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PROFILE

- Ph.D. Candidate seeking new opportunities in research and data analytics
- Trained in data analytics and programming
- Interested in sharing insights on societal developments with the world

EDUCATION

Since 2021	Ph.D. in POLITICAL SCIENCE, University of Mannheim (Mannheim, Germany) Thesis: " <i>Political representation of young adults</i> "
2018 - 2021	M.A. in POLITICAL SCIENCE, University of Mannheim (Mannheim, Germany) Modules: <i>Advanced Quantitative Methods, Survey Methodology, Research Design, Game Theory, International Political Economy</i> Thesis: " <i>Political identities, issue salience and climate change mitigation in a multi-party system</i> "
AUTUMN 2019	Exchange term, Aarhus University (Aarhus, Denmark) Modules: <i>Comparative Politics, Advanced EU Politics</i>
2015 - 2018	B.A. in POLITICAL SCIENCE and HISTORY, Johannes Gutenberg - University (Mainz, Germany) Thesis: " <i>Determinants of online and offline political participation - Analysis in regard of political motivation and efficacy</i> "
2010 - 2013	Abitur (A-Levels), Karl - Kübel - Schule (Bensheim, Germany) Discipline: <i>Economics (bilingual)</i>

LANGUAGES

GERMAN: Native language
ENGLISH: Highly proficient

COMPUTER SKILLS

Advanced: R, STATA
Intermediate: MS OFFICE, HTML
Basic: LATEX, CSS, SQL, PYTHON

WORK EXPERIENCE

DEC 2022	GESIS Workshop "Introduction to Stata" INSTRUCTOR 3-DAY WORKSHOP: INTRODUCTION TO STATA <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development and teaching
AUG 2022 - SEP 2024	MZES - Mannheim Centre for European Social Research RESEARCHER RESEARCH PROJECT: GERMAN LONGITUDINAL ELECTION STUDY <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Analysing electoral behaviour and public attitudes in the context of climate change• Panel data management
MAR 2021 - DEC 2025	Chair of Political Science - Political Psychology, University of Mannheim RESEARCHER <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teaching Bachelor seminars in political sociology• Teaching Bachelor workshops in data analytics with Stata• Investigating political attitudes, representation and behaviour
APR 2020 - DEC 2021	MZES - Mannheim Centre for European Social Research RESEARCH ASSISTANT RESEARCH PROJECT: STANDARDIZED AUDIO AND VOICE INTERVIEWING (SAVI) - DIGITAL INNOVATIONS IN SURVEY DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Analysis of voice and text survey data
APR - JUL 2020	Getsafe Digital GmbH DATA SCIENCE WORKING STUDENT <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preparation and descriptive analysis of data on insurance fraud risk• Development of hypotheses on insurance fraud risk
MAY 2019 - APR 2020	CRC 884 – Political Economy of Reforms RESEARCH ASSISTANT RESEARCH PROJECT: C7 – POLITICAL ATTENTION AND THE SUBSTANCE OF LEGISLATIVE REFORM <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data collection and transformation
FEB - AUG 2019	CRC 884 – Political Economy of Reforms RESEARCH ASSISTANT RESEARCH PROJECT: Z1 – GERMAN INTERNET PANEL <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development and implementation of automatized report on panel participation• Verification and advice on operation of newly introduced database
JAN - FEB 2019	Alexander von Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support in writing a project report• Development of an expert questionnaire

JUN - AUG 2019

Alexander von Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society
INTERNSHIP | RESEARCH PROJECT: COMPETING AND COMPLEMENTING –
THE RELATION OF CO-DETERMINATION AND NEW PARTICIPATORY PLATFORMS
WITHIN COMPANIES
• Development of a survey questionnaire and codebook
• Organising interviews

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

- Rettig, L. & Iserman, L. (2026) [Forthcoming]. Just like me? Testing descriptive attributes as voting heuristics. *Electoral Studies*.
- 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>
- 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>

Papers/Essays

- Rettig, Leonie (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.

Blogposts

- Rettig, Leonie (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, Leonie (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, Leonie (2024): Uncovering age group disparities in policy responsiveness Conference Paper for the EPSA Conference, July 2024, Cologne.
- Rettig, Leonie (2024): Uncovering age group disparities in policy responsiveness Conference Paper for the ECPR Joint Sessions, March 2024, Lüneburg.
- Rettig, Leonie & Isermann, Lukas (2023): Just like me – Evidence on group-cue based voting from Germany. Conference Paper for the EPSA Conference, June 2023, Glasgow.
- Isermann, Lukas & Rettig, Leonie (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, Jan Karem; Blom, Annelies; Gavras, Konstantin; Revilla, Melanie & Rettig, Leonie. (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 of the Student Representatives Political Science, University Mainz <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Member of event organisation team of a biannual lecture series for students and the public• Head of event organisation team
2015 - 2018	Student Representatives Political Science, University Mainz <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delegate in council of all student representatives
Sep - Nov 2014	Kavango Community Development 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• Member of management team (2010 - 2012)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Mar 2020	Participation at #WirVsVirus-Hackerthon
May 2019	Participation at Data Fest (Mannheim)
Nov - Dec 2014	South Africa journey
Aug 2013 - Mar 2014	Au pair job and journey in New Zealand

INTERESTS

- Yoga & hiking for physical balance
- Creative crafting & DIY projects for fun
- Efficient organising for a calmer mind