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Professional and Research Experience

Since October 2022

Visiting Researcher and Lecturer
at the Working Group of Empirical Political Science, *University of Duisburg-Essen*, Germany

April – June 2022

Visiting Researcher
at the Department of Comparative Politics, *University of Bergen*, Norway

Since November 2020

Research Associate
at the Chair of Political Economy (Political Science IV), *Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf*, Germany

June 2019 – December 2020

Student Research Assistant
at the Chair of Comparative Policy Research and Methods of Empirical Social Research, *University of Münster*, Germany

April 2016 – September 2018

Student Research Assistant
at the Institute for Political Science, *University of Wuppertal*, Germany

Education

Since April 2021

PhD Candidate
Political Science at the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, *Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf*, member of the Graduate School *phil-GRAD*

Working title of the article-based dissertation: “Gig workers as voters: How left-wing parties address them as a new electoral target group”.

October 2018 – March 2021

Master of Arts (M.A.)

Political Science, *University of Münster*, Germany

Title of thesis: “Living in Self-Centred Reality – Perception of Social Inequality in European Comparison”.

October 2014 – September 2018

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

Political Science & English and American Studies, *University of Wuppertal*, Germany

Title of thesis: “European Legislation in a Revolutionised Economic Order – How Transnational Corporations Influence Democracy in the European Union”.

Publications

Journal Articles (peer reviewed)

Plenter, Johanna I. (2023): “Advantages and Pitfalls of Machine Translation for Party Research: The Translation of Party Manifestos of European Parties Using *DeepL*”. *Frontiers in Political Science* 5. doi: [10.3389/fpos.2023.1268320](https://doi.org/10.3389/fpos.2023.1268320).

Non-Peer Reviewed Publications

Plenter, Johanna I. (2024): “Ein Teil der Arbeiter:innenklasse? Analyse des Klassenbewusstseins prekär und atypisch Beschäftigter in Deutschland”. Bonn: Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung. ISBN: [978-3-98628-562-3](https://doi.org/10.17190/978-3-98628-562-3).

Work in Progress & Preprints

Plenter, Johanna I. (2025): “Is the Gig Economy a ‘Backpack Issue’? Agenda-Setting Strategies and Rhetorical Issue Linking in European Comparison”. Work in progress.

Plenter, Johanna I. (2025): “Why The Gig Economy Is Not Politicised in The Netherlands”. Work in progress.

Plenter, Johanna I. (2025): “The Gig Economy in Party Manifestos: Analysing the Salience of a New Issue Across Europe”. Under review.

Plenter, Johanna I. (2022): “Addressing Gig Workers as Voters: The Development of a Typology of Party Strategies”. OSF Preprints. May 2. doi: [10.31219/osf.io/fhwm2](https://doi.org/10.31219/osf.io/fhwm2).

Conferences & Summer Schools

February, May, June 2025

16th Düsseldorf Graduate Conference on Party Studies (GraPa 2025),

Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf, Germany

ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, Charles University Prague, Prague, Czechia

CES Conference, Temple University, Philadelphia, United States

July, August, September 2024

EPSA Annual Conference, University of Cologne, Cologne, Germany

ECPR General Conference, University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland

DVPW General Conference, University of Göttingen, Germany

June, September, October 2023	<i>EPSA Annual Conference</i> , University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland <i>DVPW Political Economy Conference</i> , University of Witten/Herdecke, Germany <i>DVPW Party Research Conference</i> , University of Göttingen, Germany
February, April, August 2022	<i>13th Düsseldorf Graduate Conference on Party Studies (GraPa 2022)</i> , Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf, Germany <i>Lunch Seminars in Comparative Political Economy</i> , University of Bergen, Norway <i>ECPR Summer School on Political Parties</i> , University of Aarhus, Denmark

Awards, Grants & Scholarships

2025	Nomination: Teaching Award of the State North Rhine-Westphalia (Landeslehrpreis NRW), not awarded
2024	Nomination: University Teaching Award (for 'Introduction to Python'), <i>University of Duisburg-Essen</i> , not awarded
2023	Open Access Publication Fund, <i>University and State Library Düsseldorf (HHU)</i> , 1,150€
2022	HeRA Travel Grant, <i>Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf, Heine Research Academies (HeRA)</i> , 2,800€
2021	Performance Award for Outstanding Achievement at Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf, <i>Rector of Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf</i> , 1,800€

Teaching

Winter semester 2025/26	Between Insecurity and Collective Action: The Politics of Precarious and Atypical Employment (advanced BA level, in English). Empirical Welfare State Research (advanced BA level, in German).
Summer semester 2025	Introduction to Comparative Welfare State Analysis: Foundations, Theories and Development (advanced BA level, in English). DATA – Computational Data Analysis (BA level, in German).
	Introduction to Python for the Social Sciences: Fundamentals, Data Collection, Manipulation, and Analysis (advanced BA and MA level, in German, co-taught with Jonas Elis, University of Duisburg-Essen).
Winter semester 2024/25	Between Insecurity and Collective Action: The Politics of Precarious and Atypical Employment (advanced BA level, in English).
Summer semester 2024	Between Insecurity and Collective Action: The Politics of Precarious and Atypical Employment (advanced BA level, in German).

	Introduction to Python for the Social Sciences: Fundamentals, Data Collection, Manipulation, and Analysis (advanced BA and MA level, in German, co-taught with Jonas Elis, and Paul Vierus, University of Duisburg-Essen).
Winter semester 2023/24	Welfare States in Comparison: Emergence, Crises, and Reforms (advanced BA level, in German).
Summer semester 2023	Teaching Research Project: Who votes and how? Concepts, Methods and Data of Empirical Election Research (advanced BA level, in German).
	Introduction to Python for the Social Sciences: Fundamentals, Data Collection, Manipulation, and Analysis (advanced BA and MA level, in German, co-taught with Jonas Elis, Jakob Kemper, and Paul Vierus, University of Duisburg-Essen).
Winter semester 2022/23	Comparative Welfare State Analysis: Origins and Challenges (advanced BA level, in English).
	DATA – Computational Data Analysis (BA level, in German).
Winter semester 2021/22	Teaching Research Project: Theories, Methods and Data of Election Research (advanced BA level, in German).
Summer semester 2021	Social Inequality in International and Historical Comparison (advanced BA level, in German).
	Introduction to Comparative Welfare State Studies (BA level, 2 courses, in German).

Service to Profession

Since October 2021	Representative of PhD Candidates and Postdocs of Political Science on the Board of the Department of Social Sciences, <i>Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf</i> , Germany
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Outreach & Media

July 2025	Blog post: “Warum ‚soziale Klasse‘ heute noch zählt”. Über Politik aus der Wissenschaft .
April 2024	Blog post: “Die Europäische Gig Economy – Warum wir uns als Politikwissenschaft und Gesellschaft dafür interessieren sollten”. Über Politik aus der Wissenschaft .
January 2024	Blog post: “Python in der sozialwissenschaftlichen Methodenlehre: Motivation und Erfahrungsbericht eines Lehrprojekts”. Über Politik aus der Wissenschaft (co-authored with Jonas Elis, Jakob Kemper and Paul Vierus).

July 2023

Podcast: “poolgespräche – Vernetzung unter Gleichgesinnten: von Schreibgruppen bis philFAELTIG”. [was mit promotion – der podcast](#).

Methods Training

25-30 September 2023

Introduction to Machine Learning for Text Analysis with Python, *GESIS Fall Seminar in Computational Social Sciences*, in-person course.

22-26 March 2021

Multilevel Modelling, *ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques*, virtual course.

15-19 March 2021

Multivariate Statistical Techniques for Comparing Countries, *ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques*, virtual course.

08-12 March 2021

Causal Inference in Observational Studies, *50th GESIS Spring Seminar*, virtual course.

Language and Technical Skills

Languages

German (native), English (C2 level), French (A2 level)

Technical Skills

R, MAXQDA, Python, TYPO3, HTML, imperia

Memberships

Member of *German Political Science Association* (DVPW)

Member of *European Political Science Association* (EPSA)

Member of *Council of European Studies* (CES)