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INFORMATION

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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 $\,$ $\,$ 10/2014 - 08/2018 Sciences (BGSS).

- Thesis Title: When Supply Meets Demand: Context-Dependent Mechanisms of Radical Right Voting.
- 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, 09/2015 - 05/2016 Department of Politics. Faculty Sponsor: Prof. Kosuke Imai.

University of Essex, Colchester, Essex, United Kingdom

M.Sc. Political Economy

10/2013 - 09/2014

- Thesis Title: Reproachful or Indifferent? Changes in Incumbent Party Support after the 2007 German Pension Reform.
- 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

- Thesis Title: Radical Right Party Voting in Western Europe. Examining interactions between individual-level and party-level characteristics.
- 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 08/2011 - 05/2012 Department of Political Science.

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Humboldt University of Berlin, Berlin, Germany

Research Associate, Chair for the Comparative Analysis of 10/2017 - 08/2018 Political Systems, Department of Social Sciences, HU Berlin

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PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

[7] Denis Cohen, Werner Krause, and Tarik Abou-Chadi. 2023. "Comparative vote switching: A new framework for studying dynamic multiparty competition." Conditionally accepted at *Journal of Politics*.

- [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. 2022. "Concluding Remarks on the GLES Open Science Challenge 2021." Politische Vierteljahresschrift. First View Online.
- [4] Denis Cohen. 2022. "Preferences for rent control: Between political geography and political economy." *Politische Vierteljahresschrift*. First View Online.
- [3] Werner Krause, Denis Cohen, and Tarik Abou-Chadi. 2023. "Does Accommodation Work? Mainstream Party Strategies and the Success of Radical Right Parties." *Political Science Research and Methods* 11 (1): 172–179.
- [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.

Under Review

[1] Denis Cohen, Heike Klüver, Hanna Bäck, and Svenja Krauss. 2023. "Collective bargaining in coalitions."

Working Papers & In Progress

- [8] Tarik Abou-Chadi, Denis Cohen, and Thomas Kurer. n.d. "Rental market risk and voting for the radical right." Working Paper.
- [7] Denis Cohen. n.d. "Triangular visualizations: Making sense of statistical significance in multi-group comparisons." Conference Paper (SekMethoden 2023).
- [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 and Anti-Immigration Attitudes." Conference Paper (EPSA 2021).

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- [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

- [3] Denis Cohen and Werner Krause. n.d. "Electoral realignment in response to the selection of female lead candidates." Conference Paper (in preparation for EPSA 2023).
- [2] Denis Cohen and Andreas Küpfer. n.d. "Emphasis-based subnational policy diversification: How MPs to 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.
- [3] Denis Cohen. 2023. voteswitchR: Data and Methods for Analyzing Comparative Vote Switching Data. R package version 0.1.0. URL: https://github.com/denis-cohen/voteswitchR.

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[2] Denis Cohen. 2021. regplane 3D: Plotting Regression Predictions in 3D. R package version 0.1.0. URL: https://github.com/denis-cohen/regplane 3D.

[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 2020 and Societal Consequences of Status Volatility" (with Jennifer Shore), 10,000€. Workshop postponed due to COVID-19. Doctoral fellowship, Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences. 10/2014 - 09/2017Travel grant, ECPR General Conference 2017 in Oslo, German 09/2017 Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). Research grant, 5,000€, EUROFORT Princeton-Humboldt Strategic 10/2015 - 01/2016 Research Partnership, Cluster 2 (Immigration). Travel grant, Princeton Annual Workshop on European Integration, 05/2015EUROFORT Princeton-Humboldt Strategic Research Partnership 10/2010 - 09/2014 Student fellowship, Heinrich Böll Foundation Student fellowship, German National Academic Foundation 10/2010 - 09/2014

AWARDS

PolMeth Europe Emerging Scholar Award for Contributions to Political Methodology

2022

02/2023

Teaching

Power Analysis for Social Science Research. (with Alexander Wenz) Workshop (2 hours) for members of the MZES. Audience: Research Assistants, PhD Students, Postdocs, and Professors

Advanced Bayesian Statistical Modeling with R and Stan. Workshop (18 hours) for GESIS Training. Audience: PhD Students, Postdocs, and Professors from various disciplines.

11/2022

Advanced Bayesian Statistical Modeling with R and Stan. Workshop series (18 hours) for members of the MZES and CDSS. Audience: PhD Students and Postdocs in Political Science and Sociology.

09/2022 - 10/2022

Theory Building and Causal Inference.

09/2021 - 12/2021

Lecture (2 hrs/week), University of Mannheim. Audience: MA/PhD Political Science.

Statistical Modeling with R and Stan.

03/2021

02/2020

Workshop (12 hours) for the Research Training Group DYNAMICS. Audience: PhD Students in Political Science and Sociology.

Multivariate Analysis.

09/2020 - 12/2020

Lecture (2 hrs/week.), University of Mannheim. Audience: MA/PhD Political Science, PhD Sociology, MSc Data Science.

Efficient Data Management in R. (with Cosima Meyer, Marcel Neunhoeffer and Oliver Rittmann)

Workshop (90 min), MZES Social Science Data Lab.

Multivariate Analysis.

09/2019 - 12/2019

Tutorial (2 hrs/week), University of Mannheim. Audience: MA/PhD

Political Science, MSc Data Science.

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	Introduction to the Potential Outcomes Framework. Workshop (90 min), MZES Social Science Data Lab.	09/2019
	Sociostructural Explanations of Political Behavior. Seminar (2 hrs/week), University of Mannheim. Audience: Advanced BA students.	02/2019 - 05/2019
	Applied Bayesian Statistics Using Stan and R . Workshop (90 min), MZES Social Science Data Lab.	04/2019
	Introduction to R . (with Julian Bernauer) Workshop (90 min), MZES Social Science Data Lab.	12/2018
	Explaining Political Preferences – Theory, Empirics & Applications. Specialization module (4 hrs/week), HU Berlin. Audience: Advanced BA students.	04/2018 - 09/2018
	Explaining Electoral Support for Far Right Parties. Seminar (2 hrs/week), HU Berlin. Audience: BA students.	10/2017 - 03/2018
	Grundkurs Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft und Internationale Beziehungen. Seminar (2 hrs/week), HU Berlin. Audience: BA students.	10/2017 - 03/2018
Invited Talks	The housing crisis on social media: Housing markets and the subnational diversification of policy supply. European University Institute.	10/2022
	When (not) to trust the overlap in confidence intervals. Exeter Q-Step/NCRM Summer Research Methods Seminar Series, Q-Step Programme, University of Exeter.	05/2021
	The Political Economy of Rental Housing. Departmental Seminar Series, Department of Political Science, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.	04/2021
	Getting the most out of comparative vote-switching data: A new framework for studying dynamic multiparty competition. LSE Political Behaviour Seminar Series, London School of Economics and Political Science.	11/2020
Conference Participations	Dreiländertagung DVPW/SVPW/ÖGPW, Linz, Austria. ^p	09/2023
	EPSA Annual Conference, Glasgow, United Kingdom. ^p	06/2023
	Jahrestagung SekMethoden, Göttingen, Germany. ^p	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 Social Status and the Transformation of Electoral Behavior in Western Europe, University of Zurich, Switzerland.	10/2020
	ECPR Virtual Conference. ^p	08/2020

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Workshop Recent Developments of Spatial Models of Party Competition, 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 Political Economy in the Computational Age, 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	

Reviewer

American Political Science Review

British Journal of Political Science

Comparative European Politics

Comparative Politics

Electoral Studies

European Journal of Political Research

European Union Politics

Government & Opposition

Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties

Journal of European Public Policy

Journal of Politics

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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DISSEMINATION Media Coverage

[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

- [2] Studie zu Wahlerfolgen rechter Parteien: Annäherung stärkt die Rechten [DE]. taz Online. April 25, 2022.
- [1] Candidatura de Olaf Scholz a chanceler: o SPD tenta a sua versão de Merkel [PT]. Público. August 15, 2020.

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.

MZES Social Science Data Lab & Methods Bites

- Event series: > 65 events since 2016 with livestream 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
- $Social\ media: > 1,300\ followers\ on\ Twitter, > 250\ subscribers\ and > 10,000\ views\ on\ YouTube$

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OTHER SERVICE MZES Deputy Equal Opportunities Representative

2019-

- 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

MEMBERSHIPS European Political Science Association (EPSA)

Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft (DVPW)

Skills Languages: German (native), English (full professional proficiency), French (moderate),

Spanish (moderate)

 $Software: \ R, \ Markdown, \ Stan, \ BUGS/JAGS, \ Stata, \ Python, \ Unix, \ HTML/CSS, \ Office,$

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