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Academic Positions

08/2021 – now

Postdoctoral Researcher, Transformations of Democracy Unit, WZB Berlin Social Science Center

10/2018 – 08/2021

Doctoral Researcher, DFG-Project 'Coalitionpolicy', Chair of Comparative Political Behavior, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Visiting Positions

04/2024 – 06/2024

Visiting Scholar, Nuffield College, Oxford University
Faculty Sponsor: Tarik Abou-Chadi

09/2022 – 12/2022

Visiting Scholar, Center for European Studies, Harvard University
Faculty Sponsor: Daniel Ziblatt

02/2021 – 05/2021

Visiting Doctoral Researcher, Department of Political Sciences, European University Institute
Faculty Sponsor: Elias Dinas

Education

10/2018 – 03/2022

Doctorate in Political Science at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
Dissertation Title: *Party Polarization and Political Representation in Contemporary Democracies*
Committee: Heike Klüver (supervisor), Mark Kayser, Daniel Ziblatt, Anselm Hager, Jochen Müller
Graduate of the "DYNAMICS"-Program at Humboldt University and Hertie School

04/2016 – 09/2018

Master of Arts in Political Science, University of Potsdam

08/2017 – 12/2017

Visiting MA Student, Graduate Program of the Department of Political Science, Duke University

10/2012 – 03/2016

Bachelor of Arts in Politics, Administration and Organization, University of Potsdam

09/2014 – 01/2015

Visiting BA Student, Department of Political Science, Bogazici University Istanbul

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Green Party Entry and Conservative Backlash: Evidence from Germany. (2025). With Tom Arend, António Valentim. *British Journal of Political Science*.

Exposure to Political Violence Does Not Reduce Political Involvement Among Women. (2025). With Jeyhun Alizade, Marius Grünewald, Thomas Tichelbäcker. *European Journal of Political Research*.

Local Newspaper Decline and Political Polarization – Evidence from a Multiparty Setting. (2024). With Hanno Hilbig, Sascha Riaz, Philipp Tillmann. *British Journal of Political Science*.

Adopting restriction: how coalition governments respond to radical right parties. (2024). With Heike Klüver. *West European Politics*.

2025 Gordon Smith and Vincent Wright Memorial Prize

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The Mobilizing Effect of Affective and Spatial Polarization. Evidence from Europe. (2024). Comparative Political Studies.

The electoral consequences of policy-making in coalition governments. (2023). With Heike Klüver, Anthea Alberto. Research & Politics.

Do Politicians Discriminate Against Constituents with an Immigration Background? Field Experimental Evidence from Germany. (2022). With Jeyhun Alizade. The Journal of Politics. JOP Blogpost.

Book Chapters

Understanding pledge-making in coalition agreements: Evidence from the COALITIONPOLICY Dataset. With Heike Klüver. In: T. Bräuninger & M. Debus (Eds.), *Handbook on Coalition Politics*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing.

Selected Working Papers

Political Attacks and Electoral Consequences: The Impact of Crimes Against Democratic Representatives.

Who Is the Volk? Rhetorical Cleavages in German Parliamentary Discourse, 1867–1918. With Caterina Chiopris, Daniel Ziblatt.

How Framing Shapes Anti-Far-Right Mobilization. With Jeyhun Alizade.

Teaching

04/2021 – 09/2021 *Political Polarization in Established Democracies.* BA-level Seminar, Humboldt University Berlin. Grade: 1.4 (Scale 1.0–6.0).

04/2020 – 09/2020 *Democratic Responsiveness and Representation: Intro to Institutional and Behavioral Approaches.* BA-level Seminar, Humboldt University Berlin. Grade 1.6 (Scale 1.0–6.0).

09/2019 – 12/2019 *Statistics 1: Descriptives, Inference, and Regression.* TA, MA-level Lab Sessions, Hertie School. Grade: 9.3 (Scale 10.0–1.0).

Grants and Prizes

2025: Winner of the 2025 West European Politics Gordon Smith and Vincent Wright Memorial Prize with Heike Klüver. 500 EUR

2024: WZB Seed Money: Funds to implement the project: "Conservative elites and anti-far-right mobilization" with Jeyhun Alizade. 9'500 EUR

2022: DAAD Postdoc Program Research Grant: Funds to research the role of crime against politicians at Harvard University. 10'932 EUR

Presentations and Invited Talks

2025 EPSA, Workshop "Representation in Divided Democracies" at ETH and UZH Zurich, "Democracy Workshop" at University of Mainz (Invited Talk), APSA

2024 GESIS "Multi-Data Perspectives on Democracy" Workshop, EPSA, Berlin Political Behavior Workshop, DVPW

2023 APSA, Berlin Political Behavior Workshop, MZES Mittelbau Colloquium at University of Mannheim (Invited Talk)

2022 MPSA, EPSA, APSA, CES/Harvard University, "Electoral Violence and Politics" Workshop at University of Amsterdam

2021 MPSA, EPSA, APSA, DVPW, EUI Political Behavior Colloquium, WZB Talks (Invited Talk), Berlin Political Behavior Workshop

2020 APSA, "Political Participation in Polarizing Times" Workshop at Free University Berlin, Berlin Political Behavior Workshop

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2019 EPSA, DVPW Comparative Parliamentarism Section, "Comparative Research on Political Elites" Conference at Hertie School, Berlin Political Behavior Workshop

Service

Reviewer for Journals

American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, European Union Politics, West European Politics, Party Politics

Organizer

Transformations of Democracy (TD) Junior Scholars Workshop Series (with Hanno Hilbig); TD Conceptions of Democracy Conference; Berlin Political Behavior Workshop Series (with Heike Klüver and Mark Kayser); WZB IPI-TD Brown Bag Seminar Series; DVPW 2024 Panel on Political Extremism and Violence (with Jeyhun Alizade)

Skills

Languages

German (Native), English (Fluent, 112/120 TOEFL ibt), French (Basic, B1 DELF-certified)

Technical Skills

R, Python, Stata
– Experimental Design and Implementation
– Causal Inference using Observational Data
– Web Scraping and Automated Data Collection
– Quantitative Text Analysis using NLP- and LLM-based Approaches
LaTeX, HTML, Markdown

References

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