

Dr. Elena Leuschner

Academic Positions

since 02/2025	PostDoc , University of Münster, at the Chair of Comparative Politics of Daniel Bischof
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Education

09/2020 - 01/2025	PhD , University of Gothenburg, Department of Political Science Thesis: “The Causes and Consequences of Government Concessions to Protest”, supervisors Carl Dahlström and Johannes Lindvall
10/2018 - 06/2020	MA , International Administration and Conflict Management with methods specialization, University of Konstanz (1,1) Thesis: “Breaking the Wave? The Impact of Government Concessions on Protest Mobilisation” (1,0), supervisor Sebastian Hellmeier
09/2019 - 06/2020	MSc , International Administration and Global Governance, University of Gothenburg (with Distinction)
10/2014 - 09/2018	BA , Politics and Public Administration, University of Konstanz

Fellowships and visits

01/2024 - 04/2024	Visiting researcher , Oxford University, Department of Political Science and International Relations
05/2022	Visiting researcher , WZB Berlin Social Science Center Professor Daniel Ziblatt, Transformation of Democracy Unit
03/2022 - 09/2024	Research assistant , University of Gothenburg, Professor Carl Dahlström and Dr. Mikael Holmgren, Text analysis for “Setting the Agenda in the Swedish Riksdag: Partisan Politics and Commissions of Inquiry, 1971-2021”.
09/2019 - 09/2022	Research fellow , University of Konstanz, Professor Steffen Eckhard, Research group ‘Public Administration and Organization Theory’

List of publications

Peer-reviewed papers

- 2024 Simon Gren and **Elena Leuschner**. 2024. “Outcome Isn’t Everything: Electoral Consequences of Implementing or Withdrawing Unpopular Policies.” *Political Behavior* 46: 2677–2697. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11109-024-09936-8>.
- 2024 **Leuschner, Elena**, and Sebastian Hellmeier. 2024. “State Concessions and Protest Mobilization in Authoritarian Regimes.” *Comparative Political Studies* 57(1): 3–31. <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/00104140231169022>.
- 2024 Eckhard, Steffen, Vytautas Jankauskas, and **Elena Leuschner**. 2023. “Institutional Design and Biases in Evaluation Reports by International Organizations.” *Public Administration Review*: 1–14. <https://doi.org/10.1111/puar.13705>.
- 2023 Eckhard, Steffen, Vytautas Jankauskas, **Elena Leuschner**, Ian Burton, Tilman Kerl, Rita Sevastjanova. 2023. “The Performance of International Organizations: A New Measure and Dataset Based on Computational Text Analysis of Evaluation Reports.” *The Review of International Organizations*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11558-023-09489-1>.

Book chapters

- 2024 Sebastian Hellmeier, **Elena Leuschner**. 2024 “Elections and autocratization.” Aurel Croissant, Luca Tomini (Eds). *The Routledge Handbook of Autocratization*. Routledge. 166-180.

Other

- 2025 **Elena Leuschner**. 2025 “The Causes and Consequences of Government Concessions to Protests. <https://gupea.ub.gu.se/handle/2077/84117>.

Papers in progress

- How do Protests Affect Perceptions of Public Opinion?, with Jesper Lindqvist, Jennifer Oser, Anders Sundell
- Are Politicians’ Perceptions of Public Opinion Biased Towards the Opinions of the Politically Active?, with Jesper Lindqvist, Jennifer Oser, Anders Sundell
- Asymmetric Responsiveness: The Effects of Protesters’ Demographics and Policy Preferences on the Political Agenda (available as working paper).

Peaceful, Large, and Actionable — Experimental Evidence from Belgium on Local Politicians' Responsive Reactions to Protests (*under review*, available as working paper).

The Emotional Dynamics of Protest, with Luca Versteegen (*under review*, available as working paper).

The Implementation of the World Food Program's Peacebuilding Policy – An Analysis based on Country-level Reports, with Steffen Eckhard and Jan Kemper (available as working paper).

Policy paper

2023

Steets, Julia; Claudia Meier; Alexander Gaus; Sarah Bressan; Inji El Bakry; Steffen Eckhart; Jan Kemper; **Elena Leuschner** (external evaluation team). Evaluation of the Policy on WFP's Role in Peacebuilding in Transition Settings. Centralized evaluation report. <https://docs.wfp.org/api/documents/WFP-0000146160/download/>.

Conferences and invited talks

2025

Presenter: GEPOP Internal Conference (Gothenburg), EPSA (Madrid)

2024

Presenter: Work in Progress Seminar Series (Oxford University), ISA (San Francisco), EPSA (Cologne), APSA (Philadelphia)

2023

Presenter: EPSA (Glasgow), APSA (Los Angeles, declined), Comparative Institutions and Regimes Seminar Series (Oslo University), Comparative Politics Seminar Series (Lund University), General Research Seminar Series (Gothenburg University)

2022

Presenter: APSA (Montreal), ISA (Nashville, online), Public Administration and Public Policy (Gothenburg University), Quality of Government conference (Gothenburg University), Research Group on Elections, Public Opinion and Political Behavior (Gothenburg University)

2021

Presenter: International Public Administrations Workshop (LMU Munich), ECPR General Conference (online), Conflict Dynamics Workshop (Oxford, online), German Association of Peace and Conflict Studies (AFK) (Frankfurt, online)

2020

Presenter: ECPR General Conference, (presenter, online)

Teaching

2025	Lecturer: Voices of Change? The Political Effects of Protests (MA), University of Münster
2025	Lecturer: Introduction to R for Political Scientists (BA), University of Münster
2022-2024	Lecturer: Introduction to Applied Research Design and Quantitative Research Methods for Social Scientist (MA), University of Gothenburg
2022-2024	Lecturer: The Swedish Welfare State (BA), University of Gothenburg
2021-2024	Teaching assistant on Academic Writing (MA), University of Gothenburg
2021-2024	Supervising Bachelor theses (5 of which 3 with distinction), University of Gothenburg

Awards and grants

2021	Best paper award, by the Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis for “ <i>Learning or contestation: Analyzing political biases in international organization evaluation reports</i> ”
2023	Royal Society of Arts and Sciences in Gothenburg: (75,000 SEK)
2023	Helge Ax:son (70,000 SEK)
2023	Siamon (11,840 SEK)
2023	W& M Lundgren (75,000 SEK)
2023	Donationsnämndens stipendier (15,000 SEK)
2023	Swedish National Election Studies (26,550 SEK)
2023	Lars Hiertas Minne Stiftelsen (30,000 SEK)
2022	Adlerbertska Stiftelsen (20,000 SEK)
2022	APSA travel grant (200 USD)
2021	Adlerbertska Stiftelsen (30,000 SEK)
2020	German Academic Exchange Service DAAD (8,600 EUR)

Special knowledge

Languages	German: native speaker; English: proficient user; French: independent user
Software	R, L ^A T _E X, Python, Stata

References

Carl Dahlström	Professor, University of Gothenburg carl.dahlstrom(at)pol.gu.se
Johannes Lindvall	Professor, University of Gothenburg johannes.lindvall(at)gu.se
Daniel Bischof	Professor, University of Münster dan.bischof(at)uni-muenster.de

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