

# KEVIN WALZ, M.A.

I plan to complete my PhD by spring/fall 2024, and will be looking for a PostDoc position from then on.

## EDUCATION

2021  
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2024

**Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz**  
PhD in Political Science

Thesis: Anti-Pluralists, Democratic Erosion, and the Breakdown Resilience of Democratic Regimes (Supervisor: Professor Claudia Landwehr)

2017  
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2020

**Julius Maximilians University Würzburg**  
M.A. in Political and Social Sciences (1,0 - 'with distinction')

Thesis: The Development of Welfare States in post-socialist Central Eastern Europe: A comparative Study based on Partisan Theory (Adviser: Professor Hans-Joachim Lauth; Grade: 1,0)

- Comparative Politics
- Democracy Research
- Welfare States

2012  
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2016

**Julius Maximilians University Würzburg**  
B.A. in Political and Social Studies (2,2)

Thesis: Rational Will Formation and Deliberative Democracy: Is political Self-Determination within Civil Society possible? (Adviser: Professor Michael Becker; Grade: 1,7)

- Normative Political Theory
- Comparative Politics

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2021  
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2024

**PhD student in Graduate Research Group *Resilient Institutions***  
University of Mainz

- Development of theory-conceptual and empirical Access to Democratic Resilience
- Empiric multi-methods Research on Dissertation Project

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2020  
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2021

**Academic Assistant**  
Forum Soziale Bildung Benediktushöhe e.V.

- Organization and Conduction of educational Events
- Preparation of Funding Applications
- Networking with Schools and Associations
- Supervision of Interns

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

2021  
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2024

**PhD Scholarship**  
3-year PhD scholarship funded by the Gutenberg Council for Young Researchers of the University of Mainz

## CONTACT INFO

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Democratic Erosion  
  
Democratic Resilience  
  
Comparative Politics  
  
Political Theory

## SKILLS

Comparative and Multi-Methods Designs  
  
Process Tracing  
  
R, Quarto  
  
German (native), English (fluent)

*Last updated on 2023-12-06.*



## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2022  
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2018  
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### **Theory and Empiricism of Democratic Erosion**

Instructor of Advanced Module Course (B.A & M.Ed.) at University of Mainz

### **Tutorials on Introduction in Political Philosophy**

Teaching Assistant at University of Würzburg

### **Tutorials on Introduction to Comparative Politics**

Teaching Assistant at University of Würzburg

### **Tutorials on Introduction to the Political System of the FRG**

Teaching Assistant at University of Würzburg



## PUBLICATIONS

2023  
  
  
  
2022

### **“Democracy - flexible, contestable or endangered?” Anniversary conference of the standing group ‘Demokratieforschung’ in the German Political Science Association (DVPW) on March 30 and 31, 2023**

Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft

Simon Bein, Dennis Kurrek, **Kevin Walz**.

### **A new game in town - Democratic resilience and the added value of the concept in explaining democratic survival and decline**

IPP Discussion Paper Series

Johannes Helgest, Lion Merten, Jana Niedringhaus, Matthias Rosenthal, **Kevin Walz**.



## WORK IN PROGRESS

Forthcoming  
  
  
  
Forthcoming

### **Anti-Pluralists, Democratic Erosion, and the Breakdown Resilience of Democratic Regimes**

*Book manuscript*

**Kevin Walz**.

### **What is Anti-Pluralism? Outlines, Varieties, and Application Contexts of a (re)emerged Concept**

*Under Review*

**Kevin Walz**



## PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

September  
2023  
  
  
  
July 2023

### **A three-dimensional Conceptualization of Autocratization – How it started, how its going and how we can systemize Research on Democratic Breakdown and Survival**

Presentation at the *General Conference* of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)

📍 Prague, Czechia

**Kevin Walz**.

### **Typologizing processes of autocratization: How to integrate time, outcome, and context?**

Presentation at the Summer School on *Electoral Democracy in Danger?* organized by the Chair on Global Governance of the Sciences Po

📍 Paris, France

**Kevin Walz**.

June 2023	<p><b>Typologizing processes of autocratization: How to intergrate time, outcome, and context?</b></p> <p>Presentation at the Workshop on <i>Democracy in an Age of Autocratization</i> organized by the Standing Group Political Regimes of the Italian Society of Political Science (SISP)</p> <p>📍 Milan, Italy</p> <p>Kevin Walz.</p>
May 2023	<p><b>What is Anti-Pluralism?</b></p> <p>Presentation at the trilateral Colloquium of the Departments of Political Theory of the Universities of Darmstadt, Gießen and Mainz</p> <p>📍 Darmstadt, Germany</p> <p>Kevin Walz</p>
March 2023	<p><b>What is Anti-Pluralism, and if so, how many?</b></p> <p>Presentation at the Anniversary Conference of the Working Group <i>Democracy Research</i> of the German Political Science Association (DVPW)</p> <p>📍 Berlin, Germany</p> <p>Kevin Walz.</p>
November 2022	<p><b>Democratic Resilience. Potentials of a New Concept in the Empirical Study of Democracy</b></p> <p>Presentation at the Conference <i>Understanding Resiliencies</i> of the Leibniz Institute for Resilience Research and the Roman-Germanic Central Museum</p> <p>📍 Mainz, Germany</p> <p>Claudia Landwehr, Kevin Walz.</p>
October 2022	<p><b>A new game in town - Democratic resilience and the added value of the concept in explaining democratic survival and decline</b></p> <p>Presentation at the Conference <i>Democracy between new Crisis and new Challenge</i></p> <p>📍 Messina, Italy</p> <p>Johannes Helgest, Lion Merten, Jana Niedringhaus, Matthias Rosenthal, Kevin Walz.</p>



## TRAININGS

November 2023	<p><b>Successful Use of Podcasts in Teaching</b></p> <p>2-day Didactics Workshop of the <i>Hochschulevaluierungsverbund Südwest</i> e.V.</p> <p>📍 Online</p>
July 2023	<p><b>Electoral Democracy in Danger?</b></p> <p>5-day PhD Summer School of the <i>CERIUM-FMSH Chair on Global Governance/ Sciences Po</i> including lectures by Markus Wagner, Sarah Birch, Natasha Wunsch, Hannah Werner, and Bert Bakker</p> <p>📍 Paris, France</p>
June 2023	<p><b>Process-Tracing Methods</b></p> <p>10-day Methods Training at <i>Radboud Summer School</i> instructed by Derek Beach and Hilde van Meedgenburg</p> <p>📍 Nijmegen, Netherlands</p>
June 2023	<p><b>Data Visualization</b></p> <p>Short Course at <i>Radboud Summer School</i> instructed by Akos Mate</p> <p>📍 Nijmegen, Netherlands</p>
January 2023	<p><b>Reproducible Reports with Quarto and RMarkdown</b></p> <p>PhD Training Course instructed by Julia Schulte-Cloos</p> <p>📍 Mainz, Germany</p>
September 2022	<p><b>Raw Texting and Revising</b></p> <p>Writing Workshop of <i>The General Postgraduate Program (GPP)</i> of University of Mainz</p> <p>📍 Online</p>

August  
2022

### Academic Writing in English

2-day Writing Workshop of *The General Postgraduate Program (GPP)* of University of Mainz

📍 Online

June  
2022

### Comparative Research Designs

5-day Methods Training at *Radboud Summer School* instructed by Benoit Rihoux

📍 Nijmegen, Netherlands

February  
2022

### Reading Strategies and Time Management

Writing Workshop of *The General Postgraduate Program (GPP)* of University of Mainz

📍 Online

July 2021

### Introduction to R Programming

Workshop at *Data Science Summer School* of the Hertie School Data Science Lab

📍 Online

2018

### Basic Training for Tutors

Tutoring and mentoring program *KOMPASS* of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research

📍 Würzburg, Germany

## ORGANIZATION OF ACADEMIC EVENTS

March  
2023

### Organizing the Workshop “How to save Democracy?”

Responsibilities included conception and organization of a 2-day hybrid format workshop on contemporary challenges of democracy, as well as chairing two panels; hosted by the Graduate Research Group *Resilient Institutions*

📍 Mainz, Germany

September  
2021

### Organizing the Workshop “Democratic Resilience and its challenges”

Responsibilities included conception and organization of a 1-day hybrid workshop on democratic resilience and challenges of contemporary democracy; hosted by the Graduate Research Group *Resilient Institutions*

📍 Mainz, Germany