

# HAUKE LICHT

## Computational Political Scientist

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### Current Position

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#### Post-doctoral Researcher

University of Cologne, Cologne Center for Comparative Politics

01/2022 – present

*Cologne, Germany*

- researcher in Prof. Sven-Oliver Proksch's ERC-funded MINORITYRULE project with focus on work package on political polarization under minority governments
- associated member of the "ECONtribute: Markets & Public Policy" Cluster of Excellence of the universities of Cologne and Bonn

### Education

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#### Doctoral Program Political Science

University of Zurich

05/2018 – 03/2022

*Zurich, Switzerland*

- committee: Tarik Abou-Chadi (supervisor), Jonathan Slapin, and Sven-Oliver Proksch
- thesis title: "Harnessing large, diverse, and multilingual text data in party competition research"
- defended on January 26, 2022, with *summa cum laude*

#### M.A. International Relations

Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt University Berlin, University of Potsdam

10/2014 – 04/2018

*Berlin, Germany*

#### Visiting student, Graduate Studies in Political Science

Duke University

08/2015 – 05/2016

*Durham, NC, USA*

#### B.A. Social Sciences

Humboldt University Berlin

09/2011 – 09/2014

*Berlin, Germany*

#### ERASMUS student, B.A. Peace and Development Studies

Uppsala University

09/2013 – 01/2014

*Uppsala, Sweden*

### Visiting stays

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#### Visiting Researcher with the Law, Economics, and Data Science group

ETH Zurich,

*hosted by Elliott Ash*

07/2023 – 08/2023

*Zurich, Switzerland*

#### Visiting Ph.D. Researcher with the Data Science Lab group

Hertie School of Governance




*hosted by Slava Jankin*

09/2020 – 12/2020

*Berlin, Germany*

## Publications

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*Hauke Licht*. 2023. **Cross-lingual classification of political texts using multilingual sentence embeddings**. *Political Analysis*, 1-14 (January 26, 2023). doi:10.1017/pan.2022.29.   

*Hauke Licht* and Fabienne Lind. 2023. **Going cross-lingual: A guide to multilingual quantitative text analysis**. *Computational Communication Research*, forthcoming. 

## Working Papers

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*Hauke Licht*, Tarik Abou-Chadi, Pablo Barberá, and Whitney Hua. **Measuring and understanding parties' anti-elite strategies**. R&R at *The Journal of Politics*.

*Hauke Licht* and Ronja Sczepanski. **Who are they talking about? Detecting mentions of social groups in political texts with supervised learning**. preparing for journal submission.

*Hauke Licht*, Ronja Sczepanski, Moritz Laurer, and Ayjeren Bekmuratovna. **No more cost in translation: Validating open-source machine translation for quantitative text analysis**.

*Hauke Licht*. **Does how it sounds matter? Measuring expressed emotions in political speech combining text and audio**.

*Hauke Licht* and Sven-Oliver Proksch. **Polarized, but how? Positional and non-positional foundations of polarization in parliamentary speech**.

Jens Wäckerle and *Hauke Licht*. **How public opinion polarisation shapes conflict in international negotiations: Evidence from debates in the Council of the European Union**.

Mitchell Bosley, Musashi Jacobs-Harukawa, *Hauke Licht*, and Alexander Hoyle. **Do we still need BERT in the age of GPT? Comparing the benefits of domain-adaptation and in-context-learning approaches to using LLMs for political science research**.

*Hauke Licht*, Julia Maynard, Maria Fanou, Nicole Baerg, Panos Kapotas, Kushtrim Istrefi, Jonathan Slapin, Denise Traber, Vassilis Tzevelekos. **Decision-making in the European Court of Human Rights: Quantifying the European Consensus method**.

## Awards

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**PolMeth Europe Best Poster Award for Innovative Data Science** (300 EUR) 06/2022  
 awarded by the European Society for Political Methodology for the poster  
 "Who are you talking to? Automated measurement of group appeals in political texts"  
 sponsored by the Hertie School Data Science Lab  
 with Ronja Sczepanski (ETH Zurich)

## Grants

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**Selten Seeding Grant** (5,000 EUR) 10/2022 – 01/2023  
 awarded by the "ECONtribute: Markets & Public Policy" Cluster of Excellence  
 with Ronja Sczepanski (ETH Zurich)

**CIS Collaboration Grant** (2,930 CHF) 05/2021 – 10/2021  
 awarded by the Center for Comparative and International Studies of  
 the University of Zurich and the ETH Zurich  
 with Ronja Sczepanski (ETH Zurich)

## Conference Participation

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<b>American Political Science Association</b>	2023, 2021, 2019
<b>Conference on the Quantitative and Computational Analysis of Textual Data (COMPTXT)</b>	2023, 2022
<b>Conference on New Directions in Analyzing Text as Data (TADA)</b>	2021
<b>European Political Science Association</b>	2023, 2022, 2021
<b>ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops</b>	2023
<b>PolMeth Europe</b>	2022, 2021
<b>Swiss Political Science Association</b>	2021, 2020

## Invited Talks

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<b>University of Duisburg-Essen</b>	01/06/2023
Empirical Political Science Working Group	<i>Düsseldorf, Germany</i>
<b>GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences</b>	18/01/2023
Knowledge Technologies for the Social Sciences Colloquium	<i>Cologne, Germany</i>
<b>Text-as-Data Reading Group</b>	13/12/2022
Text-as-Data Reading Group Speaker Series	online
<b>University of Gothenburg</b>	29/11/2022
Research Seminar of the Party Research Group	<i>Gothenburg, Sweden</i>

## Teaching

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<b>Elite rhetoric and democratic competition</b> <sup>*planned</sup>	10/2023 - 01/2024
University of Cologne, MA Political Science	<i>Cologne, Germany</i>
<b>Going Cross-Lingual: Computational Methods for Multilingual Text Analysis</b> <sup>*planned</sup>	12/2023
GESIS Training Workshop	<i>Mannheim, Cologne</i>
<i>co-taught with Fabienne Lind (University of Vienna)</i>	
<b>From Embeddings to Transformers: Advanced Text Analysis with Python</b> <sup>*planned</sup>	09/2023
GESIS Fall Seminar in Computational Social Science 2023	<i>Mannheim, Germany</i>
<i>co-taught with Jennifer Scurrall (ETH Zurich)</i>	
<b>Automated Web Data Collection with R</b> <sup>*planned</sup>	09/2023
GESIS Fall Seminar in Computational Social Science 2023	<i>Mannheim, Germany</i>
<i>co-taught with Allison Koh (Hertie School Berlin)</i>	
<b>Big Data: Collecting Web Data with R</b>	06/2023
MethodsNET 2023 Summer School in Social Research Methods	<i>Nijmegen, Netherlands</i>
<b>Automated Web Data Collection</b>	09/2022
GESIS Fall Seminar in Computational Social Science 2022	<i>Mannheim, Germany</i>
<i>co-taught with Theresa Gessler (European University Viadrina)</i>	
<b>Collecting Web Data with R</b>	06/2022
MethodsNET 2022 Summer School in Social Research Methods	<i>Nijmegen, Netherlands</i>
<b>Multilingual Supervised Text Classification</b>	05/2022
4 <sup>th</sup> Annual COMPTXT Conference 2022	<i>Dublin, Ireland</i>
<i>pre-conference workshop</i>	

**Automated Web Data Collection**

GESIS Fall Seminar in Computational Social Science 2021  
*co-taught with Theresa Gessler (European University Viadrina)*

09/2021  
 online

**Tutor to the lecture “Theories and Systems”**

University of Zurich, Department of Political Science

03/2019 – 05/2020  
 Zurich, Switzerland

**Tutor to the lectures Statistics I and II**

Humboldt University Berlin, Chair of Empirical Social Research

10/2012 – 10/2013  
 Berlin, Germany

**Reviewer Activity**

*Political Analysis, Journal of Computational Social Science, European Political Science Review, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Electoral Studies, Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties, Regulation & Governance, 2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop on Computational Linguistics for Political Text Analysis (CPSS-2022)*

**Other Professional Experiences****Data Analyst**

German Social Democratic Party, Federal Party Executive  
 Section for Databased Campaigning/Analytics

03/2017 – 09/2017  
 Berlin, Germany

**Student Assistant**

German Social Democratic Party, Federal Party Executive  
 Section for Databased Campaigning/Analytics

08/2016 – 03/2017  
 Berlin, Germany

**Research Assistant**

Humboldt University Berlin, Chair of Comparative Politics  
 NORFACE project “The Paradox of Health Care Futures HEALTHDOX”

05/2015 – 10/2016  
 Berlin, Germany

**Research Assistant**

Humboldt University Berlin, Chair of Comparative Politics  
 DFG project “The Impact of Electoral Vulnerability on Institutional Change”

02/2014 – 10/2016  
 Berlin, Germany

**Languages****Languages**

German (native), English (fluent)

**Programming Languages**

R, Python, SQL, shell/bash, JavaScript/ReactJS (novice)

**Academic References**

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University of Oxford, Nuffield College

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University of Southern California, Department of Political Science and International Relations

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ETH Zurich, Center for Law & Economics