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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Legislative Behavior ◊ Coalition Governments ◊ Political Parties ◊ Party Competition

EDUCATION

University of Vienna, Austria	<i>09/2022 – present</i>
<i>Doctoral Program in Political Science</i>	(on parental leave from 04/2025 to 08/2025)
Supervisor: Prof. Thomas M. Meyer, PhD	
Co-supervisor: Prof. Dr. Laurenz Ennser-Jedenastik	
Central European University, Austria	<i>09/2021 – 06/2022</i>
<i>One-year MA in Political Science (with Merit)</i>	
Soka University, Japan	<i>04/2013 – 03/2015</i>
<i>Master of Laws</i>	
Centro Universitário de Brasília, Brazil	<i>01/2002 – 09/2006</i>
<i>BA in International Relations</i>	

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Pre-doctoral research assistant	<i>01/2026 – present</i>
University of Vienna, Department of Government	
The Politics of Portfolio Design in European Democracies	<i>09/2022 – 01/2026</i>
Pre-doctoral research assistant, University of Vienna, Department of Government PI: Prof. Thomas M. Meyer, PhD (University of Vienna, Austria) PI: Prof. Dr. Ulrich Sieberer (University of Bamberg, Germany) Funded by the Austrian Science Fund (grant number: I 5876-G) and the German Research Foundation (grant number: SI 1470/9-1).	

WORK IN PROGRESS

Articles

- Bureaucratic appointments and coalition support in presidential systems – An analysis of Brazil's Chamber of Deputies. (*R&R, currently under second round of reviews*)
- Ideological cohesion and legislative efficiency in presidential systems.
- Explaining changes in the distribution of policy competencies in multiparty governments. (*with Ulrich Sieberer, Thomas M. Meyer, David Schmuck, Hanna Bäck, Andrea Ceron, Albert Falcó-Gimeno, Benjamin Guinaudeau, Isabelle Guinaudeau, Martin Ejnar Hansen, Kristoffer Kolltveit, Tom Louwverse, Wolfgang C. Müller, and Thomas Persson*).
- Tailoring ministerial office to office holders – The impact of gender on portfolio reforms in Western Europe. (*First author, with Thomas M. Meyer, Ulrich Sieberer, and David Schmuck*).
- The politics of portfolio design in European democracies – Research note on dataset. (*with David Schmuck, Ulrich Sieberer, and Thomas M. Meyer*).

Book chapter

- Introduction: Why and How to Study Portfolio Design. In: *The Politics of Portfolio Design in European Democracies*. (*with Thomas M. Meyer, Ulrich Sieberer, and David Schmuck*).

CONFERENCES

- Japanese Society for Quantitative Political Science – 2025 Winter Meeting
→ Paper giver Tokyo, Japan
01/2025
- ECPR General Conference 2024
→ Paper giver (two papers) Dublin, Ireland
07/2024
- Studying Political Actors and Institutions in Brazil: Methodological Approaches and Research Designs Online
→ Paper giver 04/2024
- ECPR 8th Conference of the Standing Group on Parliaments
→ Paper giver Vienna, Austria
07/2023

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Vienna (All courses taught in English at the BA level).

Student evaluation scheme: 1 = best; 5 = worse. Student evaluation upon request

As Instructor

- Parties and Institutions Winter 2025
→ Student evaluation: 1.5 (13 respondents)
- Parties and Institutions (two courses) Winter 2024
→ Student evaluation (course 1): 1.5 (17 respondents)
→ Student evaluation (course 2): 1.6 (20 respondents)
- Comparative Political Analysis Winter 2023
→ Student evaluation: 2.0 (22 respondents)

As Co-instructor

- Introduction to Climate Policy Spring 2025
→ Student evaluation: 1.6 (11 respondents)

MEDIA OUTREACH

Podcasts

- “O ‘tarifaço’ de Trump puxou pelo patriotismo brasileiro e tornou-se ‘presente de Natal’ para Lula” (“Trump’s ‘tariff hike’ sparked Brazilian patriotism and became a ‘Christmas present’ for Lula”) 11/08/2025
→ O Mundo a Seus Pés - Expresso (Portugal)
- “Governo de extrema-direita na Áustria dará à UE ‘um segundo Orbán’” (“Far-right government in Austria will give the EU ‘a second Orbán’”) 13/01/2025
→ O Mundo a Seus Pés - Expresso (Portugal)

Written outlets

- “Extrema-direita no ‘impasse’ após ganhar na Áustria: deixa cair líder responsável por resultado histórico ou fica fora do Governo?” (“Far-right in a ‘deadlock’ after winning in Austria: will they drop their leader aiming for a historical result or stay out of government?”) 30/09/2024
→ Expresso (Portugal)
- “A indicação de Dino e a polêmica ideia de dar nota aos candidatos ao STF” (“Dino’s appointment and the polemic idea of grading Supreme Court candidates”) 06/12/2023
→ Valor Econômico (Brazil)

ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC TRAINING

Summer Schools

- Summer School of the ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments
→ Paper giver
 - Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis
→ Introduction to Web Scraping and Data Management for Social Scientists

Workshops

- University of Vienna Graduate School of Social Sciences Vienna, Austria
→ “Unleashing the Potential of Geography in Social Sciences: An Introduction to GIS with R” 06/2023

SKILLS

Languages:	Portuguese (native), English (fluent), Japanese (fluent – N1), French (basic), German (basic), Spanish (basic).
Statistical software:	R.
Programming:	HTML
General applications:	LaTeX, MAXQDA, MS Office, MacOS, Windows.

AWARDS

- Vienna Doctoral School of Social Sciences Short-term Finishing Grant → (20,000 EUR) 2026
 - Shortlisted for the **Kaare Strøm Prize**, awarded by the ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments 2024
 - Central European University Tuition Waiver Scholarship → (6,000 EUR) 2021
 - Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (MEXT) Scholarship → (1,088,000 JPY – approx. 8,000 EUR) 2014
 - Soka University Scholarship for International Students → (360,000 JPY – approx. 2,700 EUR) 2014
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MEMBERSHIPS

- European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)
 - Japanese Society for Quantitative Political Science (JSQPS)
 - Brazilian Political Science Association (ABCP)

SERVICE

- Co-organizer of the Empirical Political Science PhD Club at the University of Vienna 2024 – 2026

REFERENCES

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