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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Colorado State University
Assistant Professor — since 2022
Faculty Affiliate Data Science Research Institute — since 2024

University of Vienna
Senior Research Fellow — since 2022
Postdoctoral Researcher — 2020-22

DEGREES

University of Texas at Austin
Ph.D. in Government — 2020
Fields: Comparative Politics & Methodology
M.Sc. in Statistics — 2019

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed

5. Shen, L., Sood, G., & Weitzel, D. (2024). A Measurement Gap? Effect of the Survey Instrument on the Partisan Knowledge Gap, *Conditionally Accepted at Public Opinion Quarterly.*

4. Weitzel, D., Gerring, J., Pemstein, D. & Skaaning, S. (2024). Electoral Democracy: Global, Historical Measures Based on Observables *Forthcoming at the American Journal of Political Science*, OSF Preprint.

3. Weitzel, D., Gerring, J., Pemstein, D. & Skaaning, S. (2024). Measuring Backsliding with Observables: Observable-to-Subjective Score Mapping (OSM) *PS: Political Science & Politics* 57(2):216-223.

2. Somer-Topcu Z. & Weitzel D. (2022). Negative Campaigning and Vote Choice in Europe: How Do Different Partisan Groups React to Valence Attacks? *Comparative Political Studies* 55(13):2283-2310.

1. Gerring J., Wig T., Veenendaal W., Weitzel D., Teorell J. & Kikuta K. (2021). Why Monarchy? The Rise and Demise of a Regime Type. *Comparative Political Studies* 54(3-4):585-622.

Book chapters

1. Somer-Topcu, Z. & Weitzel, D. (2023). Leadership Turnover and Electoral Outcomes of Social Democratic Parties in S. Häusermann & H. Kitschelt (Eds.). *Beyond Social Democracy: Transformation of the Left in Emerging Knowledge Societies.* Cambridge University Press.

Data

1. Kritzinger, S., Gründl, J., Brandl, D., Kvir, N., Meinel, J., Perner, W.M., Voith, V., Weitzel, D. & Windisch, F. (2022). "Digitize! Online Panel Survey (SUF edition): Version 1.0", https://doi.org/10.11587/8SFV2L

Under Review

- Sood, G. & Weitzel, D. (2024). Extreme Recall: Which Politicians Come to Mind?.

Working Papers

- Valence Attacks in Multi-Party Systems.

- "You Should (Probably) Not Split Your Sample." (with Iasmin Goes)

- "Automated Split Questionnaire Design" (with Sylvia Kritzinger, Katharina Pfaff, and Sebastian Tschiatschek)

- "Quid pro Quota. The Effect of Survey Incentives on Participation and Completion Rates." (with Sylvia Kritzinger and Katharina Pfaff)

- Not News: Provision of Apolitical News in the U.S. News Media (with Gaurav Sood)

- "Hidden Knowledge, Veiled Ignorance: Do People Know More – or Even Less – About Politics than Commonly Thought?" (with Robert C. Luskin and Gaurav Sood)

- "Misinformation about Misinformation? Of Headlines and Survey Design" (with Robert C. Luskin, Gaurav Sood, Yul Min Park)

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EXPERIENCE</td><td colspan="2">Colorado State University</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>Democracy and Backsliding (Undergraduate)</td><td>Fall 2023, Spring 2024</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>Advanced Topics in Quantitative Methods (Graduate)</td><td>Spring 2023</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>Introduction to Quantitative Methods (Graduate)</td><td>Spring 2023</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>Scope and Methods for Political Science (Graduate)
    Syllabus</td><td>Fall 2022, Spring 2024</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>Political Psychology (Undergraduate)
    Syllabus</td><td>Fall 2022 - Fall 2023</td></tr>
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University of Vienna

Research Methods for Political Science (Graduate) Evaluations: Spring 2022	Spring 2022
Negative Campaigning in Electoral Politics (Graduate) Evaluations: Spring 2022	Spring 2022
Quantitative Methods of Empirical Social Sciences (Undergraduate, Online) Syllabus, Evaluations: Fall 2020, Fall 2021 A, Fall 2021 B	Fall 2020, 2021
Public Opinion and Voting (Undergraduate, Online) Syllabus, Evaluations: Spring 2021	Spring 2021
Bachelor Thesis Seminar (Undergraduate, Online) Evaluations: Spring 2021	Spring 2021

University of Texas at Austin

Statistical Analysis in Political Science II (Graduate, TA) Evaluations: Spring 2019	Spring 2016, 2019
Statistical Analysis in Political Science I (Graduate, TA) Evaluations: Fall 2018	Fall 2018
Government and Politics of Western Europe (Undergraduate, TA)	Fall 2016 – Fall 2017
American Government (Undergraduate, TA)	Fall 2015, Spring 2018

CONFERENCES	American Political Science Association	2018, 2020, 2023
	European Political Science Association	2016, 2020, 2023
	Midwest Political Science Association	2017, 2020, 2023
	European Survey Research Association	2023
	World Association for Public Opinion Research	2023
	German Online Research Conference	2023
	Council of European Studies	2022
	Southern Political Science Association	2019
	Texas Comparative Politics Circle	2019, 2020
	Texas Methodology	2018, 2020

PRESENTATIONS	Democracy Around The World Roundtable at Colorado State University	2023
	APSA Roundtable on Democratic Backsliding	2023
	Colorado State Methods Workshop: Introduction to Machine Learning	2023
	Colorado State Reading and Research	2023
	Modeling @Alphabet Talk Series go/modeling-talks	2022
	Political Regimes in Comparative and Historical Perspective, Aarhus University	2021
	Beyond Social Democracy Book Workshop, Online	2021
	Political Science Emerging Scholars Speaker Series, University of Missouri – Kansas City	2020
	Workshop on Voter Perceptions of Party Policy Positions, University of Texas at Austin	2017
	Workshop on Applied R for Social Science Research, University of Texas at Austin	2016

STIPENDS AND AWARDS	SoGES Curriculum Development Grant, Colorado State University	2022
	Graduate School Continuing Fellowship, UT Austin	2020
	Summer Research Fellowship, UT Austin	2020
	Graduate School Continuing Fellowship, UT Austin	2019
	Texas Politics Project Research Grant, UT Austin	2019
	Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, UT Austin	2018
	Office of Graduate Studies Professional Development Award, UT Austin	2016
	Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, UT Austin	2016
	Clifford C. Clogg Scholarship, ICPSR	2016
	ICPSR Scholarship, UT Austin	2016
	Macdonald Fellowship, UT Austin	2015 – 2020
	Vanderbilt University Fellowship	2014 – 2015
	DAAD/ISAP Stipend for Studies at Duke University	2012 – 2013
	FES Stipend for Studies in India and Vietnam	2011 – 2012
	FAUMUN Project Travel Grant	2010 – 2011
	FES Stipend for Studies in Israel	2010
	FES Travel Grant, Research Trip Israel and Palestine	2009
	Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) Scholarship	2008 – 2013

MEMBERSHIP	American Political Science Association
	Midwest Political Science Association
	Southern Political Science Association
	European Political Science Association

SKILLS

Computer Programming and Data Analysis
- R, Python, Bash, Stan, LaTeX, C++, Fortran

Languages
- German, English, Portuguese