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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, <b>University of Mannheim</b> (Mannheim, Germany) Thesis: <i>“Political representation of young adults”</i>
2018 - 2021	M.A. in POLITICAL SCIENCE, <b>University of Mannheim</b> (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, <b>Aarhus University</b> (Aarhus, Denmark) Modules: <i>Comparative Politics, Advanced EU Politics</i>
2015 - 2018	B.A. in POLITICAL SCIENCE and HISTORY, <b>Johannes Gutenberg - University</b> (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), <b>Karl - Kübel - Schule</b> (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	<b>GESIS Workshop "Introduction to Stata"</b> INSTRUCTOR   3-DAY WORKSHOP: <a href="#">INTRODUCTION TO STATA</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Development and teaching</li></ul>
AUG 2022 - SEP 2024	<b>MZES - Mannheim Centre for European Social Research</b> RESEARCHER   RESEARCH PROJECT: <a href="#">GERMAN LONGITUDINAL ELECTION STUDY</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Analysing electoral behaviour and public attitudes in the context of climate change</li><li>• Panel data management</li></ul>
MAR 2021 - DEC 2025	<b>Chair of Political Science - Political Psychology, University of Mannheim</b> RESEARCHER <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Teaching Bachelor seminars in political sociology</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Teaching Bachelor workshops in data analytics with Stata</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Investigating political attitudes, representation and behaviour</a></li></ul>
APR 2020 - DEC 2021	<b>MZES - Mannheim Centre for European Social Research</b>  RESEARCH ASSISTANT   RESEARCH PROJECT: <a href="#">STANDARDIZED AUDIO AND VOICE INTERVIEWING (SAVI) - DIGITAL INNOVATIONS IN SURVEY DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Analysis of voice and text survey data</li></ul>
APR - JUL 2020	<b><a href="#">Getsafe Digital GmbH</a></b> DATA SCIENCE WORKING STUDENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preparation and descriptive analysis of data on insurance fraud risk</li><li>• Development of hypotheses on insurance fraud risk</li></ul>
MAY 2019 - APR 2020	<b>CRC 884 – Political Economy of Reforms</b> RESEARCH ASSISTANT   RESEARCH PROJECT: <a href="#">C7 – POLITICAL ATTENTION AND THE SUBSTANCE OF LEGISLATIVE REFORM</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Data collection and transformation</li></ul>
FEB - AUG 2019	<b>CRC 884 – Political Economy of Reforms</b> RESEARCH ASSISTANT   RESEARCH PROJECT: <a href="#">Z1 – GERMAN INTERNET PANEL</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Development and implementation of automatized report on panel participation</li><li>• Verification and advice on operation of newly introduced database</li></ul>
JAN - FEB 2019	<b>Alexander von Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society</b> RESEARCH ASSISTANT   RESEARCH PROJECTS: <a href="#">COMPETING AND COMPLEMENTING – THE RELATION OF CO-DETERMINATION AND NEW PARTICIPATORY PLATFORMS WITHIN COMPANIES</a> & <a href="#">ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND KNOWLEDGE WORK – IMPLICATIONS, OPPORTUNITIES AND RISKS</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Support in writing a project report</li><li>• Development of an expert questionnaire</li></ul>

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	<b>SOMAYOGA.SPACE, Mannheim</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Helper at the yoga studio</li></ul>
Sep - Dec 2019	<b>Mellemfolkeligt Samvirke, Aarhus</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Volunteer at their non-profit café</li></ul>
2016 - 2018	<b>Lecture Series Committee of the Student Representatives Political Science, University Mainz</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Member of event organisation team of a biannual lecture series for students and the public</li><li>• Head of event organisation team</li></ul>
2015 - 2018	<b>Student Representatives Political Science, University Mainz</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Delegate in council of all student representatives</li></ul>
Sep - Nov 2014	<b>Kavango Community Development Foundation, Namibia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Internship in International Development</li></ul>
2009 - 2017	<b>KjG St.Michael Viernheim</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Youth leader of catholic parish youth</li><li>• Member of management team (2010 - 2012)</li></ul>

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

Mar 2020	Participation at #WirVsVirus-Hackathon
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