

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

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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 2023-10-15.



TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2022
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2023

2018
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2020

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2020

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

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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

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June 2023	<p>Typologizing processes of autocratization: How to intergrate time, outcome, and context?</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>What is Anti-Pluralism?</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>What is Anti-Pluralism, and if so, how many?</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>Democratic Resilience. Potentials of a New Concept in the Empirical Study of Democracy</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>A new game in town - Democratic resilience and the added value of the concept in explaining democratic survival and decline</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

July 2023	<p>Electoral Democracy in Danger?</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>Process-Tracing Methods</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>Data Visualization</p> <p>Short Course at <i>Radboud Summer School</i> instructed by Akos Mate</p> <p>📍 Nijmegen, Netherlands</p>
January 2023	<p>Reproducible Reports with Quarto and RMarkdown</p> <p>PhD Training Course instructed by Julia Schulte-Cloos</p> <p>📍 Mainz, Germany</p>
September 2022	<p>Raw Texting and Revising</p> <p>Writing Workshop of <i>The General Postgraduate Program (GPP)</i> of University of Mainz</p> <p>📍 Online</p>
August 2022	<p>Academic Writing in English</p> <p>2-day Writing Workshop of <i>The General Postgraduate Program (GPP)</i> of University of Mainz</p> <p>📍 Online</p>

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