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Education

- 2012-2017 **Dr. rer. soc. (Political Science), University of Bern** (Grade: summa cum laude)
PhD Thesis: “Personality and Politics in Context. The Interaction of Personality Traits and Contextual Factors in Shaping Political Behavior and Attitudes” (Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Markus Freitag, Prof. Dr. Thorsten Faas)
- 2010-2012 **M.A. in Politics and Public Administration, University of Konstanz (Grade: 1.0)**
Programme: Comparative Politics and Policy Analysis; Empirical Methods
MA-Thesis: “Mobilisierung im katholischen Milieu? Zum Einfluss der konfessionellen Komposition des Kontextes auf die individuelle Wahlbeteiligung von Katholiken in Deutschland.” (Grade: 1.0; Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Peter Selb, Prof. Dr. Markus Freitag)
- 2006-2010 **B.A. in Politics and Public Administration, University of Konstanz (Grade: 1.3)**
BA-Thesis: “Bildungsungleichheit im internationalen Vergleich - Empirische Bestandsaufnahme und makropolitische Erklärungsansätze.” (Grade: 1.0; Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Markus Freitag, PD Dr. Sven Jochem)
- 2008 **Semester Abroad, Leiden University (the Netherlands)**
- 1997-2006 **A-Levels, Burghardt Gymnasium Buchen (Grade: 1.0)**

Academic Positions

- since 2019 **Assistant Professor (without tenure track)**, Institute of Political Science, Heidelberg University
- 2018-2019 **Postdoctoral Researcher and Lecturer**, Chair of Sociology (Prof. Sigrid Roßteutscher, PhD), Goethe-University Frankfurt
- 2017-2018 **SNSF Early Postdoc.Mobility Fellow**, Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research (Host: Prof. Dr. Tom van der Meer), University of Amsterdam – sponsored by an [SNSF Early Postdoc.Mobility Grant](#)
- 2012-2017 **Research Assistant**, Chair of Political Sociology (Prof. Dr. Markus Freitag), University of Bern

- 2012 **Student Assistant**, Chair of Survey Research (Prof. Dr. Peter Selb), University of Konstanz
- 2012 **Student Assistant**, Adjunct Professor Dr. Sven Jochem, University of Konstanz
- 2007-2011 **Student and Teaching Assistant**, Chair of Comparative Politics (Prof. Dr. Markus Freitag), University of Konstanz

Publications

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

- [13] Ackermann, Maya, **Kathrin Ackermann**, and Markus Freitag. 2019. The Personality of Stealth Democrats. How traits shape attitudes towards expert-based governing arrangements. *West European Politics*, 42(3): 573-592. [doi:10.1080/01402382.2018.1530494](https://doi.org/10.1080/01402382.2018.1530494).
- [12] **Ackermann, Kathrin**, Eros Zampieri, and Markus Freitag. 2018. Personality and Voting for a Right-Wing Populist Party - Evidence from Switzerland. *Swiss Political Science Review*, 24(4): 545-564. [doi:10.1111/spsr.12330](https://doi.org/10.1111/spsr.12330).
- [11] **Ackermann, Kathrin** and Anita Manatschal. 2018. Online volunteering as a means to overcome unequal participation? The profiles of online and offline volunteers compared. *New Media & Society*, 20(12): 4453-4472. [doi:10.1007/10.1177/1461444818775698](https://doi.org/10.1007/10.1177/1461444818775698).
- [10] **Ackermann, Kathrin**, Maya Ackermann, and Markus Freitag. 2018. Opting for an open society? Personality traits and attitudes toward the openness of Switzerland. *Comparative European Politics*, 16(3), 413-433. [doi:10.1057/cep.2016.18](https://doi.org/10.1057/cep.2016.18).
- [9] Bauer, Paul C., Pablo Barberá, **Kathrin Ackermann**, and Aaron Venetz. 2017. Is the Left-Right Scale a Valid Measure of Ideology? Individual-Level Variation in Associations with ‘Left’ and ‘Right’ and Left-Right Self-Placement. *Political Behavior*, 39(3), 553-583. [doi:10.1007/s11109-016-9368-2](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11109-016-9368-2).
- [8] **Ackermann, Kathrin**. 2017. Individual Differences and Political Contexts - The Role of Personality Traits and Direct Democracy in Explaining Political Protest. *Swiss Political Science Review*, 23(1), 21-49. [doi:10.1111/spsr.12227](https://doi.org/10.1111/spsr.12227).
- [7] Freitag, Markus, and **Ackermann, Kathrin**. 2016. Direct Democracy and Institutional Trust: Relationships and Differences across Personality Traits. *Political Psychology*, 37(5), 707-723. [doi:10.1111/pops.12293](https://doi.org/10.1111/pops.12293).
- [6] Rapp, Carolin and **Kathrin Ackermann**. 2016. The Consequences of Social Intolerance on Non-Violent Protest Behavior. *European Political Science Review*, 8(4), 567-588. [doi:10.1017/S1755773915000211](https://doi.org/10.1017/S1755773915000211).
- [5] **Ackermann, Kathrin** and Markus Freitag. 2015. Persönlichkeit und Parteibindung unter den Bedingungen direkter Demokratie. *Politische Vierteljahresschrift*, Sonderheft 50 “Politische Psychologie”, 91-114. [doi:10.5771/9783845254418-96](https://doi.org/10.5771/9783845254418-96).
- [4] **Ackermann, Kathrin** and Maya Ackermann. 2015. The Big Five in Context: Personality, Diversity and Attitudes toward Equal Opportunities for Immigrants. *Swiss Political Science Review* 21(3), 396-418. [doi:10.1111/spsr.12170](https://doi.org/10.1111/spsr.12170).

- [3] **Ackermann, Kathrin** and Richard Traunmüller. 2015. Zur neuen Relevanz des sozialen Kontexts für das Wahlverhalten. Antwort auf die kritischen Anmerkungen von Franz Urban Pappi. *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* 56(2), 284-298. doi:10.5771/0032-3470-2015-2-284.
- [2] **Ackermann, Kathrin** and Richard Traunmüller 2014. Jenseits von Schwerekraft und Höllenfeuer. Nicht-lineare Kontexteffekte auf den Zusammenhang von religiöser Gruppenzugehörigkeit und individuellem Wahlverhalten bei fünf Bundestagswahlen. *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* 55(1), 33-66. doi:10.5771/0032-3470-2014-1-33.
- [1] Schlicht-Schmälzle, Raphaela and **Kathrin Ackermann**. 2012. Logics of Educational Stratification: A Cross-National Map of Educational Inequality. *ISRN Education*, vol. 2012, Article ID 109647. doi:10.5402/2012/109647.

Books

- [2] Freitag, Markus, Anita Manatschal, **Kathrin Ackermann**, and Maya Ackermann. 2016. *Freiwilligen-Monitor Schweiz 2016*. Zürich: Seismo.
- [1] Traunmüller, Richard, Isabelle Stadelmann-Steffen, **Kathrin Ackermann**, and Markus Freitag. 2012. *Zivilgesellschaft in der Schweiz. Analysen zum Vereinsengagement auf lokaler Ebene*. Zürich: Seismo.

Articles in Edited Volumes

- [6] **Ackermann, Kathrin** and Markus Freitag. 2016. Sozialkapital in der Vergleichenden Politikwissenschaft. In *Handbuch Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft*, Hans-Joachim Lauth, Marianne Kneuer and Gert Pickel (eds.), 271-283. Berlin: Springer
- [5] **Ackermann, Kathrin** and Markus Freitag. 2015. Sag mir, wie du bist, ich sage, wer zu dir passt. Persönlichkeit und Parteibindung. In *Wahlen und Wählerschaft in der Schweiz*, Markus Freitag and Adrian Vatter (eds.), 145-162. Zuerich: Verlag Neue Zürcher Zeitung.
- [4] Freitag, Markus and **Kathrin Ackermann**. 2014. "Mir hei e Verein, ghörsch du da derzue?" Vereinsengagement als soziales Kapital der Schweiz. In *Das soziale Kapital der Schweiz*, Markus Freitag (ed.), 41-79. Zürich: Verlag Neue Zürcher Zeitung.
- [3] **Ackermann, Kathrin** and Markus Freitag. 2014. Freiwilligenarbeit in der Schweiz. Grundlagen, Entwicklungen und förderliche Rahmenbedingungen. In *Freiwilligkeit und Vielfalt im Zeichen der Menschlichkeit*, Schweizerisches Rotes Kreuz (eds.), 24-45. Zürich: Seismo.
- [2] **Ackermann, Kathrin** and Markus Freitag. 2014. Der ökonomische Wert sozialer Beziehungen. In *Aus der Krise lernen. Auf dem Weg zu einer weltoffenen und humanen Gesellschaft*, Erwin Teufel and Winfried Mack (eds.), 182-196. Freiburg: Herder.
- [1] **Ackermann, Kathrin**, Kathrin Dombrowski, Antje Funcke and Sigrid Meinhold-Henschel. 2012. Soziale Erträge von Bildung. In *Warum Sparen in der Bildung teuer ist. Folgekosten unzureichender Bildung für die Gesellschaft*, Bertelsmann Stiftung (eds.), 171-192. Gütersloh: Verlag Bertelsmann Stiftung.

Book Review

- [1] **Ackermann, Kathrin.** 2017. Book Review of Sonja Zmerli and Ofer Feldman (eds.), 2015: Politische Psychologie. Handbuch für Studium und Wissenschaft, Baden-Baden: Nomos. *Swiss Political Science Review*, 23(1), 103-106. doi:10.1111/spsr.12240.

Degree Theses

- [3] **Ackermann, Kathrin.** 2017. *Personality and Politics in Context - The Interaction of Personality Traits and Contextual Factors in Shaping Political Behavior and Attitudes*. Doctoral Thesis. http://biblio.unibe.ch/download/eldiss/17ackermann_k.pdf.
- [2] **Ackermann, Kathrin.** 2012. *Mobilisierung im katholischen Milieu? Zum Einfluss der konfessionellen Komposition des Kontextes auf die individuelle Wahlbeteiligung von Katholiken in Deutschland*. MA-Thesis. <http://nbn-resolving.de/urn:nbn:de:bsz:352-209830>.
- [1] **Ackermann, Kathrin.** 2010. *Bildungsungleichheit im internationalen Vergleich - Empirische Bestandsaufnahme und makropolitische Erklärungsansätze*. BA-Thesis. <http://nbn-resolving.de/urn:nbn:de:bsz:352-127306>.

Project Reports

- [3] Ackermann, Maya, **Kathrin Ackermann**, Giada Gianola and Markus Freitag. 2017 *Generationen-Monitor: Das freiwillige Engagement der Generationen*. Project Report for Migros-Kulturprozent, Zürich.
- [2] Ackermann, Maya, **Kathrin Ackermann** and Markus Freitag. 2017 *Vereins-Monitor: Das ehrenamtliche Engagement in der Schweiz*. Project Report for Migros-Kulturprozent, Zürich.
- [1] **Ackermann, Kathrin**, Birte Gundelach, Thomas Wöhler, Markus Freitag, and Thomas Hinz. 2012. *Zusammenleben in Konstanz und Kreuzlingen*. Survey Report on the Project "Soziale Integration in multikulturellen Gesellschaften. Eine Analyse von Nachbarschaften der Städte Konstanz und Kreuzlingen."

Teaching Experience

- 2018 "Research Practice: Social Capital - Quantitative Applications in Stata" [taught in German, 4 hrs. per week] (Undergraduate Level (advanced), Goethe-University Frankfurt)
- 2018 "Citizens and Politics" [taught in German, 4 hrs. per week] (Undergraduate Level (advanced), Goethe-University Frankfurt)
- 2016 "Social Capital in Switzerland" [taught in German] (Guest Lecture, University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Western Switzerland)
- 2016 "Citizens and Politics" [taught in German] (Undergraduate Level (advanced), University of Bern)
- 2015 "Selected Aspects of Political Psychology" [taught in German] (Undergraduate Level (advanced), University of Bern)

2014	“Introduction to Political Psychology” [taught in German] (Undergraduate Level (beginners), University of Bern)
2013	“Social Capital in Democracies” [taught in German] (Undergraduate Level (beginners), University of Bern)
since 2012	Supervision of BA-Theses

Grants, Awards and Accepted Proposals

Grants

2018	DAAD Programme Line “Travel Expenses for Conferences” - Participation in the 25 th IPSA World Congress in Brisbane [2’308 EUR]
2016	SNSF Early Postdoc.Mobility Grant for a Visiting Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of Amsterdam, Grant No. 172236 (46’900 CHF)
2015	UniBern Forschungsstiftung Travel Grant for participating in the ECPR General Conference in Montréal/CA and 111 th the APSA Annual Meeting in San Francisco/US (1’860 CHF)
2014	SAGW Travel Grant for participating in the 23 rd IPSA World Congress in Montréal/CA (1’200 CHF)
2013	SNSF Scholarship for participating in the Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis (2’650 CHF)
2011-2012	Scholarship of the “Albertus Magnus & Hildegardis-Verein” (Academic Foundation of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Freiburg) for the final stage of studies (4’800 EUR)
2011-2012	Exemption of Tuition Fees due to excellent academic performance (retroactive for the top five percent of MA graduates) (1’000 EUR)
2009-2010	Exemption of Tuition Fees due to excellent academic performance (retroactive for the top five percent of BA graduates) (1’000 EUR)
2008-2009	Erasmus Scholarship for a Semester Abroad at University of Leiden/ the Netherlands (ca. 775 EUR)

Awards

2012	VEUK-Preis (awarded to the best MA graduates at the Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Konstanz)
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Accepted Proposals

2018	Questionnaire Proposal “Online Political Participation” accepted for the Swiss Electoral Studies (Selects) 2019
2015	Questionnaire Proposal “Personality and Politics” accepted for the Swiss Electoral Studies (Selects) 2015 (together with Markus Freitag)

Conference Presentations

2018, 2017, 2016, 2015	European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR), General Conference
2018, 2016, 2014	International Political Science Association (IPSA), World Congress

2018, 2017, 2016	DVPW Working-Group “Wahlen und politische Einstellungen”, Annual Meeting
2018	DVPW Section “Methoden der Politikwissenschaft”, Annual Meeting
2018, 2017, 2014, 2013, 2010	Schweizerische Vereinigung für Politische Wissenschaft (SVPW/ASSP), Annual Conference
2017, 2014	Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Annual Conference
2017	Netherlands Institute of Government (NIG), Annual Work Conference
2017	Politologenetmaal, Annual Meeting of the Dutch Political Science Association
2016, 2015	European Political Science Association (EPSA), Annual Conference
2016, 2014	International Political Science Association (IPSA), World Congress
2016	3-Länder-Tagung der DVPW, ÖGPW & SVPW
2015	American Political Science Association (APSA), Annual Meeting
2015	International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP), Annual Scientific Meeting
2015	Political Psychology Conference (PPC Amsterdam)
2013	Laboratory for Comparative Social Research (LCSR), Annual Conference
2012	AK “Quantitative Religionsforschung”, Annual Meeting
2011	British Sociological Association (BSA), Annual Conference

Invited Talks

2017	Lunch Seminar at the Center of Citizenship and Democracy, KU Leuven
2016	Workshop “Is Germany prepared for more direct democracy? - Learning from experiences and evaluating the perspectives”, DIW Berlin
2016	Migration Alliance Bern
2015	Research Seminar at the Institute for Sociology, University of Munich (LMU)

Additional Training

2019	Introduction to Machine Learning, GRADE Goethe University Frankfurt (Instructor: Florian Dumpert, University of Bayreuth)
2018	Geodata in the Social Sciences, GESIS Mannheim (Instructor: Jan-Philipp Kolb, GESIS)
2018	Introduction to Panel Analysis, GESIS Mannheim (Instructors: Volker Ludwig, Universität Kaiserslautern/ Klaus Pforr, GESIS)
2013-2016	University of Bern (Various courses on academic teaching)
2014	Automated Data Collection with R, Universität Bern (Instructor: Simon Munzert, Universität Konstanz)
2013	Hierarchical Models, Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis (Instructor: Jeff Gill, Washington University)
2013	Mathematics for Social Scientists III, Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis (Instructor: Edward Codling, University of Essex)
2013	Structural Equation Modelling using MPlus, GESIS Mannheim (Instructor: Steffen Kühnel, Universität Göttingen)
2012	Causal Inference, Universität Bern (Instructor: Thomas DiPrete, Columbia University)

- 2011 Introduction to R, Universität Konstanz (Instructor: Paul C. Bauer)
 2010 Polnet Summer School, Meersburg

Additional Working Experience

Mandated Research

- 2019 Expert Report “Evaluation framework for participation instruments at the EU level” for Bertelsmann Stiftung, Gütersloh
 2016 “Generationenmonitor” based on the Swiss Voluntary Survey for MigrosKulturprozent, Zürich
 2015 “Vereinsmonitor” based on the Swiss Voluntary Survey for MigrosKulturprozent, Zürich

Internships

- 2007-2010 Bertelsmann Stiftung (Project “Social Costs of Inadequate Education”), Federal Administration (Federal Ministry of the Interior and German Bundestag) and State Administration Baden-Württemberg (Ministry of Food and Rural Affairs)

Professional Activities

Reviewer: Acta Politica, European Journal of Political Research (2x), European Policy Analysis, International Political Science Review (2x), Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Party Politics, Political Psychology, Politische Psychologie, Regional and Federal Studies, Swiss Political Science Review, Swiss Society of Administrative Sciences, Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft (2x)

Panel Chair: DVPW 2018, ISPP 2015, SVPW 2017

Board Member: [Esser-Preis Jury](#) (GU Frankfurt, FB 03), [IPSA RC29 “Political Psychology”](#)

Membership: Deutsche Vereinigung für Politische Wissenschaft (DVPW), European Political Science Association (EPSA), International Political Science Association (IPSA), Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Schweizerische Vereinigung für Politische Wissenschaft (SVPW/ASSP)

Skills

Languages: German (mother tongue), English (fluent), French (good), Dutch (basic), Latinum

Software: MS Office, Stata, R, JAGS, BUGS, L^AT_EX

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