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Employment

Assistant Professor, University of California, Davis, 2023 – Present
Department of Political Science
Affiliate Faculty, Designated Emphasis in Computational Social Science

Postdoctoral Fellow, Princeton University, 2022 – 2023
Center for the Study of Democratic Politics

Education

Ph.D., *Government*, Harvard University, 2022
M.S., *Economics*, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 2016
B.A., *Economics & North American Studies*, Freie Universität Berlin, 2013

Publications

18. The Green Transition and Political Polarization Along Occupational Lines (with Vincent Heddesheimer and Erik Voeten). Forthcoming, *American Political Science Review*.
17. Biased Party Nominations as a Source of Women's Electoral Underperformance (with Pia Raffler and Thomas Fujiwara). Forthcoming, *American Journal of Political Science*.
16. The Gendered Persistence of Authoritarian Indoctrination (with Nourhan A. Elsayed, Sascha Riaz, and Daniel Ziblatt). 2025. *British Journal of Political Science*, 55: e124.
15. Estimating Controlled Direct Effects with Panel Data: An Application to Reducing Support for Discriminatory Policies. (with Matthew Blackwell, Adam Glynn and Connor Phillips). Forthcoming, *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series A*.
14. Do Autocrats Respond to Citizen Demands? Petitions and Housing Construction in the GDR. (with Hans Lueders and Sascha Riaz). Forthcoming, *Comparative Political Studies*.
13. How Budget Tradeoffs Undermine Electoral Incentives to Build Public Housing (with Andreas Wiedemann). Forthcoming, *American Journal of Political Science*.
12. Does Rent Control Turn Tenants Into NIMBYs? (with Anselm Hager and Robert Vief). Forthcoming, *Journal of Politics*.
11. GERDA: The German Election Database. 2025. (with Vincent Heddesheimer, Florian Sichart, and Andreas Wiedemann). *Scientific Data*, 12: 618.
10. Local Newspaper Decline and Political Polarization in Multi-Party Systems. 2024. (with Fabio Ellger, Sascha Riaz and Philipp Tillmann). *British Journal of Political Science*, 54 (4): 1256-1275.
9. Wealth of Tongues: Why Peripheral Regions Vote for the Radical Right in Germany. 2024. (with Daniel Bischof and Daniel Ziblatt). *American Political Science Review*, 118 (3): 1480-1496.

8. Natural Disasters and Green Party Support. 2024. (with Sascha Riaz). *Journal of Politics*, 86 (1): 241-256.
7. Refugee Labor Market Access Increases Support for Migration. 2024. (with Anselm Hager and Sascha Riaz). *Comparative Political Studies*, 57 (5): 749-777.
6. Government Spending and Voting Behavior. 2024. (with Anselm Hager). *World Politics*, 76 (1): 88-124.
5. Local News Monopolies Increase Misperceptions about Immigration. 2023. (with Sascha Riaz). *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 49 (17): 4536-4558.
4. Freedom of Movement Restrictions Inhibit the Psychological Integration of Refugees. 2022. (with Sascha Riaz). *Journal of Politics*, 84 (4): 2288-2293.
3. Locked Out of College: When Admissions Bureaucrats Do and Do Not Discriminate. 2022. (with Jacob Brown). *British Journal of Political Science*, 52 (3): 1436-1446.
2. Does Public Opinion Affect Political Speech? 2020. (with Anselm Hager). *American Journal of Political Science*, 64 (4): 921-937.
1. Do Inheritance Customs Affect Political and Social Inequality? 2019. (with Anselm Hager). *American Journal of Political Science*, 63 (4): 758-773.

Working Papers

1. Place-Based Policies, Local Responses, and Electoral Behavior (with Vincent Heddesheimer and Andreas Wiedemann).
2. Voter Responses to Climate Adaptation in High-Risk Communities (with Christian Baehr and António Valentim).
3. Long-run Political Change after the Great Recession (with Vincent Heddesheimer). (draft available upon request)
4. Foreign Policy Debates Shape Refugees' Psychological Integration (with Florian Sichart and Georgiy Syunyaev).
5. Bureaucratic Inertia or Legal Responsiveness? College Admissions Officers' Behavior Before and After the Affirmative Action Ban (with Jacob Brown and Hunter Rendleman).
6. Political and Social Correlates of Covid-19 Mortality (with Constantin Manuel Bosancianu, Macartan Humphreys, Sampada KC, Nils Lieber and Alex Scacco).

Public Engagement and Policy Reports

1. Navigating California's Wildfire Insurance Challenge: Community Demographics and the FAIR Plan (with L. Hen and M. Macaraeg). 2025. California Policy Lab, University of California.

Grants and Fellowships

Hellman Fellowship, UC Davis, \$33,000, 2025-2026.

Research Grant, Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality & Social Policy, \$5,000, 2022.

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Emergency Grants, \$7,000, 2020 & 2021.

Krupp Foundation Dissertation Research Fellowship & Emergency Grant, \$16,300, 2019 & 2021.

Research Stipend, Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality & Social Policy, \$12,000, 2018.

Invited Talks

2026 (scheduled): University of Notre Dame, Vanderbilt University, University of Mannheim / MZES, University of California, Berkeley

2025: University of Southern California, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2024: University of California, Berkeley, University of Texas at Austin

2023: University of California, Davis

2022: LMU Munich, Humboldt University Berlin

2020: Humboldt University Berlin

Conference Presentations

2025 (scheduled): APSA, MPSA, EPSA, Toronto Political Behavior Workshop (University of Toronto), Representation in Divided Democracies Workshop (ETH Zurich), Money in Politics Conference (Copenhagen Business School)

2024: APSA, EPSA, Political Economy of Europe APSA Pre-Conference, Copenhagen Housing Policy Workshop, Toronto Political Behavior Workshop (Montréal)

2023: APSA, MPSA, EPSA, NEWEPS, UC Berkeley Housing Conference

2022: APSA, MPSA, EPSA

2021: APSA, EPSA

2020: APSA, NEWEPS, EuroWEPS

2019: APSA, MPSA, EPSA, Asian PolMeth

2018: MPSA, EPSA, Barcelona Politics & History Conference

2017: APSA, EPSA, Nuffield Junior Workshop

Teaching Experience (all at UC Davis)

Advanced Quantitative Methods & Data Science (undergraduate)

Quantitative Research Methods (graduate)

Modeling Politics (Game Theory, graduate)

Government and the Economy (undergraduate)

Urban Public Policy (undergraduate)

Software & Data

GERDA R package (CRAN), Maintainer. DOI: 10.32614/CRAN.package.gerda. <https://cran.r-project.org/package=gerda>

GERDA dataset, *Scientific Data* 12:618 (2025). DOI: 10.1038/s41597-025-04811-5. <https://www.german-elections.com>

University and Departmental Service

Member, Junior Faculty Hiring Committee (Comparative Politics), UC Davis, 2025

Chair, External Speaker Series Committee, UC Davis, 2023–Present

Member, Political Methodology Subfield Committee, UC Davis, 2023–Present

Affiliations

Faculty Affiliate, Global Migration Center, UC Davis, 2024–present

Visiting Researcher, Humboldt University Berlin, DYNAMICS Research Training Group, 2024 & 2025

Visiting Researcher, WZB Berlin Social Science Center, 2016–2024

PhD Research Fellow, Stone Program in Wealth Distribution, Inequality & Social Policy, Harvard Kennedy School, 2019–2022

Professional Service

Co-organizer, Junior Scholars Workshop, Transformations of Democracy Unit, WZB Berlin, 2023–Present

Co-organizer, Bay Area Workshop in Empirical Comparative Politics, 2025–Present

Referee: *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Political Behavior*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *Comparative Political Studies*

References

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