

## **Scandal selections (Version: June 5, 2023)**

*Note: The deadline to enter your topic was end of May, as announced in the beginning as well as in my reminder from May 30. I have closed the pad now (Mon, June 5th). If you still want to enter a topic, send me an email to [frederik.thieme@hu-berlin.de](mailto:frederik.thieme@hu-berlin.de), including an explanation why you missed the deadline. Best, Frederik*

- Moritz Lohmar - 1992, Germany, Manfred Stolpe
- Leonard Paar - Ibiza scandal, Austria 2019: Video of former vice chancellor and leader of FPÖ Heinz Christian Strache causes governing coalition to collapse.
- Sungkyung Kim - 2016 South Korean political scandal, Impeachment of Park Geun-hye
- Louisa Gieschke- 2020, Germany, Kemmerich elected as Prime Minister of Thuringia
- Antoni Mazek – 2014, Poland, eavesdropping scandal, illegal recordings of conversations between politicians and businessman, lost of elections by the ruling party
- Michelle Marshall - 2023, Germany, Robert Habeck nepotism scandal (Vetternwirtschaft)
- Sofia Balk- Partygate 2021-2022, UK, Boris Johnson and the conservative party's unauthorised social gatherings during the Covid pandemic
- Siyang Liu - 1Malaysia Development Berhad, 2015, Malaysia, financial scandal of prime minister Najib Razak
- Jan David Vogel - Global surveillance, focused on United States; ~2001-2013; mainly George W. Bush and Barack Obama (as presidents and thus supervisors of government agencies' activities), other politicians possible if revealed to be relevant
- Chia Chia Lee - 2022 "Plagiarism Scandal Forces DPP Taoyuan Mayoral Candidate to Withdraw in Taiwan"
- Lin Chih-chien, a candidate from the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) for the mayoral election in Taoyuan, Taiwan, withdrew from the race due to a plagiarism scandal. The controversy revolved around his master's thesis from National Taiwan University (NTU), which was found to have significant similarities with another student's work. As a result, Lin's MA degree was revoked, raising concerns about academic integrity and its implications in the realm of Taiwanese politics.
- Serena D'Elia - Spanish espionage scandal, 2022: PP-leader Pablo Casado spies on Madrid's president Ayuso, then ends up stepping down
- Lara Türrer - 2021, Germany, Cum-Ex Scandal, Olaf Scholz
- Lukas Wustmann - 2022, Germany, Vacationscandal during flood, Anne Spiegel (Green Party) (Ex-familyminister)
- Alex Coghlan - 2018 UK Windrush Scandal - wrongful detainment and deportation of people who arrived in UK from Caribbean countries
- Claudia Jarry - 2018 Cambridge Analytica/Facebook Scandal - political persuasion and data mining in the 2016 Trump election

- Elisa Ruella - 2011, Italy, Silvio Berlusconi prostitution trial and scandal
- Lara Toppel - 1970s UK, Jeremy Thorpe was arrested and tried for allegedly paying a hitman to murder his lover, model Norman Scott
- Ninon Massé - 2017, France, the "Penelopegate" with François Fillon, candidate for the presidential election
- Katerina Lysenko - 2009, US, Rod Blagojevich. High drama over Obama's Senate seat
- Ecem Karakuş - 2021, Turkey, "Where are \$128 billion?" (and yet Erdogan's electoral victory)
- Seray Baysal - 2013, Turkey, The Corruption scandal, "shoebox"
- Maya Mantsova - 2003, UK, Katharine Gun (GCHQ) scandal (also involved Tony Blair), the release of a classified document about the UN's involvement in Iraq to the public.
- Nargiz Miralam - 1985-1987, United States, Iran-Contra Affair, Reagan administration
- Max Junck - 2020/21, Germany Wirecard Scandal and the Cum-Ex Scandal (Olaf Scholz): I would like to look into the interferences that arose from these two overlapping scandals, since even after those Olaf Scholz still made it into office.
- Daria Antiukhova - 2013 Rob Ford Cocaine Scandal, Canada
- Evelyn Schneider - 2017/2018 Alternative for Germany donation scandal, Germany (Alice Weidel)
- Leo Witschurke - 2021, Germany, Armin Laschet laughing in the background of an interview with the Bundespräsident during a flooding crisis in Germany
- Noah Badenhoop - 2023 EU corruption scandal
- Anna Kessler - Ficher scandal Switzerland
- Amélie Poirier - Sponsorships Scandal, Canada, Federal government and Quebec government
- Alessandro Roberto - The "Benalla scandal" in France, 2018, involving French President Emmanuel Macron
- Elisa Maria Lutz - 2021, Australia, Australian Parliament House Sexual Misconduct Allegations
- Gabriella Wong - 2017 Lava Jato case that involves the Brazilian enterprise Odebrecht and many presidents and politicians from Latin American