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Research interests

European Political Economy, industrial policy, geoeconomics, state-market transformations, economic networks

Academic Appointments and Fellowships

<i>Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies</i> : Senior researcher	Oct 2023-now
<i>Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies</i> : Visiting researcher	Spring 2022
<i>Radboud University</i> : Junior Lecturer in Political Science and Economics	2018-19

Education

<i>European University Institute</i> : Ph.D.	2019-2023
Dissertation: After Market Making: The Political Economy of EU Industrial Policy	
<i>Radboud University</i> : Political science (B.A. + M.A.)	2013-2018

Publications

JOURNAL ARTICLES

2025 | [Picking Losers: Climate Change and Managed Decline in the European Union](#) (With T. Ergen). *Regulation & Governance* (online first).

2025 | [The Costs of Conditionality. IPCEIs and the Constrained Politics of EU Industrial Policy](#) (with T. Seidl and T. Wuttke). *Competition and Change* (online first).

2024 | [Moving on to not fall behind? Technological sovereignty and the ‘geo-dirigiste’ turn in EU industrial policy](#) (With T. Seidl). *Journal of European Public Policy*, 31(8), 2147–2174.

2023 | [Europe first? The rise of EU industrial policy promoting and protecting the single market](#) (With D. Di Carlo). *Journal of European Public Policy*, 30(10), 2063–2096.

2023 | [As Open as Possible, as Autonomous as Necessary: Understanding the Rise of Open Strategic Autonomy in EU Trade Policy](#) (With T. Seidl). *JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies*, 61: 834–852.

2020 | [From coherence to coheritization: explaining the rise of policy coherence in EU external policy](#) (With T. Eimer). *Globalizations*, 17(4), 629–647.

BOOK CHAPTERS

2020 | [Power\(ful\) and Power\(less\): A Review of Power in the ESG–Agency Scholarship](#) (With Andrea Gerlak *et al*), in: Michele M. Betsil, Tabitha M. Benney & Andrea Gerlak (eds): *Agency in Earth Systems Governance*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

WORKING PAPERS

2024 | [A Primer for the use of Classifier and Generative Large Language Models in Social Science Research](#). (with J. Cova). *OSF Preprint*

2024 | [The Costs of Conditionality. IPCEIs and the Constrained Politics of EU Industrial Policy](#) (With T. Seidl and T. Wuttke). *OSF Preprint*.

2023 | [The Sunshine Problem: Climate Change and Managed Decline in the European Union](#) (With T. Ergen). *MPIfG Discussion Paper*, 23/6.

2022 | [Protecting, Transforming, and Projecting the Single Market. Open Strategic Autonomy and Digital Sovereignty in the EU's Trade and Digital Policies](#) (With T. Seidl). *OSF Preprint*.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Hierarchies of Adaptation. Corporate Power in Economic Statecraft. Unpublished manuscript.

Fighting the Future: Mapping Corporate Responses to Climate Change. Unpublished manuscript.

Poldering to Proactivity: Explaining the Shift from Covert to Overt Industrial Policy in the Netherlands (with J. Simons).

Till Geoeconomics do Us Part: Mapping the German Auto-Manufacturing Complex (with P. Polyak).

Policy reports

2025 | The New EU Industrial Policy: Illusions of Synergy? Stockholm: *Swedish Institute for European Policy*.

2024 | [The Costs of Conditionality: Lessons from IPCEIs](#) (with T. Seidl and T. Wuttke). Rome: *LUHNIP Policy Brief* 2/2024.

2015 | [Central and Eastern European countries at the crossroads](#): Why governments should reject investment arbitration in TTIP (with C. Olivet). Amsterdam: *Transnational Institute*.

Media and other writings

2023 | [Backlash](#). Article where my work on climate change and deindustrialization is discussed (in Dutch). *De Groene Amsterdammer*.

2023 | [Opinion piece about EU industrial policy](#) (in Dutch, with J.H. van Dijk). *NRC Handelsblad*.

2022 | [Blog version of As open As Possible](#) (with T. Seidl). *JCMS Ideas on Europe*.

2020 | [Reflections on how COVID-19 is reshaping the EU's industrial strategy](#). *EU Ideas*.

Funding and Awards

JEPP Best paper prize 2024. Awarded for: [Moving on to not fall behind? Technological sovereignty and the 'geo-dirigiste' turn in EU industrial policy](#) (With T. Seidl). *Journal of European Public Policy*, 31(8), 2147–2174.

Ph.D. Scholarship, *European University Institute & Nuffic* (fully funded), 2019-2023. €80.000.

Selected for best conference paper special issue (JEPP), European Union Studies Association, 2022. Awarded for: Europe first? The rise of EU industrial policy promoting and protecting the single market (With D. Di Carlo).

Teaching

UNIVERSITY OF COLOGNE, POLITICAL SCIENCE

European Political Economy, B.A.

Spring 2025

HEINRICH HEINE UNIVERSITY DÜSSELDORF, POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Internal and External dimensions of EU Economic Governance, B.A.

Spring 2025

MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIETIES

Using Large Language Models (LLMs) in Social Science Research

Spring & Fall 2024

RADBOD UNIVERSITY, POLITICAL SCIENCE

Introduction to academic writing, B.A.

Fall 2018

Economics for political scientists, B.A.

Fall 2018

Introduction to linear regression analysis, B.A.

Spring 2019

The Politics of EU crisis management, M.A.

2018-2019

B.A. Thesis supervision (6 students)

Spring 2019

TEACHER TRAINING CERTIFICATE

Introduction to Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, European University Institute

Oct–Nov 2021

- 20 hours of class time, 20 hours reflective practice
- Covered: Course design, teaching for diversity, assessment, large group teaching, quality assurance.

Talks and presentations

INVITED TALKS & WORKSHOPS

Arena Centre for European Studies, University of Oslo. ‘The Costs of Conditionality in EU Public Policy’. Oslo, January 2026.

Maastricht University, ‘Hierarchies of Adaptation. Corporate Power in Economic Statecraft’. Maastricht, 5 November 2025.

Sciences Po & MPIfG, ‘Green backlash’, Paris, 22-23 May 2025.

Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, ‘Discipline and Profits. Geopolitics and the Great Restructuring of the Firm’, Florence, 28 April 2025.

Villa Vigoni, ‘Europe and the Geoeconomic Challenge’, Lovenno di Menaggio, Italy, 22-24 April 2025.

Hertie School of Governance & Jacques Delors Centre, ‘Getting EU Industrial Policy Right’. Berlin, September 2024.

Utrecht University, ‘Junctures of the Polycrisis: the Single Market at 30’. Utrecht, July 2024.

European University Institute, ‘European industrial policy & the new geopolitics of markets’. Florence, April 2023.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (SELECTION)

Council for European Studies: 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics: 2021, 2022, 2024, 2025

European Union Studies Association: 2022

ECPR Standing Group on the European Union: 2022

European Consortium for Political Research, General Conference: 2021

European Workshop in International Studies: 2024, 2025

Academic Service

WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

‘[The geoeconomic turn in international political economy](#)’, MPI for the Study of Societies, Cologne, 30-31 January 2025 (with P. Polyak).

COMMITTEE WORK

Co-convener of the European University Institute’s Political Economy Work Group 2020-2023

REFeree

Business & Politics, Competition & Change, European Law Open, Global Political Economy, Governance, Integration, Journal for European Public Policy, Journal of Common Market Studies, Journal of European Integration, MPIfG DP Series, New Political Economy, Politics and Governance, Political Geography, Regulation & Governance, Review of International Political Economy, Socio-Economic Review, The International Spectator, West European Politics.

Languages

Dutch (native), English (fluent), German (proficient), Italian (conversational), French (basic)

Programming

LANGUAGES

Advanced: R, Quarto

Intermediate: Python, L^AT_EX

SOFTWARE

Advanced: RStudio, Gephi

Intermediate: Visual Studio Code