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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

### Daniel Ziblatt

Eaton Professor of Government  
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### Heike Klüver

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### Mark Kayser

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