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Citizenship: Dutch & Australian

Date of birth: 30-12-1998

Research interests Political Economy, Text-As-Data (Large Language Models), Central Banking, Computational Social Science

Education **London School of Economics** London, United Kingdom
Visiting PhD student Sept-2023 – present

European University Institute Florence, Italy
PhD in Political and Social Sciences Sept-2021 – Present
Supervisors: prof. Simon Hix, prof. Waltraud Schelkle.

London School of Economics London, United Kingdom
MSc in Political Economy of Europe Sept-2020 – Sept-2021
Distinction

Erasmus University College Rotterdam, the Netherlands
BSc in Liberal Arts and Sciences Sept-2017 – Sept-2020
Major: Economics, Minor: Big Data
Summa cum Laude distinction

Honors and Prizes Prize for Winner of Best Dissertation in the MSc in Political Economy of Europe (LSE) 2020/2021
Prize for Winner of Best Overall Performance in the MSc in Political Economy of Europe (LSE) 2020/2021
Deans List (Erasmus University College) 2017-2020

Publications **The Ukraine war and European integration: The Russian attack on Ukraine and the institutional development of the European Union European institution building during the Ukraine crisis**
Philipp Genschel, Lauren Leek, Jordy Weyns
Journal of European Integration, 2023.

Research Assistant **RA mixed methods**
Prof. Philipp Genschel (European University Institute) Jan-2022 – Jan-2023
Public opinion and policy analysis research assistant on a project on the impact of the Russian attack on Ukraine.

RA Political Behaviour

Prof. Chris Anderson (London School of Economics) Nov-2023 – Present
Gathering and visualisation of data on democracy and people.

Qualitative coder

Solid Project (European University Institute) 2021 – 2022
Qualitative coding of the dutch election news coverage.

Teaching experience

TA (BSc), Kings College London Winter term 2024
Quantitative methods in the Political Economy department.
Teaching Stata labs and seminars to first year BSc students.

TA (PhD), European University Institute Autumn term 2022.
Introduction to quantitative methods in the Political Science Department.
Teaching R labs and seminars to first and second year PhD students.

TA (BSc), Erasmus School of Economics, Rotterdam Winter term 2020
Microeconomics
Teaching seminars to BSc 1 students in the Economics department.

Industry experience

European Central Bank, DG Economics Frankfurt, Germany
PhD trainee in in the Fiscal Policy division. May 2023-November 2023
Implementation of Large Language Models and AI applications. Establishing
an independent research project on the use-case of monetary, fiscal and financial dominance.

RaboResearch, Research division Utrecht, the Netherlands
Economics intern August 2019-January 2020
Examining the empirical relationship between the circular economy and financial performance.

Conferences

2021-2023
The Political Economy and Society conference (MPI, Cologne), The European Governance and Politics Programme Seminar Series (EUI, Florence), The Eurozone interdisciplinary working group (EUI, Florence), YouGov-EUI Data conference (EUI, Florence), How People Think About the Economy (UCL, London), European Studies Association (EUSA, Pittsburgh), Council of European Studies (CES, Reykjavik), Analytical Communications (ECB, Frankfurt), Max Planck Summer School for Women in Political Economy (MPI, Cologne)

Skills

Statistical Software and Programming
Proficient in: Stata, R, Latex, SPSS, Microsoft Office.
Familiar with: Python, HTML.

Languages

Dutch (Native), English (Native), Germany (Basic)

Working groups

EU studies Working Group

2021 – 2023

Co-organiser of the EUI EU studies working group.

Reviewer

Review of International Political Economy

Other interests

Cyclist, Runner, Sailor and Football player.

Previous non-academic jobs include being a sailing instructor and staff member of a sailing school, board member for a student society (Socrates), football trainer, working at a beach restaurant, providing weekend-long exam training to high school students in economics and being a substitute high school teacher.