for 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 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](#): Qualitative elite interviews with Austrian Freedom Party (Freiheitliche Partei Österreichs/FPÖ) officials; Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C., USA

Media Coverage and Blogs

"Mehr Information, weniger Emotion: Polit-Profis diskutieren mit Schülern am Alde." [Soester Anzeiger](#), 14.02.2025.

"Rechtsextremismus in Deutschland." [Radio Q](#), 13.07.2024.

"Demokratiefördergesetz: Ampel will mit Geld Demokratie fördern – Gegner wittern Gedankenpolizei." [20 Minuten](#), 27.02.2024.

"Radio Fluchtpunkt: Rechtspopulismus." [Antenne Münster](#), 07.11.2023.

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

04/2024	Introduction to Geospatial Techniques for Social Scientists in R GESIS Training, GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Cologne, Germany
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 Standing Group "Demokratieforschung" of the German Political Science Association (DVPW) (since 09/2021); Member of the Department Council, Department of Political Science, University of Salzburg (12/2019 – 09/2022); Member of the Study Advisory Board, Faculty of Education and Social Sciences, University of Münster (since 10/2022); Member of the Ethics Committee, Faculty of Education and Social Sciences, University of Münster (since 01/2024); Member of the Appointment Committee for the W3 Professorship in "International Relations and Sustainable Development", University of Münster (since 04/2025)
Memberships:	Austrian Political Science Association (ÖGPW) (12/2018 – 12/2024); Doctoral School "Internet & Democracy", University of Salzburg (10/2018 – 09/2022); German Political Science Association (DVPW) (since 03/2021); International Political Science Association (IPSA) (03/2021 – 12/2021); International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP) (02/2021 – 02/2022)

Reviewer:

American Political Science Review, Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy, Australian Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Political Science (2), Comparative European Politics, European Journal of Political Research (2), European Politics and Society, Humanities and Social Sciences Communications, International Journal of Sociology, Journal of Political Sociology, Journal of Politics, Party Politics, Policy Studies, Political Behavior, Political Research Exchange (2), Political Research Quarterly, Political Studies, Politische Vierteljahresschrift, West European Politics (2), Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft

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