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<b>Current Position</b>	<b>Hertie School, Germany</b> Postdoctoral researcher	since 2020
<b>Education</b>	<b>Freie Universität Berlin, Deutschland</b> Dr. rer. pol. Politikwissenschaft ( <i>summa cum laude</i> )	2016 – 2020
	<b>University of Oxford, UK</b> M.Phil. International Relations	2014 – 2016
	<b>University of California, Santa Barbara, USA</b> Education Abroad Program	2012 – 2013
	<b>Freie Universität Berlin, Deutschland</b> B.A. Politikwissenschaft (1,2)	2010 – 2014
<b>Previous Positions</b>	<b>Yale University, USA</b> Visiting Assistant in Research	2019
	<b>Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change, Germany, Visiting Researcher</b>	2017 – 2019
	<b>Aurora Energy Research, Deutschland</b> External consultant	2017 – 2019
	<b>Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, Argentinien</b> Visiting scholar	2019
	<b>Human Science Research Council, Südafrika</b> Visiting scholar	2018

## **Publications**

### *Published (peer reviewed)*

**Levi** (2022): Living standards shape individual attitudes on genetically modified food around the world. [\*Food Quality and Preference\*](#), 95, 104371.

**Levi** (2021): Climate change communication in South Africa. In: [\*Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Climate Science\*](#). Oxford University Press.

Flachsland & **Levi** (2021): Germany's federal climate change act. [\*Environmental Politics\*](#) (2021): 1-23.

**Levi** (2021): Country-level conditions like prosperity, democracy, and regulatory culture predict individual climate change belief. [\*Communications Earth & Environment\*](#). 2 (51).

**Levi** (2021): Why hate carbon taxes? Machine learning evidence on the roles of personal responsibility, trust, revenue recycling, and other Factors across 23 European countries. [\*Energy Research & Social Science\*](#). 73 (101883).

Lamb, Mattioli, **Levi**, Roberts, Capstick, Creutzig, Minx, Müller-Hansen, Culhane & Steinberger (2020): Discourses of Climate Delay. [\*Global Sustainability\*](#). 3 (17).

**Levi**, Flachsland & Jakob (2020): Political Economy Conditions for Carbon Pricing. [\*Global Environmental Politics\*](#). 20 (2).

Kornek, Flachsland, Kardish, **Levi**, & Edenhofer (2020). What is important for achieving 2° C? UNFCCC and IPCC expert perceptions on obstacles and response options for climate change mitigation. [\*Environmental Research Letters\*](#), 15(2), 024005.

### *In Review*

**Levi** & Goldberg. Political regimes and public opinion formation. How democracy increases climate change concern.

### *In preparation*

Global climate, national views. Explaining climate change opinion across countries. *Book project*.

Building public constituencies. The influence of renewable energy technology on political preferences.

### In preparation (contd.)

Using machine learning to classify stance on climate policies (w/ Christian Flachsland, Jan Minx, Will Lamb, Max Callaghan, Lynn Kaack)

Political networks and the German carbon tax (w/ Lukas Fesenfeld, Christian Flachsland, et al.)

How does information provision influence acceptance of climate policies? (w/ Ingo Wolf)

How policy effectiveness relates to public acceptance (w/ Florian Koller, Ingo Wolf, Florian Koch & Christian Flachsland)

### Policy paper & technical papers (selection)

Klimaschutz und Verkehr: Zielerreichung nur mit unbequemen Maßnahmen möglich. *Ariadne-Analyse* (2021); w/ Ingo Wolf, Christian Flachsland, Nicolas Koch, Florian Koller, Duncan Edmondson.

Wie die Governance der deutschen Klimapolitik gestärkt werden kann. *Ariadne Kurzdossier* (2021); w/ Christian Flachsland, Nils aus dem Moore, Matthias Kalkuhl, Michèle Knodt, Brigitte Knopf, Luderer, Michael Pahle Thorsten Müller, Jörg Kemmerzell, Duncan Edmondson, Benjamin Görlach.

Optionen für die Auktionen zur Stilllegung der Steinkohle. Aurora Energy Research (2019). w/ Hanns König, Casimir Lorenz, Andreas Löschel, Frank Jotzow.

The development of gas storage market under climate neutrality targets. Aurora Energy Research (2018); w/ Manuel Köhler, Gerald Koch, Hanns König, Rowan von Spreckelsen, Robert Howlett.

Coal capacities in Central and Eastern Europe 2017-2025. Aurora Energy Research (2017); w/ Hanns König and Manuel Köhler.

### **Reviewer activity**

Grant-Reviewer      *Climate Change AI* (Meta-reviewer), *Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes* (admission board)

Paper Reviewer      *Comparative Political Studies*, *Environmental Research Letters*, *Journal of European Public Policy*, *Climate Policy*

<b>Select Conferences &amp; Workshops</b>	<b>ICPP</b> , Paper presenter & discussant	2019, 2021
	<b>ECPR</b> , Paper presenter & panel chair	2017, 2018, 2020
	<b>IASS</b> , Method workshop presenter	2020
	<b>OECD Green Growth</b> , Paper presenter	2018
<b>Teaching</b>	<b>Hertie School</b> Advanced Climate Policy (co-teaching)	2021
	<b>Hertie School</b> Sustainability (co-teaching)	2020
	<b>Yale</b> FES 550 Research Methods (co-teaching)	2019
	<b>FU Berlin</b> PS 15134 Ideen und Internationale Politik	2019
<b>Supervision</b>	<i>MA-theses</i> : N. Pfeufer, Hertie School, H. Zschüttig, TU Berlin (both co-supervision), Kristian Tvedt, University of Oslo (examination board)	
<b>Governance &amp; service</b>	<b>Hertie School</b>	
	Representative in the Sustainability Committee	2021 –
	Representative in the Academic Senate	2021 –
	<b>Polis180</b>	2016 – 2018
	Member and Co-Section Head Climate & Energy	
<b>Select awards &amp; scholarships</b>	<b>St. Anthony's College, Oxford</b>	2014 – 2015
	Social Events Officer	
	<b>Yale School of the Environment</b> , Fee Waiver	2019
	<b>Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes</b> , PhD Scholarship	2017
	<b>St. Anthony's College</b> , STAR-Grant	2016
	<b>Oxford DPIR</b> , Cyril Foster Fund Research Grant	2015
	<b>DAAD</b> , Study scholarship	2014
	<b>UCSB, Dean's Honors</b>	2013
	<b>Rosa-Luxemburg Stiftung</b> , Study scholarship	2012