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"The secret of getting ahead is getting started."

#### Education

**University of Mannheim** 

Mannheim, Germany

PhD. Political Science

Sep. 2010 - Jul. 2015

- · Completed an interdisciplinary graduate school program in political science, economics, and psychology.
- Specialized in Bayesian inference, machine learning, and automatic text analysis using tools such as R, Jacks, RapidMiner, and Python.

**University of Essex** Colchester, UK

MA. POLITICAL SCIENCE

Sep. 2009 - Sep. 2010

· Completed a program in political science focusing on statistical learning and public opinion measurement using Stata and R.

**University of Potsdam** Potsdam, Germany

**BA. POLITICAL SCIENCE** Oct. 2006 - Aug. 2009

· Completed a program in political science and English linguistics focusing on electoral politics and voting behavior.

# **Experience** \_

#### **Hertie School of Governance**

Berlin, Germany

RESEARCH SCIENTIST

May 2015 - PRESENT

- · Lead a team of researchers and data analysts and provide solutions for collecting, analyzing, and visualizing data.
- Evaluate the impact of public policy and advice policy makers and international organizations.
- Responsible for both the technical development and quality control using tools such as R, Git, PostgreSQL, Plotly and JavaScript (D3).
- Teach graduate level classes in machine learning and data science.

#### **University of Mannheim**

Mannheim, Germany

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE

Aug. 2010 - May 2015

- · Developed new methods to turn text into data and analyzed trends on social media using R, Jacks, and SQLite
- Co-develop a novel general population survey and ran several survey experiments.
- · Taught classes in statistics and research design.

#### **Berlin State Assembly**

Berlin, Germany

PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO MP

Mar. 2007 - Sep. 2009

· Developed presentations and policy proposals, organized political events, and created press material and web content.

**Berlin Green Party** 

Berlin, Germany

CAMPAIGN MANAGER

Jan. 2007 - Sep. 2009

• Organized political events, convinced voters, and managed local electoral campaigns.

# Projects .

#### **Interactive Performance Indicators**

governancereport.org

RESEARCH SCIENTIST

May 2015 - PRESENT

· Created the empirical foundation and interactive visualization tools for the Schools' ongoing publication series.

#### **Berggruen Governance Index**

berggruen.org

RESEARCH SCIENTIST

May 2015 - June 2017

· Wrote a number of web crawlers and used a Bayesian hierarchical model to create a worldwide index of governance capacity.

#### **Culture and Democracy Framework**

PRINCIPLE INVESTIGATOR

• Created a framework that allows to explore how culture impacts the quality of democracy.

#### **European Governance Monitor**

dahrendorf-forum.eu

RESEARCH ADVISOR

Jan. 2016 - May 2017

Council of Europe

May 2015 - Mar. 2017

• Helped develop a tool to monitor the effectiveness of economic and social policies in EU countries.

**Reshaping Cultural Policies** 

**UNESCO** 

RESEARCH ADVISOR

May. 2015 - Dec. 2015

• Co-developed an indicator system to monitor the diversity of cultural expression around the World.

#### **German Internet Panel Survey**

gesellschaft-im-wandel.de

RESEARCHER

Jan. 2011 - May 2015

· Co-developed a probability-based longitudinal online survey on political and economic attitudes and preferences in Germany.

## **Publications**

#### **Democratic Innovations for Re-Engaging Citizens**

Governance Report 2017

AUTHOR

Apr. 2017

· Econometric analysis of time series data.

#### **Preference Divergence Between Sister Parties**

Party Politics Dec. 2016

Co-author

• Machine learning application to classify text.

#### **Improving Public Procurement**

Governance of Infrastructure

AUTHOR

Jul. 2016

• Item response model application to measure public procurement performance.

#### **Leadership Competition and Disagreement**

British Journal of Political Science

CO-AUTHOR

Jul. 2016

• Machine learning application to classify text.

**Governance Indicators** 

Apr. 2016

Governance Report 2016

• Bayesian hierarchical model application to measure infrastructure performance.

#### **The Legislative Consequences of Dividedness**

Research & Politics

AUTHOR

• Machine learning application to classify text.

# The Consequences of Appearing Divided

**Electoral Studies** 

Co-author

Mar. 2015

Jun. 2015

• Statistical analysis to predict voting behavior.

### Skills

Programming R, LaTeX, Stan, SQLite, PostgreSQL, HTML, CSS, Git/GitHub, Python, Tableau, MS Office

Statistics Stata, SPSS, Mathematica **Languages** German, English, French