

# JULIUS KÖLZER

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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

## EDUCATION

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

## PUBLICATION AND ARTICLES

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### *Working Paper and Work in Progress*

**Mind the Gap: Local Decline in Train Service Provision and Electoral Support for the Far-Right**

Presented at the AK Wahlen in Berlin, 2025. Draft available on request.

**Campaigning Will Not Stop The Far Right: Quasi-Experimental Evidence From Saxony**

with Daniel Kuhlen, Andreas Küpfer, and Christian Stecker. Presented at the IASGP Conference, 2024. Draft available on request.

**On the Right Track? Improving Local Transport Provision and Its Political Consequences**

with Charlotte Kuberka.

**Mitigating Far-Right Support Through Rental Market Interventions? Evidence from Berlin's Tenant-Protection Policies**

with Susanna Wirtghen.

## Can Democracy Defend Itself? The 1929 Stahlhelm Ban and Electoral Consequences in Weimar Germany

with Mark Kayser.

## No Divergence, but a Realignment? Electoral Urban–Rural Divides in Germany between 1980 and 2021

Presented at the DVPW Conference, Göttingen, 2024.

### *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.

### *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 Blicke, 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

### **Berlin-Brandenburg Political Behavior Workshop**

**09/2025**

Presentation of "Mind the Gap: Declining Train Service Provision and Far-Right Support in Germany."

**REXKLIMA Workshop - TU Dresden** **09/2025**  
Presentation of "Mind the Gap: Declining Train Service Provision and Far-Right Support in Germany.

**Annual Meeting - Working Group "Elections and Political Attitudes" of the DVPW** **09/2025**  
Presentation of "Mind the Gap: Declining Train Service Provision and Far-Right Support in Germany.

**WZB Junior Scholar Workshop - Transformations of Democracy** **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

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**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

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**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)