Julius Kölzer

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Research Interests

Political Geography, Spatial Inequality, Comparative Political Economy, Electoral Behavior.

Academic Employment

DYNAMICS PhD - Humboldt University / Hertie School	**09/2025 – present**
Doctoral Researcher	*Berlin, Germany*
Hertie School	**09/2025 – present**
Research Associate	*Berlin, Germany*
Konstanz University and Politics of Inequality Cluster	**06/2024 – 08/2025**
Research Assistant for Dr. Alexander Horn	*Konstanz, Germany*
TU Darmstadt - Chair of German Politics	**06/2024 – 08/2025**
Research Assistant for Prof. Dr. Christian Stecker	*Darmstadt, Germany*
Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW)	**06/2022 – 07/2024**
Research Assistant for Prof. Dr. Christoph Trebesch	*Kiel, Germany*
Kiel University - Chair of Comparative Politics	**04/2023 – 07/2024**
Research Assistant for Prof. Dr. Christian Martin	*Kiel, Germany*
Kiel University	**Summer Term 2022 and 2023**
Teaching Assistant	*Kiel, Germany*

Education

Semester at UZH Zurich	**09/2023 – 03/2024**
M.A. Political Science - GPA: 5.875 / 24 ECTS	*Zurich, Switzerland*
Kiel University	**10/2022 – 08/2025**
M.A. Political Science/Sociology - GPA: 1.1	*Kiel, Germany*
Kiel University	**10/2018 – 09/2022**
B.A. Political Science/Sociology - GPA: 1.7	*Kiel, Germany*

Publication and Articles

Peer-reviewed Publications

Bayerlein, M., Kölzer, J., Metten, A. (2025). Industrial Employment and Populism in Germany—Exploring the Effect of Actual and Looming Decline. Politische Vierteljahresschrift, 1-32.

Höhne, B., Kölzer, J., Träger, H. (2025). Geography of Shrinkage: Local Population Decline and Electoral Support for the Anti-establishment Parties AfD and BSW in East German State Elections. German Politics, 1-29.

Kölzer, J., Debus, M., Stecker, C. (2025). Alte Wurzeln, neue Wurzeln? Zum Einfluss früherer rechtsradikaler Unterstützung auf den AfD-Wahlerfolg bei der Europawahl 2024. Politische Vierteljahresschrift, 1-19.

Working Paper

Julius Kölzer. *"Mind The Gap: Declining Train Service Provision and Support for the Far-Right in Germany"*. Presented at DVPW AK Wahlen 2025 at FU Berlin.

Julius Kölzer. *"No Divergence, but a Realignment? Electoral Urban Rural Divides in Germany between 1980 to 2021"*. Presented at DVPW Conference 2024 in Göttingen.

Andreas Küpfer, Daniel Kuhlen, Julius Kölzer, Christian Stecker. *"Campaigning Will Not Stop The Far Right: Causal Evidence From Saxony"*. Presented at the IASGP German Politics Conference in Darmstadt (December 2024).

Articles and Blogposts

Julius Kölzer and Ansgar Hudde. *Von der blauen Welle getragen? Räumliche Muster der AfD-Unterstützung bei der Bundestagswahl 2025.* Published on the blog *DeFacto* (in German).

Julius Kölzer and Ansgar Hudde. *Von der blauen Welle getragen? Räumliche Muster der AfD-Unterstützung bei der Bundestagswahl 2025.* Published on the blog *Über Politik aus der Wissenschaft* at the University of Duisburg-Essen (in German).

Michael Bayerlein, Julius Kölzer, Anne Metten.*From deindustrialization to populism? How economic change shapes voting behavior.* Published on the blog of the German Political Science Association (in German).

Julius Kölzer, Christian Stecker, Daniel Kuhlen, Leon Siefken. *The power of blue maps. Why electoral maps of constituency and municipal winners can distort perceptions.* Published on the blog of the German Political Science Association (in German).

Marc Debus, Julius Kölzer, Christian Stecker.*Records in Western Germany – what factors explain the AfD's gains in Hesse and Bavaria?.* Published on the blog of the German Political Science Association (in German).

Newspaper Articles

Julius Kölzer and Mark Schieritz. *"In their eyes, those who have little have only themselves to blame."* **ZEIT ONLINE**, September 17, 2025

Paul Blickle, Christian Endt, Julius Kölzer, and Selina Rudolph. *"Election Results by Constituency: Where the Election Was Won."* **ZEIT ONLINE**, February 24, 2025

Julius Kölzer, Michael Schlieben, Julius Tröger, and Benja Zehr. *"Historical Bundestag Election Results: How Your Constituency Has Voted Since 1949."* **ZEIT ONLINE**, February 12, 2025.

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PARTICIPATIONS

AK Wahlen (DVPW)	**09/2025**
Introduction to Geospatial Data (GESIS)	**04/2025**
Annual IASGP German Politics Conference	**12/2024**

General Conference of the German Political Science Association (DVPW) 09/2024
Presentation of a working paper on long-term changes in electoral urban-rural divides in Germany.

Working group "Elections and Political Attitudes" of the DVPW 06/2024
Presentation of a project on welfare chauvinist attitudes and the voting behaviour of left-authoritarian voters.

SPS - Summer Academy of the European University Institute (EUI) 09/2023
Presentation of a project on regional labour market exposure to climate transition and Euroscepticism in Florence.

Spring Academy of the Institute for Parliamentary Research in Berlin 03/2023
Presentation of own research project on the effect of local corona incidence on pandemic response positions of constituency members of the German Bundestag.

Düsseldorf Graduate Conference on Party Research (GraPa) organized by the Düsseldorf Party Research Institute (PRuF) 02/2023
Presentation of a working paper based on my bachelor thesis co-authored with Michael Bayerlein and Anne Metten.

Volunteer Activities / Miscellaneous

Award for the best political science bachelor thesis at Kiel University in the year 2022

Travel Grant of the International Association for the Study of German Politics for participating in the GraPa Conference

Media appearances in Tagesspiegel, TAZ, Berliner Zeitung, Lage der Nation Podcast, Deutschlandfunk, Katapult-Magazin, NZZ, El Publico, Stuttgarter-Zeitung, Esslinger-Zeitung, Monitor Magazin (WDR)

Co-host of the podcast "Political Science? - No problem et al."
Guests included: Kai Arzheimer, Vincente Valentim, Silja Häusermann, Magda Breyer and Noam Gidron.

Languages and Further Skills

Languages: German (native), Spanish (B1), English IELTS C1 (8/9).
Methods Training: Quasi-Experimental Designs, Advanced regression modeling, Geospatial data analysis, factor analysis, Data Visualisation.
Statistical Software: `STATA` (Proficient), `R` (Proficient), `Python` (Beginner)