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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

My current research investigates spatial patterns of political participation and their history. I use electoral data, survey data and quantitative methods to examine historical continuity and change in political behaviour and attitudes.

EDUCATION

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| Bielefeld University | Sep 2024 – present |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Ph.D. candidate in Sociology, supervisor: Prof. Dr. Martin Kroh◦ Research associate at the Leibniz Science Campus, SOEP RegioHub◦ Research topics: political behaviour & attitudes, electoral geography, historical persistence, spatial data analysis | |
| Tübingen University | 2021 – 2024 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ M.A. Public Policy & Social Change◦ Thesis: Environmental issue salience and policy support | |
| Passau University | 2017 – 2021 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ B.A. Governance & Public Policy | |

CURRENT PROJECTS

Historical continuity in Germany's electoral geography
Working paper

Electoral districts of Imperial Germany
New shapefile

Environmental issue salience and policy support
Working paper

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

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| AK Wahlen Jahrestagung , Free University Berlin | Sep 2025 |
| EPOP Annau Conference 2025 , Exeter University | Sep 2025 |
| Paper presentation | |
| Workshop on Political Behaviour in Central and Eastern Europe , EUI Florence | Jun 2025 |
| Paper presentation | |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Tübingen University

- Tutorial for "Methods of policy evaluation: panel analysis and quasi-experiments" (Graduate)
- Tutorial for "Introduction to quantitative analysis" (Undergraduate)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

R, Stata