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RESEARCH INTERESTS

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 behaviours and attitudes.

EDUCATION

Bielefeld University	Sep 2024 – present
◦ 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
◦ M.A. Public Policy & Social Change	
◦ Thesis: Environmental issue salience and policy support	
Passau University	2017 – 2021
◦ B.A. Governance & Public Policy	

CURRENT PROJECTS

Historical continuity in Germany's electoral geography
Working paper

Electoral and social-structural data of Imperial Germany
New data collection

Environmental issue salience and policy support
Working paper

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

AK Wahlen Jahrestagung , Free University Berlin	Sep 2025
EPOP Annual 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)

SKILLS

Statistical analysis R, Stata

Languages German, English, Spanish (B2), French (B1)