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RESEARCH INTERESTS	My substantive work focuses on the comparative political economy of spatial inequalities, political preferences and voting behavior, strategic elite behavior, and political competition in consolidated multiparty democracies. My methodological interests include advanced statistical modeling, causal inference, and computational methods.	
CURRENT POSITION	Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES) , Mannheim, Germany Senior Research Fellow, Data and Methods Unit since 03/2023 Research Fellow, Data and Methods Unit 09/2018 - 02/2023	
EDUCATION	Humboldt University of Berlin , Berlin, Germany Ph.D. in Political Science, Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences (BGSS) 10/2014 - 08/2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thesis Title: <i>When Supply Meets Demand: Context-Dependent Mechanisms of Radical Right Voting.</i> Committee: Prof. Dr. Heike Klüver (supervisor), Prof. Ellen M. Immergut, PhD (co-supervisor), and Prof. Daniel Stegmüller, PhD (external committee member, Duke University) Grade: summa cum laude Princeton University , Princeton, NJ, United States Visiting Graduate Student, Princeton-Humboldt Exchange, Department of Politics. Faculty Sponsor: Prof. Kosuke Imai. 09/2015 - 05/2016 University of Essex , Colchester, Essex, United Kingdom M.Sc. Political Economy 10/2013 - 09/2014 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thesis Title: <i>Reproachful or Indifferent? Changes in Incumbent Party Support after the 2007 German Pension Reform.</i> Supervisor: Daniel Stegmüller, PhD Humboldt University of Berlin , Berlin, Germany M.A. Social Sciences (temporarily enrolled) 04/2013 - 09/2013 B.A. Social Sciences 10/2009 - 03/2013 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thesis Title: <i>Radical Right Party Voting in Western Europe. Examining interactions between individual-level and party-level characteristics.</i> Supervisors: Prof. Ellen M. Immergut, PhD and Konstantin Vössing, PhD University of California at Berkeley , Berkeley, CA, United States Undergraduate exchange student, Charles and Louise Travers Department of Political Science. 08/2011 - 05/2012	
PREVIOUS POSITIONS	Humboldt University of Berlin , Berlin, Germany Research Associate, Chair for the Comparative Analysis of Political Systems, Department of Social Sciences, HU Berlin 10/2017 - 08/2018	

PEER-REVIEWED
ARTICLES

- [7] Denis Cohen, Werner Krause, and Tarik Abou-Chadi. 2023. “Comparative vote switching: A new framework for studying dynamic multiparty competition.” *The Journal of Politics*. Early View.
- [6] Denis Cohen and Chris Hanretty. 2023. “Simulating party shares.” *Political Analysis*. First View Online.
- [5] Hannah Bucher, Anne-Kathrin Stroppe, Axel Burger, Thorsten Faas, Harald Schoen, Marc Debus, Sigrid Roßteutscher, Denis Cohen, Robert Huber, Michael Jankowski, Melvin John, Jan Menzner, Christian Schimpf, Christian Schnaudt, Nils D Steiner, Richard Traunmüller, Fabienne Unkelbach, Carsten Wegscheider, Robert Welz, Alexander Wuttke, and Vera Vogel. 2023. “Concluding Remarks on the GLES Open Science Challenge 2021.” *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* 64:207–219.
- [4] Denis Cohen. 2023. “Preferences for rent control: Between political geography and political economy.” *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* 64:183–205.
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- [2] Tarik Abou-Chadi, Denis Cohen, and Markus Wagner. 2022. “The Centre-Right versus the Radical Right: The Role of Migration Issues and Economic Grievances.” *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 48 (2): 366–384.
- [1] Denis Cohen. 2020. “Between strategy and protest: How policy demand, political dissatisfaction and strategic incentives matter for far-right voting.” *Political Science Research and Methods* 8 (4): 662–676.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- [2] Denis Cohen, Anne-Kathrin Stroppe, and Stefan Jünger. 2023. “Wohnungsmärkte, politische Einstellungen und Wahlverhalten bei der Bundestagswahl 2021.” In *Wahlen und Wähler. Analysen aus Anlass der Bundestagswahl 2021*. Edited by Harald Schoen and Bernhard Weßels. Springer. Forthcoming.
- [1] Denis Cohen. 2021. “Ökonomisches Risiko und die elektorale Anziehungskraft der AfD [Economic Risk and the Electoral Appeal of the AfD].” In *Wahlen und Wähler. Analysen aus Anlass der Bundestagswahl 2017*. Edited by Harald Schoen and Bernhard Weßels. Wiesbaden: Springer VS.

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- [1] Tarik Abou-Chadi, Denis Cohen, and Thomas Kurer. 2023. “Rental market risk and radical right support.” *Working Paper*.

WORKING
PAPERS &
IN PROGRESS

- [8] Werner Krause and Denis Cohen. n.d. “Electoral reactions to the selection of female lead candidates.” *Conference Paper (EPSA 2023)*.
- [7] Denis Cohen. 2023. “Triangular visualizations: Making sense of statistical significance in multi-group comparisons.” *Working Paper*.
- [6] Denis Cohen, Tim Allinger, and Andreas Küpfer. n.d. “The housing crisis on social media: Housing markets and the subnational diversification of policy supply.” *Conference Paper (EPSA 2022)*.
- [5] Andreas Küpfer and Denis Cohen. n.d. “Estimating legislator-level issue salience and issue positions from political text.” *Conference Paper (EPSA 2022)*.
- [4] Denis Cohen and Sergi Pardos-Prado. n.d. “Regional labor markets, residential mobility, and anti-immigration attitudes.” *Working Paper*.

- [3] Denis Cohen and Daniel Bischof. n.d. “How Perception of Support Drives Vote Switching to Challenger Parties.” *Conference Paper (EPSA 2021)*.
- [2] Denis Cohen and Jochen Rehmert. n.d. “Public Support for Gender Equality and the Nomination of Female Candidates: Evidence from the UK, 1992-2017.” *Conference Paper (ECPR 2020)*..
- [1] Denis Cohen. n.d. “Economic Risk, Anti-Immigration Preferences, and Voting for the Radical Right.” *Conference Paper (Dreiländertagung 2019)*.

IN PREPARATION [2] Denis Cohen and Andreas Küpfer. n.d. “Emphasis-based subnational policy diversification: How MPs toe the line between party unity and territorial representation.” *Manuscript in preparation*.

- [1] Paul C. Bauer and Denis Cohen. n.d. *Applied Causal Inference (with R)*. Chapman & Hall/CRC. Under contract. Textbook in preparation.

WEB PUBLICATIONS [9] Denis Cohen, Marcel Neunhoeffer, and Oliver Rittmann. 2021. “Learning, Teaching, and Social Interactions in Times of the COVID-19 Pandemic – Adapting a First-Semester MA/PhD Course to the Online Semester.” In *DVPW Blog*. Blog post.

- [8] Stefan Jünger and Denis Cohen. 2021. “Using Geospatial Data in R.” In *Methods Bites. Blog of the MZES Social Science Data Lab*. Blog post.

- [7] Denis Cohen and Nick Baumann. 2021. “regplane3D: Plotting Regression Predictions in 3D.” In *Methods Bites. Blog of the MZES Social Science Data Lab*. Blog post.

- [6] Denis Cohen, Marcel Neunhoeffer, and Oliver Rittmann. 2021. “Teaching Quantitative Social Science in Times of COVID-19: How to Generate and Distribute Individualized Exams with R and RMarkdown.” In *Methods Bites. Blog of the MZES Social Science Data Lab*. Blog post.

- [5] Denis Cohen, Cosima Meyer, Marcel Neunhoeffer, and Oliver Rittmann. 2020. “Efficient Data Management in R.” In *Methods Bites. Blog of the MZES Social Science Data Lab*. Blog post.

- [4] Denis Cohen. 2020. “Applied Bayesian Statistics Using Stan and R.” In *Methods Bites. Blog of the MZES Social Science Data Lab*. Blog post.

- [3] Denis Cohen, Nick Baumann, and Simon Munzert. 2019. “Studying Politics on and with Wikipedia.” In *Methods Bites. Blog of the MZES Social Science Data Lab*. Blog post.

- [2] Denis Cohen and Simon Kühne. 2019. “Collecting and Analyzing Twitter Data Using R.” In *Methods Bites. Blog of the MZES Social Science Data Lab*. Blog post.

- [1] Julian Bernauer, Denis Cohen, Cosima Meyer, and Nick Baumann. 2019. *Methods Bites. Blog of the MZES Social Science Data Lab*. Web site.

SOFTWARE [4] Denis Cohen and Andreas Küpfer. 2023. *triviz: Triangular visualizations for the significance of pairwise differences from multigroup comparisons*. R package version 0.1.0. URL: <https://github.com/denis-cohen/triviz>.

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- [1] Paul C. Bauer and Denis Cohen. 2020. *flexbib: Flexibly Generate Multiple Bibliographies in RMarkdown*. R package in development. URL: https://github.com/paulcbauer/flex_bib.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS	MZES grant for the organization of a local conference “The Political and Societal Consequences of Status Volatility” (with Jennifer Shore), 10,000€. Workshop postponed due to COVID-19.	2020
	Doctoral fellowship, Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences.	10/2014 - 09/2017
	Travel grant, ECPR General Conference 2017 in Oslo, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).	09/2017
	Research grant, 5,000€, EUROFORT Princeton-Humboldt Strategic Research Partnership, Cluster 2 (Immigration).	10/2015 - 01/2016
	Travel grant, Princeton Annual Workshop on European Integration, EUROFORT Princeton-Humboldt Strategic Research Partnership	05/2015
	Student fellowship, Heinrich Böll Foundation	10/2010 - 09/2014
	Student fellowship, German National Academic Foundation	10/2010 - 09/2014
AWARDS	PolMeth Europe <i>Emerging Scholar Award for Contributions to Political Methodology</i>	2022
TEACHING	<i>Introduction to Bayesian Statistics</i> .	11/2022
	Workshop (12 hours) for GESIS Training . Audience: PhD Students, Postdocs, and Professors from various disciplines.	
	<i>Power Analysis for Social Science Research</i> . (with Alexander Wenz)	02/2023
	Workshop (2 hours) for members of the MZES . Audience: Research Assistants, PhD Students, Postdocs, and Professors.	
	<i>Advanced Bayesian Statistical Modeling with R and Stan</i> .	11/2022
	Workshop (18 hours) for GESIS Training . Audience: PhD Students, Postdocs, and Professors from various disciplines.	
	<i>Advanced Bayesian Statistical Modeling with R and Stan</i> .	09/2022 - 10/2022
	Workshop series (18 hours) for members of the MZES and CDSS . Audience: PhD Students and Postdocs in Political Science and Sociology.	
	<i>Theory Building and Causal Inference</i> .	09/2021 - 12/2021
	Lecture (2 hrs/week), University of Mannheim . Audience: MA/PhD Political Science.	
	<i>Statistical Modeling with R and Stan</i> .	03/2021
	Workshop (12 hours) for the Research Training Group DYNAMICS . Audience: PhD Students in Political Science and Sociology.	
	<i>Multivariate Analysis</i> .	09/2020 - 12/2020
	Lecture (2 hrs/week.), University of Mannheim . Audience: MA/PhD Political Science, PhD Sociology, MSc Data Science.	
	<i>Efficient Data Management in R</i> . (with Cosima Meyer, Marcel Neunhoeffer and Oliver Rittmann)	02/2020
	Workshop (90 min), MZES Social Science Data Lab .	

	<i>Multivariate Analysis.</i> Tutorial (2 hrs/week), University of Mannheim . Audience: MA/PhD Political Science, MSc Data Science.	09/2019 - 12/2019
	<i>Introduction to the Potential Outcomes Framework.</i> Workshop (90 min), MZES Social Science Data Lab .	09/2019
	<i>Sociostructural Explanations of Political Behavior.</i> Seminar (2 hrs/week), University of Mannheim . Audience: Advanced BA students.	02/2019 - 05/2019
	<i>Applied Bayesian Statistics Using Stan and R.</i> Workshop (90 min), MZES Social Science Data Lab .	04/2019
	<i>Introduction to R.</i> (with Julian Bernauer) Workshop (90 min), MZES Social Science Data Lab .	12/2018
	<i>Explaining Political Preferences – Theory, Empirics & Applications.</i> Specialization module (4 hrs/week), HU Berlin . Audience: Advanced BA students.	04/2018 - 09/2018
	<i>Explaining Electoral Support for Far Right Parties.</i> Seminar (2 hrs/week), HU Berlin . Audience: BA students.	10/2017 - 03/2018
	<i>Grundkurs Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft und Internationale Beziehungen.</i> Seminar (2 hrs/week), HU Berlin . Audience: BA students.	10/2017 - 03/2018
INVITED TALKS	<i>Regional labor markets, residential mobility, and anti-immigration attitudes</i> The Connected Politics Lab , University College Dublin .	11/2023
	<i>The housing crisis on social media: Housing markets and the subnational diversification of policy supply.</i> European University Institute .	10/2022
	<i>When (not) to trust the overlap in confidence intervals.</i> Exeter Q-Step/NCRM Summer Research Methods Seminar Series, Q-Step Programme, University of Exeter .	05/2021
	<i>The Political Economy of Rental Housing.</i> Departmental Seminar Series, Department of Political Science , Hebrew University of Jerusalem .	04/2021
	<i>Getting the most out of comparative vote-switching data: A new framework for studying dynamic multiparty competition.</i> LSE Political Behaviour Seminar Series, London School of Economics and Political Science .	11/2020
CONFERENCE PARTICIPATIONS	Conference “The Rural-Urban Divide in Europe”, Frankfurt, Germany. ^P	11/2023
	Dreiländertagung DVPW/SVPW/ÖGPW, Linz, Austria. ^P	09/2023
	EPSA Annual Conference, Glasgow, United Kingdom. ^P	06/2023
	Jahrestagung SekMethoden, Göttingen, Germany. ^{P,d}	05/2023
	EPSA Annual Conference, Prague, Czech Republic. ^P	06/2022
	PolMeth Europe, Hamburg, Germany. ^P	06/2022
	Jahrestagung SekMethoden, Hamburg, Germany. ^P	06/2022
	Jahrestagung AK Wahlen, Berlin, Germany. ^P	05/2022

EPSA Virtual Conference. ^{p,d}	06/2021
PolMeth Europe Virtual Conference. ^p	03/2021
Virtual Workshop <i>Social Status and the Transformation of Electoral Behavior in Western Europe</i> , University of Zurich, Switzerland. ^p	10/2020
ECPR Virtual Conference. ^p	08/2020
Workshop <i>Recent Developments of Spatial Models of Party Competition</i> , Mannheim, Germany. ^p	07/2019
EPSA Annual Conference, Belfast, UK. ^{p,d}	06/2019
Jahrestagung AK Wahlen, Mannheim, Germany. ^p	05/2019
Dreiländertagung DVPW/SVPW/ÖGPW, Zurich, Switzerland. ^p	02/2019
EPSA Annual Conference, Vienna, Austria. ^{p,d}	06/2018
Workshop <i>Political Economy in the Computational Age</i> , Berlin, Germany. ^p	06/2018
Graduate Network Conference, Berlin, Germany. ^{p,d}	03/2018
ECPR General Conference, Oslo, Norway. ^{p,d,c}	09/2017
EPSA Annual Conference, Milan, Italy. ^{p,d,c}	06/2017
EPSA Annual Conference, Brussels, Belgium. ^{p,d,c}	06/2016
MPSA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, United States. ^{p,d}	04/2016
Graduate Network Conference, Florence, Italy. ^{p,d}	03/2015
ECPR Graduate Student Conference, Innsbruck, Austria. ^p	07/2014

^p Presenter, ^d Discussant, ^c Panel Chair

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 British Journal of Political Science
 Comparative European Politics
 Comparative Political Studies
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 Electoral Studies
 European Journal of Political Research
 European Union Politics
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 Journal of European Public Policy
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 Research and Politics
 Party Politics
 PLOS One
 Political Behavior
 Political Research Exchange
 Political Science Research and Methods
 Politische Vierteljahresschrift
 Swiss Political Science Review
 West European Politics

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Research Covered in the Media

- [4] *Un análisis de 40 años de elecciones en 12 países demuestra que imitar a los ultras no los desactiva.* [ES]. infoLibre. September 10, 2022.

- [3] *Am rechten Rand um Wählergunst buhlen? Warum das bürgerlichen Parteien schadet* [DE]. Luzerner Zeitung. April 21, 2022.
- [2] *Studie: Übernahme rechter Themen stärkt radikale Parteien* [DE]. Zeit Online. April 21, 2022.
- [1] *Studie: Anpassung gemäßigter Parteien an rechte Themen nützt eher radikalen Parteien* [DE]. SWR Aktuell. April 21, 2022.

Commentary

- [2] *Rechts nur noch die Wand? Strategische Annäherung der Unionsparteien an die AfD* [DE] (with Werner Krause and Tarik Abou-Chadi). Verfassungsblog.
- [1] *Copying the far right doesn't help mainstream parties. But it can boost the far right* [EN] (with Werner Krause and Tarik Abou-Chadi). The Guardian.
 - Spanish translation: *Copiar a la extrema derecha no ayuda a los partidos tradicionales y puede potenciarla* [ES]. elDiario.es.

Newspaper interviews & Coverage based on interviews

- [7] *„Protipožární zed“ proti AfD se drolí. Krajní pravice v Německu nebývale posiluje* [CZ]. Voxpot, August 9, 2023.
- [6] *Why Germany's far right sees local election victory as the first of many*. Financial Times [EN], June 27, 2023.
- [5] *Druhá nejpoblárnější strana v Německu. Krajně pravicová AfD předstihla sociální demokraty kancléře Scholze* [CZ]. Deník N, June 15, 2023.
- [4] *Erfolg der AfD: Rauf und runter* [DE]. Zeit Online, June 15, 2023.
- [3] *Wie Union und FDP der AfD helfen* [DE]. Der Spiegel 21/2023.
 - English translation: *Normalization on the Extreme Right: Alternative for Germany Party Gains Ground Ahead of Elections* [EN]. Spiegel Online, May 23, 2023.
- [2] *Studie zu Wahlerfolgen rechter Parteien: Annäherung stärkt die Rechten* [DE]. taz Online. April 25, 2022.
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Radio interviews

- [2] *Stimmenfang am rechten Rand lohnt sich nicht* [DE]. Deutschlandfunk Kultur. April 21, 2022.
- [1] *Gemäßigte Parteien: Radikale Positionen stärken radikale Parteien* [DE]. Update Podcast, Deutschlandfunk Nova. April 21, 2022.

TV interviews

- [1] *Werden radikale Parteien durch die Übernahme ihrer Themen gestärkt? Politikwissenschaftler Denis Cohen im Gespräch* [DE]. RNFLife. May 17, 2022.

Presentations for and discussion with parties and civil society

- [1] *Die elektorale Anziehungskraft der radikalen Rechten: Erklärungen unter Berücksichtigung von Angebots- und Nachfragefaktoren.* AK Demokratie und Recht, Bündnis '90/Die Grünen, Kreisverband Karlsruhe.

MZES Social Science Data Lab & Methods Bites

- *Event series:* > 70 events since 2016 – with live streams and advertisements on social media since 09/2019 – open to all interested individuals
- *Blog:* > 20 extensive tutorials/instructionals since 2019, with broad readership, with reposts on Medium and Rbloggers
- *Social media:* > 1,300 followers on Twitter, > 350 subscribers and > 10,000 views on YouTube

OTHER SERVICE	Member of selection committees for student and doctoral scholarships, Heinrich-Böll-Foundation	08/2023-
	Co-speaker, Section “Methods of Political Science” (<i>SekMethoden</i>), German Political Science Association (DVPW)	06/2023-
	MZES Deputy Equal Opportunities Representative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in selection procedures for postdoc fellowships • Lobbied for contract extensions for parents among the academic staff during the COVID-19 pandemic • Co-initiated and co-organized an employee survey on workplace satisfaction and experiences of discrimination in the workplace 	09/2019-
MEMBERSHIPS	European Political Science Association (EPSA) Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft (DVPW)	
SKILLS	Languages: German (native), English (full professional proficiency), French (moderate), Spanish (moderate) Software: R, Markdown, Stan, BUGS/JAGS, Stata, Python, Unix, HTML/CSS, Office, L ^A T _E X	