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Doctoral Researcher with a focus on data analytics and social sciences. Expert in managing complex longitudinal studies and translating data into actionable insights. Seeking new opportunities to apply advanced statistical modeling and R programming in dynamic research or corporate environments.

EDUCATION

Since 2021	Ph.D. in POLITICAL SCIENCE, University of Mannheim (Mannheim, Germany)
2018 - 2021	M.A. in POLITICAL SCIENCE, University of Mannheim (Mannheim, Germany)
FALL 2019	Exchange term, Aarhus University (Aarhus, Denmark)
2015 - 2018	B.A. in POLITICAL SCIENCE and HISTORY, Johannes Gutenberg - University (Mainz, Germany)

COMPUTER SKILLS



LANGUAGES

GERMAN:
Native language

ENGLISH:
Highly proficient

WORK EXPERIENCE

MAR 2021 - DEC 2025	Doctoral Researcher & Lecturer CHAIR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE - POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF MANNHEIM 🔗 Teaching Bachelor seminars in political sociology and workshops in data analysis 🔗 Research on political attitudes, representation and behaviour (Theory development, literature review and hypotheses testing. Data collection, preparation, analysis and visualisation.) <i>Tools: R, Stata, MS Office, Markdown, HTML, CSS, Git, Latex, Obsidian, Trello</i>
DEC 2022	Instructor 3-Day Workshop: Introduction to Stata GESIS WORKSHOP "INTRODUCTION TO STATA" • Development and teaching <i>Tools: Stata, R, Markdown, Git</i>

AUG 2022 - SEP 2024	Doctoral Researcher ☰ Research project: German Longitudinal Election Study MZES - MANNHEIM CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN SOCIAL RESEARCH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analysing electoral behaviour and public attitudes in the context of climate change Panel data management (organisation, automatisation, updating, advising) <i>Tools: R, Stata</i>
APR 2020 - DEC 2021	Research assistant ☰ Research project: Standardized Audio and Voice Interviewing (SAVI) MZES - MANNHEIM CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN SOCIAL RESEARCH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation and analysis of voice and text survey data <i>Tools: R, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint</i>
APR - JUL 2020	Working Student: Data science ☞ GETSAFE DIGITAL GMBH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation and descriptive analysis of data on insurance fraud risk Development of hypotheses on insurance fraud risk <i>Tools: MS Excel, SQL, Python</i>
MAY 2019 - APR 2020	Research assistant Research project: C7 – Political attention and the substance of legislative reform CRC 884 – POLITICAL ECONOMY OF REFORMS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data collection and transformation <i>Tools: R, Git</i>
FEB - AUG 2019	Research assistant Research project: Z1 – German Internet Panel CRC 884 – POLITICAL ECONOMY OF REFORMS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development and implementation of automated report on panel participation Verification and advice on operation of newly introduced database <i>Tools: R, Markdown, HTML</i>
JAN - FEB 2019	Research assistant Research projects: ☰ Competing and complementing – The relation of Co-determination and new participatory platforms within companies & ☰ Artificial Intelligence and Knowledge Work – Implications, Opportunities And Risks ALEXANDER VON HUMBOLDT INSTITUTE FOR INTERNET AND SOCIETY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing a project report and development of an expert questionnaire <i>Tools: Google Workspace</i>
JUN - AUG 2019	Internship Research project: Competing and complementing – The relation of Co-determination and new participatory platforms within companies ALEXANDER VON HUMBOLDT INSTITUTE FOR INTERNET AND SOCIETY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of a survey questionnaire and codebook <i>Tools: Google Workspace</i>

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

- ⌚ Rettig, L. & Iserman, L. (2026). Just like me? Testing descriptive attributes as voting heuristics. *Electoral Studies*, 100, 103045. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2026.103045>

Data & Methods: Multilevel data (official candidate profiles and survey data); Conditional logit regressions

- ⌚ Menzner, J., Schmid, C., & Rettig, L. (2025). The Importance of Descriptive Representation & Cue-Taking in Free List Local Elections. *German Politics*, 1-24. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09644008.2025.2570714>

Data & Methods: Multilevel data (official election returns, candidate profiles, and district demographics); OLS regressions

- ⌚ Rettig, L., Gärtner, L., & Schoen, H. (2023). Facing trade-offs: The variability of public support for climate change policies. *Environmental Science & Policy*, 147, 244-254. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envsci.2023.06.020>

Data & Methods: Survey-experimental data; ordered logistic and ordered logistic heteroscedastic regressions.

Working Papers

- Rettig, L. (ongoing). Young Policy Opinions and their Impact: Evidence on the Substantive Representation of Age Groups in Germany.

Data & Methods: Group-aggregated survey and policy data; Pooled logit regressions

- Rettig, L. (ongoing). Is it simply a question of age? Disentangling generational and age effects on feelings of representation

Data & Methods: Time-series survey data; Generalized additive regression, pooled logit and ordered multinomial regressions, ordinal Bayesian dynamic group-level IRT

Essays & Blogposts

- ⌚ Rettig, L. (2019). Who wants to e-participate – and why? in: *Alexander von Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society: encore – THE ANNUAL MAGAZINE ON INTERNET AND SOCIETY RESEARCH, Volume 2018*, p. 17-22.

- ⌚ Rettig, L. (2018). Wir wollen e-partizipieren. *DIGITAL SOCIETY BLOG: Wissen über unsere vernetzte Welt*. Alexander von Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society (04/09/2018)

- ⌚ Rettig, L. (2019). Immer noch Neuland? *DIGITAL SOCIETY BLOG: Wissen über unsere vernetzte Welt*. Alexander von Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society (12/03/2019)

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

- Rettig, L. (2024). Uncovering age group disparities in policy responsiveness Conference Paper for the EPSA Conference, July 2024, Cologne.

- Rettig, L. (2024). Uncovering age group disparities in policy responsiveness Conference Paper for the ECPR Joint Sessions, March 2024, Lüneburg.
- Rettig, L. & Isermann, L. (2023): Just like me – Evidence on group-cue based voting from Germany. Conference Paper for the EPSA Conference, June 2023, Glasgow.
- Isermann, L. & Rettig, L. (2022): OK Boomer! Descriptive voting behaviour along age lines in times of generational conflict. Conference Paper for the AK Wahlen Conference, May 2022, Berlin.
- Höhne, J., Blom, A., Gavras, K., Revilla, K. & Rettig, L. (2020). Open Question Formats: Comparing the Suitability of Requests for Text and Voice Answers in Smartphone Surveys. Working paper for the BigSurv20 Conference, November 2020, Utrecht (Online).

ENGAGEMENT

APR 2025 - PRESENT	 SOMAYOGA.SPACE, Mannheim
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helper at the yoga studio
SEP - DEC 2019	 Mellemfolkeligt Samvirke, Aarhus
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer at their non-profit café
2016 - 2018	 Lecture Series Committee, University Mainz
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of event organisation team
2015 - 2018	 Student Representatives, University Mainz
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegate in council
SEP - Nov 2014	 Kavango Foundation, Namibia
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internship in International Development
2009 - 2017	 KjG St.Michael Viernheim
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth leader of catholic parish youth

INTERESTS

Yoga & Hiking:	Balance and focus to stay healthy and connected.
Crafting:	Exploring creativity, precision, attention to detail and basic solutions through complex DIY projects.
Organising & Decluttering:	Developing systems for structured workflows for mental clarity.