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Current Academic Positions

since 2019 **Assistant Professor (without tenure track)**, Institute of Political Science, Heidelberg University
since 2019 **Associate Researcher**
Goethe University Frankfurt am Main, Institute for Empirical-Analytical Research (InFER)

Education

2012-2017 **Doctorum rerum socialium (PhD in 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

- 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

- [16] **Ackermann, Kathrin**, and Birte Gundelach. The Psychology of Political Consumerism - Personality Traits and the Participation in Boycott and Buy-cott. *International Political Science Review*, .
- [15] Filsinger, Maximilian, **Kathrin Ackermann** and Markus Freitag. 2020. Surfing to Help? An Empirical Analysis of Internet and Volunteering in 27 European Countries. *European Societies*, 22(3): 368-389. [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.
- [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.
- [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

- [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.), 451-466. Basel: NZZ Libro.

- [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 Experience¹

Supervision

PhD-Theses	Co-Supervisor of Julia Weiss (U Heidelberg, ongoing) Jury Member of Annika Lindholm (U Lausanne, ongoing)
MA-Theses	5 Theses since 2019
BA-Theses	11 Theses since 2012

U Heidelberg

2020	“Research Seminar” (MA Level)
2020	“Social Structure and Politics” (BA Level (advanced))
2020	“Comparative Empirical Democracy Research” (MA Level)
2020	“Empirical Participation Research: Social Capital - Quantitative Applications in Stata” (BA Level (advanced))
2019	“Research Seminar” (MA Level)
2019	“Populism in Germany and Europe” (BA Level (advanced))
2019	“Political Behavior and Public Opinion in Germany and Europe” (MA Level)
2019	“Empirical Participation Research: Social Capital - Quantitative Applications in Stata” (BA Level (advanced))

GU Frankfurt

2018	“Research Practice: Social Capital - Quantitative Applications in Stata” (BA Level (advanced))
2018	“Citizens and Politics” (BA Level (advanced))

U Bern

2016	“Citizens and Politics” (BA Level (advanced))
2015	“Selected Aspects of Political Psychology” (BA Level (advanced))
2014	“Introduction to Political Psychology” (BA Level (beginners))
2013	“Social Capital in Democracies” (BA Level (beginners))

Guest Lectures

2016	“Personality in Context” (Guest Lecture, University of Bern) iences and Arts of Western Switzerland)
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¹If not otherwise indicated, the courses were taught in German.

- 2017 “Personality in Context” (Guest Lecture, University of Bern)
 2016 “Social Capital in Switzerland” (Guest Lecture, University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Western Switzerland)

Grants and Awards

- 2020 “Intergenerational Transmission of Citizenship Norms” – Excellence Strategy U Heidelberg (Flagship Initiative “Transforming Cultural Heritage”, Funding Line: “Support Funding”)
Funding Volume: 17 890 EUR; *Role:* PI
- 2020 “Blackbox Sustainability” – Excellence Strategy U Heidelberg (Field of Focus 4 “Regulation and Self-Regulation”, Funding Line: “Explorer-Projects”)
Funding Volume: 170 000 EUR; *Role:* PI
- 2020 [“The Rural-Urban Divide in Europe”](#) – NORFACE (“Democratic Governance in a Turbulent Age” Research Programme)
Funding Volume: 1 406 794 EUR (project total), 603 904 EUR (German project); *Role:* member of the coordinating team
- 2016 [“Citizenship Norms Revisited - Concept and Conditions”](#) (Grant No. 172236) – SNSF Early Postdoc.Mobility Grant for a Visiting Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of Amsterdam
Funding Volume: 46 900 CHF = ca. 43 544 EUR; *Role:* PI

Travel Grants and Scholarships

- 2018 DAAD Programme Line “Travel Expenses for Conferences” - Participation in the 25th IPSA World Congress in Brisbane (2 308 EUR)
- 2015 UniBern Forschungsstiftung Travel Grant for participating in the ECPR General Conference in Montréal/CA and 111th the APSA Annual Meeting in San Francisco/US (1 860 CHF = ca. 1 777 EUR)
- 2014 SAGW Travel Grant for participating in the 23rd IPSA World Congress in Montréal/CA (1 200 CHF = ca. 983 EUR)
- 2013 SNSF Scholarship for participating in the Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis (2 650 CHF = ca. 2 162 EUR)
- 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)

Questionnaire Proposals

- 2019 Questionnaire Proposal “Digitalized 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)

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

Conference Presentations

- 2020, 2015 International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP), Annual Meeting
- 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 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

2020	Management Programme “Towards a Professorship” (U Heidelberg)
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

Professional Activities

Reviewer:

Acta Politica (2x), Canadian Journal of Political Science, European Journal of Political Research (6x), European Policy Analysis, International Political Science Review (3x), Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies (2x), Journal of Social and Political Psychology, Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly, 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 Gesellschaft für Wahlforschung (DGfW)
- Deutsche Vereinigung für Politische Wissenschaft (DVPW)
- European Political Science Association (EPSA)
- International Political Science Association (IPSA)
- Network “Participation Research” Baden-Württemberg
- Swiss Political Science Association (SVPW/ASSP)

Board Member:

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| since 2020 | Member of the Selection Committee for the Juniorprofessorship “Politics and Communication in Ibero-America” (U Heidelberg) |
| since 2020 | Deputy Member of the Board of the Flagship Initiative “Transforming Cultural Heritage” (U Heidelberg) |
| since 2020 | Member of the Organizing Team of the “German Political Psychology Network” |
| since 2019 | Spokesperson of the German Political Science Association (GPSA/DVPW)-AK “Wahlen und politische Einstellungen” |
| since 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) |
| since 2016 | Member of the Board of IPSA RC29 “Political Psychology” |
| 2018-2019 | Member of the Esser-Preis Jury (GU Frankfurt, FB 03) |

Conference Organization:

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| 2020 | Annual Meeting of the DVPW-AK “Wahlen und politische Einstellungen” at U Heidelberg |
| 2020 | Interdisciplinary 24th 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, L^AT_EX

Heidelberg, September 18, 2020