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EDUCATION

Research Training Group DYNAMICS	since Sep 2024
Doctoral Candidate	<i>Berlin, Germany</i>
• Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Simon Munzert & Prof. Dr. Heike Klüver	
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin	Apr 2022 - Aug 2024
Social Sciences (M.A.), <i>GPA: 1.0 (Thesis: 1.0)</i>	<i>Berlin, Germany</i>
King's College London	Sep 2023 - Jan 2024
Studies Abroad (European Studies, M.A.)	<i>London, United Kingdom</i>
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin	Oct 2018 - Sep 2022
Social Sciences (B.A.), <i>GPA: 1.6 (Thesis: 1.0)</i>	<i>Berlin, Germany</i>

ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

Hertie School (Prof. Dr. Simon Munzert)	since Sep 2024
Research Associate at the Chair of <i>Data Science and Public Policy</i>	<i>Berlin, Germany</i>
• Research on attitudinal & behavioural consequences of election polling among political elites & voters.	
• Associated with the DFG-funded Research Project "Election Forecasts for the German Federal Election 2025" in cooperation with Prof. Dr. Thomas Gschwend and Prof. Dr. Lukas Stötzer.	
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (Prof. Dr. Heike Klüver)	May 2023 - Aug 2024
Student Research Assistant at the Chair of <i>Comparative Political Behavior</i>	<i>Berlin, Germany</i>
University of Greifswald (Prof. Dr. Jochen Müller)	Nov 2022 - Jun 2024
Student Research Assistant at the Chair of <i>Political Sociology & Methods</i>	<i>Greifswald, Germany</i>
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (Prof. Dr. Jochen Müller/Prof. Dr. Andreas Schäfer)	May 2021 - May 2023
Student Research Assistant at the Chair of <i>German Politics</i>	<i>Berlin, Germany</i>
Alexander von Humboldt-Institute for Internet & Society (Dr. Benedikt Fecher)	Oct 2019 - May 2021
Student Research Assistant at the Research Unit <i>Knowledge & Society</i>	<i>Berlin, Germany</i>

FURTHER TRAINING

ECPR Summer School on Parliaments	18 - 29 Aug 2024
Lectures by, i.a., S.-O. Proksch, H. Pedersen, M. Wagner, J. Fortin-Rittberger, T. Louwerse	<i>Frankfurt, Germany</i>
Circle U. Summer School: Evidence & Democracy (University of Oslo)	06 - 10 Aug 2023
Lectures by, i.a., T. Bach, E. Boasson, E. Engebretsen	<i>Oslo, Norway</i>
Research Training Group DYNAMICS Workshop	10 - 11 Jun 2022
Programming Methods for Data Retrieval and Management (C. Gandrud)	<i>Berlin, Germany</i>

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Internship at the Institute for Parliamentary Research (Dr. Benjamin Höhne)	Aug - Sep 2021
Internship at the Heinrich-Böll Foundation (Dr. Sebastian Bukow, Policy & Party Research)	Feb - Apr 2020
Internship at the German Association for eMobility (BEM)	Jul - Sep 2018
Parliamentary Assistant at the German Bundestag	Sep 2018 - Jun 2019
Internship at the German Bundestag	Jan - Jun 2018

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Koch, Elias (2025). *Opposition parties seek more conflict with the government when losing electoral support.* West European Politics (forthcoming). DOI: 10.1080/01402382.2025.2524944

Koch, Elias & Andreas Küpfer (2025). *The Politics of Seeking and Avoiding Discourse in Parliament.* European Journal of Political Research (EJPR). *Early View.* DOI: 10.1111/1475-6765.70013.

→ Featured on the LSE European Public Policy Blog (EUROPP)

Erfort, Cornelius, Lukas F. Stoetzer, Thomas Gschwend, Hannah Rajski, Simon Munzert & **Elias Koch** (2025). *An election forecasting model for subnational elections.* Electoral Studies. *Early View.* DOI: 10.1016/j.electstud.2025.102939.

Erfort, Cornelius, Lukas F. Stoetzer, Thomas Gschwend, **Elias Koch**, Simon Munzert & Hannah Rajski (2025). *The Zweitstimme Forecast for the German Federal Election 2025: Coalition Majorities and Vacant Districts.* PS: Politics and Political Science (PS). *Early View.* DOI: 10.1017/S1049096525000150.

Koch, Elias, Daniel Kuhlen, Jochen Müller & Christian Stecker (2024). *StatePol — A Database on the Members of Governments and Parliaments in the 16 German States.* German Political Science Quarterly (PVS). 65, p 759–783. DOI: 10.1007/s11615-024-00528-z.

Other Publications

Höhne, Benjamin & **Elias Koch** (2023). *Wie weiter mit der Parteiorganisation nach Merkel? Eine Analyse der Debatten auf Regionalkonferenzen zum neuen Parteivorsitz.* Zeitschrift für Parteiwissenschaften. 29(3) DOI: 10.24338/mip-2023313-342.

Bukow, Sebastian & **Elias Koch** (2021). *Erfolgreiches Scheitern: Bündnis 90/Die Grünen und die Bundestagswahl 2017.* In Ursula Münch, Heinrich Oberreuter & Jörg Siegmund (Eds.), *Komplexe Farbenlehre: Perspektiven des deutschen Parteiensystems im Kontext der Bundestagswahl 2017* (S. 227–249). Campus. [Link]

Blog Posts

Koch, Elias & Andreas Küpfer (2025). *When do politicians engage in discourse – and when do they avoid it?* LSE European Public Policy Blog (EUROPP)

WORK IN PROGRESS

- *The Temporal Dimension of Parliamentary Issue Competition (Under Review; with Christoph Ivanusch)*
- *When Preferences Shape Perception: Experimental Evidence on Motivated Reasoning in Election Poll Consumption*
- *How should we communicate pre-election polls? Evidence from a large-scale survey experiment in Germany (with Simon Munzert, Linus Hagemann, Cornelius Erfort, Thomas Gschwend, Hannah Rajski & Lukas F. Stoetzer)*

CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

Conferences

European Political Science Association (EPSA)	2025
German Political Science Association (DVPW)	
• Standing Group on <i>Elections & Public Opinion</i>	2025
• Standing Group on <i>Comparative Legislative Studies</i>	2023
• Standing Group on <i>Governance in the Federal Republic of Germany</i>	2023
• Standing Group on <i>Analytical Political Theory</i>	2024, 2025
International Association for the Study of German Politics (IASGP)	2023, 2024, 2025

Workshops

Mannheim Opposition Workshop (hosted by Or Tuttnauer)	(scheduled 2026)
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SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

Humboldt-Universität Berlin, Department of Social Science: Event Participation Grant	2024
German Academic Scholarship Foundation (Studienstiftung des dt. Volkes): Study Grant	2023-2024
German Academic Scholarship Foundation (Studienstiftung des dt. Volkes): Grant for studies in the UK	2023
DAAD PROMOS Scholarship UK (declined)	2023

INVITED TALKS

2025	Mannheim Centre for European Social Research, Technical University of Darmstadt
2024	University of Potsdam, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
2023	University of Greifswald

SERVICES TO THE PROFESSION

Referee Activities	The Journal of Politics (JoP) Swiss Political Science Review (SPSR)
Hosted Events	Zweitstimme Workshop on Elections, Public Opinion & Elite Behaviour (2025)
Selection Committees	German Academic Scholarship Foundation (Studienstiftung des dt. Volkes; 2025) Hertie School DocGov PhD Program (2025)

SKILLS

Software	RStudio, Stata, LaTeX, MaxQDA, currently learning Python
Methods	Regression Analysis, Causal Inference, Data Visualisation, Quantitative Text Analysis, Geospatial Data Analysis, Webscraping
Languages	German & Swedish (Mother Tongues), English (C1), French (basic understanding)

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