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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

- [15] Filsinger, Maximilian, **Kathrin Ackermann** and Markus Freitag. 2019. Surfing to Help? An Empirical Analysis of Internet and Volunteering in 27 European Countries. *European Societies*, online first. doi:10.1080/14616696.2019.1663895.
- [14] **Ackermann, Kathrin**. 2019. Predisposed to Volunteer? Personality Traits and Different Forms of Volunteering. *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, 48(6) 1119-1142. doi:10.1177/0899764019848484.
- [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.
- [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.
- [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.
- [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.
- [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.
- [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.
- [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.
- [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.

- [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](https://doi.org/10.5771/0032-3470-2015-2-284).
- [2] **Ackermann, Kathrin** and Richard Traunmüller 2014. Jenseits von Schwermkraft 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](https://doi.org/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](https://doi.org/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

- [7] **Ackermann, Kathrin**, and Markus Freitag. 2019. Politische Psychologie und die Analyse politischer Eliten. In *Blackbox Exekutive - Regierungslehre in der Schweiz*, Adrian Ritz, Fritz Sager und Theo Haldemann (Hrsg.). Zürich: Verlag Neue Zürcher Zeitung, in Vorbereitung.
- [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

2019	“Research Seminar” [taught in German, 2 hrs. per week] (Graduate Level, Heidelberg University)
2019	“Populism in Germany and Europe” [taught in German, 2 hrs. per week] (Undergraduate Level (advanced), Heidelberg University)
2019	“Political Behavior and Public Opinion in Germany and Europe” [taught in German, 2 hrs. per week] (Graduate Level, Heidelberg University)
2019	“Empirical Participation Research: Social Capital - Quantitative Applications in Stata” [taught in German, 2 hrs. per week] (Undergraduate Level (advanced), Heidelberg University)
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 and Awards

Sponsorship and Funding

2018	DAAD Programme Line “Travel Expenses for Conferences” - Participation in the 25 th IPSA World Congress in Brisbane (2’308 EUR)
2018	Questionnaire Proposal “Online Political Participation” accepted for the Swiss Electoral Studies (Selects) 2019
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)
2015	Questionnaire Proposal “Personality and Politics” accepted for the Swiss Electoral Studies (Selects) 2015 (together with Markus Freitag)
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

2018	Short-listed for the dissertation award of the Swiss Political Science Associations (SPSA/SVPW)
2012	VEUK-Preis (awarded to the best MA graduates at the Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Konstanz)

Conference Presentations

2019, 2016, 2015	European Political Science Association (EPSA), Annual Conference
2019, 2017	Politicologenetmaal, Annual Meeting of the Belgian and Dutch Political Science Association
2018	DVPW Section “Methoden der Politikwissenschaft”, Annual Meeting
2018, 2017, 2016	DVPW Working-Group “Wahlen und politische Einstellungen”, Annual Meeting
2018, 2017, 2016, 2015	European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR), General Conference
2018, 2016, 2014	International Political Science Association (IPSA), World Congress
2018, 2017, 2014, 2013, 2010	Swiss Political Science Association (SVPW/ASSP), Annual Conference
2017, 2014	Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Annual Conference
2017	Netherlands Institute of Government (NIG), Annual Work 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

- 2020 Colloquium at the Institute of Social Sciences, Heinrich Heine Universität Düsseldorf
- 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

Research Management

- 2019 Hybrid project management - from classic to agile (U Heidelberg)
- 2019 Research Data Management and Open Research Data (U Heidelberg)
- 2019 Leading Yourself (GRADE GU Frankfurt)

Academic Teaching

- 2019 Planning and reflecting projects in research-oriented teaching (U Heidelberg)
- 2016 Seminar design 2.0 - internal teaching workshop (U Bern)
- 2015 Leading discussions in teaching, research and public (U Bern)
- 2014 Time Management (U Bern)
- 2014 Fundamentals of rhetoric (U Bern)
- 2013 Basics for good university teaching (U Bern)

Methods of Empirical Social Science Research

- 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)
- 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 (2x), European Journal of Political Research (4x), European Policy Analysis, International Political Science Review (2x), Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies (2x), Journal of Social and Political Psychology, Party Politics (2x), Political Psychology, Political Studies, Politische Psychologie, Public Opinion Quarterly, Regional and Federal Studies, Swiss Political Science Review (2x), Swiss Society of Administrative Sciences, Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft (2x)

Membership:

- Deutsche Vereinigung für Politische Wissenschaft (DVPW)
- European Political Science Association (EPSA)
- International Political Science Association (IPSA)
- Swiss Political Science Association (SVPW/ASSP)

Board Member:

- seit 2019 Spokesperson of the German Political Science Association (GPSA/DVPW)-AK “[Wahlen und politische Einstellungen](#)”
- seit 2019 Member of the Professorium at the Institute of Political Science (U Heidelberg)
- seit 2019 Member of the Faculty Board at the Faculty of Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences (U Heidelberg)
- seit 2016 Member of the Board of [IPSA RC29 “Political Psychology”](#)
- 2018-2019 Member of the [Esser-Preis Jury](#) (GU Frankfurt, FB 03)

Conference Organization:

- 2020 Annual Meeting of the DVPW-AK “Wahlen und politische Einstellungen” at U Heidelberg
- 2020 Interdisciplinary 24h of Political Psychology Meeting at FernU Hagen

Panel Chair:

EPSA 2019, DVPW 2018, IPSA 2018, SVPW 2017, ISPP 2015

Skills

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

Software: MS Office, Stata, R, JAGS, BUGS, \LaTeX

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