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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**University of Bath**                                              2018–*present*
Department of Politics, Languages & International Studies
Senior Lecturer (Associate Professor) in Political Science (2022–*present*)
Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Political Science (2020–2022)
Prize Fellow (2018–2020)

**University of Leuven**                                              2018
Center for Political Science Research
Postdoctoral Researcher

**University of Pennsylvania**                                              2017
Department of Political Science
Postdoctoral Fellow

## EDUCATION

**ETH Zurich**                                              2017
PhD in Political Science

**University of Zurich**                                              2012
Master of Arts in Social Sciences

**University of Zurich**                                              2009
Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences

## PUBLICATIONS

**Journal Articles**

Germann, Micha, Fernando Mendez, Jonathan Wheatley, Constantinos Djouvas, Roula Nezi, and Matthew Wall (2025). "Improving Issue Representation with Candidate-Level Voting Advice Applications." *European Journal of Political Research* 64(4): 2132–2145. ⍐

Germann, Micha (2025). "Mini-Publics, (Lack of) Representativeness, and Legitimacy Beliefs." *British Journal of Political Science* 55: e11. ⍐

Wheatley, Jonathan, and Micha Germann (2024). "Do Candidates' Policy Positions Matter in Regional Elections? Evidence from the 2021 Elections to the Welsh Senedd." *Regional & Federal Studies*, online first. ⍐

Germann, Micha, Sofie Marien, and Lala Muradova (2024). "Scaling Up? Unpacking the Effect of Deliberative Mini-Publics on Legitimacy Perceptions." *Political Studies* 72(2): 677–700.⍐

Germann, Micha, Fernando Mendez, and Kostas Gemenis (2023). "Do Voting Advice Applications Affect Party Preferences? Evidence from Field Experiments in Five European Countries." *Political Communication* 40(5): 596–614. ⍐

Germann, Micha (2022). "Pax Populi? An Analysis of the Conflict Resolution Potential of Referendums on Self-Determination." *European Political Science Review* 14(3): 403–423. ⧉

Germann, Micha, and Nicholas Sambanis (2021). "Political Exclusion, Lost Autonomy, and Escalating Conflict over Self-Determination." *International Organization* 75(1):178–203. ⧉

Germann, Micha (2021). "Internet Voting Increases Expatriate Voter Turnout." *Government Information Quarterly* 38(2): 101560. ⧉

Germann, Micha (2021). "Making Votes Count with Internet Voting." *Political Behavior* 43(4): 1511–1533. ⧉

Germann, Micha, and Kostas Gemenis (2019). "Getting out the Vote with Voting Advice Applications." *Political Communication* 36(1): 149–170. ⧉

Mendez, Fernando, and Micha Germann (2018). "Contested Sovereignty: Mapping Referendums on Sovereignty over Time and Space." *British Journal of Political Science* 48(1):141–165. ⧉

Sambanis, Nicholas, Micha Germann, and Andreas Schädel (2018). "SDM: A New Dataset on Self-Determination Movements with an Application to the Reputational Theory of Conflict." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 62(3): 656–686. ⧉

Germann, Micha, and Uwe Serdült (2017). "Internet Voting and Turnout: Evidence from Switzerland." *Electoral Studies* 47: 1–12. ⧉

Germann, Micha, and Fernando Mendez (2016). "Dynamic Scale Validation Reloaded: Assessing the Psychometric Properties of Latent Measures of Ideology in VAA Spatial Maps." *Quality & Quantity* 50(3): 981–1007. ⧉

Bernauer, Julian, Marc Bühlmann, Adrian Vatter, and Micha Germann (2016). "Taking the Multidimensionality of Democracy Seriously: Institutional Patterns and the Quality of Democracy." *European Political Science Review* 8(3): 473–494. ⧉

Germann, Micha, Fernando Mendez, Jonathan Wheatley, and Uwe Serdült (2015). "Spatial Maps in Voting Advice Applications: The Case for Dynamic Scale Validation." *Acta Politica* 50(2): 214–238. ⧉

Germann, Micha, and Uwe Serdült (2014). "Internet Voting for Expatriates: The Swiss Case." *eJournal of eDemocracy and Open Government* 6(2): 197–215. ⧉

**Book Chapters**

Wheatley, Jonathan, and Micha Germann (2013). "Outcomes of Constitution-Making. Democratization and Conflict Resolution." In: Jonathan Wheatley and Fernando Mendez (eds.), *Patterns of Constitutional Design: The Role of Citizens and Elites in Constitution-Making*, pp. 49–66. London: Ashgate/Routledge. ⧉

**Conference Proceedings (Refereed Papers)**

Germann, Micha (2020). "Internet Voting and Expatriate Voter Turnout." In: Robert Krimmer et al. (eds.), *E-Vote-ID 2020*, pp. 80–81. Tallin: TalTech Press. ⧉

Serdült, Uwe, Micha Germann, Fernando Mendez, Alicia Portenier, and Christoph Wellig (2015). "Fifteen Years of Internet Voting in Switzerland: History, Governance and Use." In: Luis Teràn and Andreas Meier (eds.), *ICEDEG 2015*, pp. 126–132. New York, NY: IEEE. ⧉

Serdült, Uwe, Micha Germann, Maja Harris, Fernando Mendez, and Alicia Portenier (2015). "Who Are the Internet Voters?" In: Efthimios Tambouris et al. (eds.), *Electronic Government and Electronic Participation*, pp. 27–41. Amsterdam: IOS Press. ⧉

Germann, Micha, Flurin Conradin, Christoph Wellig, and Uwe Serdült (2014). "Five Years of Internet Voting for Swiss Expatriates." In: Peter Parycek and Noella Edelmann (eds.), *CeDEM 14*, pp. 127–140. Krems: Danube University Krems. ⧉

### Conference Proceedings (Editor)

Krimmer, Robert, Melanie Volkamer, David Duenas-Cid, Peter Rønne, and Micha Germann (eds.) (2022). *Electronic Voting: 7th International Joint Conference, E-Vote-ID 2022, October 4–7, 2022, Proceedings.* Cham: Springer. ↗

Krimmer, Robert, Melanie Volkamer, David Duenas-Cid, Micha Germann, et al. (eds.) (2022). *E-Vote-ID 2022 Proceedings: 7th International Joint Conference on Electronic Voting, Bregenz, Austria, 4–7 October 2022* Tartu: University of Tartu Press. ↗

Krimmer, Robert, Melanie Volkamer, David Duenas-Cid, Oksana Kulyk, Peter Rønne, Mihkel Solvak, and Micha Germann (eds.) (2021). *Electronic Voting: 6th International Joint Conference, E-Vote-ID 2021, October 5–8, 2021, Proceedings.* Cham: Springer. ↗

Krimmer, Robert, Melanie Volkamer, David Duenas-Cid, Micha Germann, et al. (eds.) (2021). *Electronic Voting: 6th International Joint Conference, E-Vote-ID 2021, October 5–8, 2021, Complete Proceedings.* Tartu: University of Tartu Press. ↗

### Under Review

Germann, Micha, Amélie Godefroidt, and Fernando Mendez (2025). "Does Islamist Terrorism Still Affect Political Attitudes?" *European Journal of Political Research*, revise & resubmit.

Germann, Micha, Iulia Cioroianu, Fernando Mendez, and Constantinos Djouvas (2025). "Do Voting Advice Applications Have Lasting Causal Effects? Evidence from Concurrent Survey and Field Experiments" *Journal of Politics*, first submission.

## DATASETS

Germann, Micha (2025). *SDM 2.0: A Global Dataset on Self-Determination Movements.* University of Bath. ↗

Germann, Micha, and Nicholas Sambanis (2020). *Lost Autonomy: New Data for 759 Ethnic Groups.* University of Bath. ↗

Germann, Micha, and Nicholas Sambanis (2020). *SDM2EPR.* University of Bath. ↗

Sambanis, Nicholas, Micha Germann, and Andreas Schädel (2018). *SDM: A New Dataset on Self-Determination Movements (1945–2012).* University of Pennsylvania. ↗

Aubert, Nicolas, Micha Germann, and Fernando Mendez (2016). *Contested Sovereignty: A Global Compilation of Sovereignty Referendums (1776–2012).* Harvard Dataverse. ↗

## AWARDS & GRANTS

### Grants

| | |
|---|---|
| University of Bath, £3,000<br>Strategic Seed Funding | 2025 |
| Economic and Social Research Council, £3,000<br>Impact Acceleration (IAA) | 2024 |
| University of Bath, £3,000<br>Strategic Seed Funding | 2023 |
| Economic and Social Research Council, £303,000<br>New Investigator Grant | 2021 |
| British Academy, £8,800<br>Small Research Grant | 2020 |
| Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences, CHF 1,000<br>Travel Grant | 2015 |
| Swiss National Science Foundation, CHF 2,650<br>Summer School Grant | 2013 |

### Fellowships

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| Leibniz-Institute for the Social Sciences (GESIS), €2,000<br>Eurolab Grant | 2019 |
| University of Bath, £125,000<br>Prize Fellowship | 2018 |
| University of Pennsylvania, $50,000<br>Penn Postdoctoral Fellowship | 2016 |
| Swiss National Science Foundation, $22,500<br>Doc.Mobility Fellowship | 2015 |

### Awards

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| Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Bath<br>Recognising Excellence Award | 2024 |
| Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Bath<br>Recognising Excellence Award | 2024 |

## TEACHING QUALIFICATION

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| Fellow of the UK Higher Education Academy | 2022 |

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**University of Bath**

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| Advanced Quantitative Methods | 2025/26 |
| Comparative Politics | 2024/25–2025/26 |
| Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods | 2024/25–2025/26 |
| Quantitative Research Methods | 2018/19–2023/24 |
| Research Design & Methods in Politics | 2020/21, 2023/24 |
| Research Methods in Political Science and International Relations | 2024/25–2025/26 |
| Scopes and Methods of Politics and International Relations | 2020/21, 2023/24 |
| Theories of Conflict and Conflict Resolution | 2020/21–2025/26 |

**University of Leuven**

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|---|---|
| Comparative Politics Masterclass | 2017/18 |
| Political Theory | 2017/18 |

**KV Zurich Business School**

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| Civics | 2010/11–2011/12 |

## VISITING POSITIONS

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|---|---|
| **University of Pennsylvania**<br>Department of Political Science<br>Guest Researcher | 2023 |
| **GESIS – Leibniz-Institute for the Social Sciences**<br>Eurolab<br>Guest Researcher | 2019 |
| **European University Institute**<br>Department of Political and Social Sciences<br>Short-term Visitor | 2019 |

**Yale University** 2016
Department of Political Science
Visiting Assistant in Research

## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

### Newspaper Articles & Blogs

Germann, Micha (2023). "Erhöht e-voting die Stimmbeteiligung?" *CH Stiftung für eidgenössische Zusammenarbeit*, March 30. ⧉ (also available in French ⧉ and Italian ⧉ )

Germann, Micha (2020). "How Internet Voting Could Help to Make More Votes Count." *Democratic Audit*, March 10. ⧉

Germann, Micha (2020). "Making Votes Count with Internet Voting." *Political Behavior Blog*, March 5. ⧉

Cioroianu, Iulia, Micha Germann, and Jonathan Wheatley (2019). "Why Voting Advice Applications Help Get out the Vote." *i News*, November 25. ⧉

Germann, Micha, and Fernando Mendez (2018). "Catalonia Is Just the Most Recent Referendum on Sovereignty. Why Are They Proliferating?" *The Monkey Cage (Washington Post)*, March 27. ⧉

Germann, Micha (2015). "Politische Desinformation vor Wahlen: die politischen Landkarten von Smartvote." *Napoleon's Nightmare*, March 31. ⧉

### Media Interviews & Podcasts

Inside IT (2023), June 16. "Podcast: E-Voting ist zurück — ist das eine gute Nachricht?" ⧉

Radio SRF (2022). *Heute Morgen*, July 15.

BBC Somerset (2019). *Breakfast Show*, November 30.

BBC Wiltshire (2019). *Drive Time*, November 26.

NZZ am Sonntag (2017), October 28. "Was den Separatismus befördert und was ihn schwächt." ⧉

SRF 4 News aktuell (2017). *Radio SRF 4 News*, October 9. ⧉

### Work Referenced in Media Reports (Selected)

Marti, Michael (2025). "Stimmzwang für alle gegen die Übermacht der Alten?" *Tages Anzeiger*, October 23. ⧉

Frese, Joris, Simon Hix, and Romain Lachat (2024). "How a Voting Advice Application Influenced the 2024 European Parliament Election." *LSE Blogs*, November 28. ⧉

Mosalski, Ruth (2024). "Take This Quiz to Find out Which Political Party Shares your Views." *Wales Online*, June 29. ⧉

Huebner, Christine (2024). "Young People Are Less Likely to Vote – Here's How to Help Get Your Friends to the Ballot Box" *The Conversation*, June 25. ⧉

Favorido, Niki (2024). "Swansea University Helps Develop Online Tool Matching Voters with Their Ideal Political Party." *Herald Wales*, June. ⧉

BBC Oxford (2024). "BBC News." *BBC Oxford*, June 18. ⧉

Swissinfo (2022). "Swiss Abroad Blame E-Voting Failure for Falling Turnout." *Swissinfo*, November 25. ⧉

Critical State (2021). "Struggle for Self-Determination: Part II." *Critical State*, October 21. ⧉

Mosalski, Ruth (2021). "Which Party Is Closest to My Views at this Welsh Senedd Election?" *Wales Online*, May 5. ⧉

i News (2019). "How to Work out Which Party You Should Support." *i News*, November 25. ⧉

Bath Echo (2019). "Academics Launch Website to Match People with Their Ideal Political Parties." *Bath Echo* 10: 28. ⧉

Somerset Live (2019). "This Website Will Tell You What Party to Vote For." *Somerset Live*, November 29. ⊠

Tech Spark (2019). "Bath Academics Launch New Voter Website 'Matchmaking' People with Their Ideal Political Parties." *Tech Spark*, November 26. ⊠

**Work Referenced in Government, NGO, and IGO Reports**

International IDEA (2025). "The Global State of Democracy 2025: Democracy on the Move." Stockholm: International IDEA. ⊠

Robert Bosch Stiftung (2025). "Gemeinsam voran. Machbarkeitsstudie. Deliberative Beteiligung in der Klimapolitik." Stuttgart: Robert Bosch Stiftung. ⊠

Stockholm Environment Institute (2025). "Applying the Unlocking a Better Future Framework for a Just Transition in Scotland." Stockholm: Stockholm Environment Institute. ⊠

International IDEA (2024). "Deliberative Democracy and Climate Change: Exploring the Potential of Climate Assemblies in the Global South." Stockholm: International IDEA. ⊠

Generalitat de Catalunya (2024). "La implementació del vot electrònic: dificultats, avantatges i recomanacions per a diferents àmbits governamentals i socials a Catalunya." Barcelona: Escola d'Administració Pública de Catalunya. ⊠

Conciliation Resources & Sasakawa Peace Foundation (2023). "Mediating Self-Determination Conflicts." London: Conciliation Resources. ⊠

SIPRI (2022). "Elements of a Planetary Emergency: Environment of Peace (Part 1)." Stockholm: SIPRI. ⊠

Government of Latvia, Cabinet Office (2022). "Evaluation of the Causes of the Decrease in Voter Turnout and the Factors Affecting It." Riga: University of Latvia. ⊠

Center for Strategic & International Studies (2021). "The Human Rights Risks and Opportunities in Blockchain." Washington, DC: Center for Strategic & International Studies. ⊠

The Constitution Unit (2021). "Final Report." Working Group on Unification Referendums on the Island of Ireland. London: University College London. ⊠

The Constitution Unit (2020). "Interim Report." Working Group on Unification Referendums on the Island of Ireland. London: University College London. ⊠

Avenir Suisse (2019). *Digitale Direkte Demokratie.* Zurich: Avenir Suisse. ⊠

Büro für Technikfolgen-Abschätzung beim Deutschen Bundestag (2019). "E-Voting mögliche Alternative zu traditionellen Wahlverfahren." Berlin: TAB. ⊠

OECD (2019). *Trends Shaping Education 2019.* Paris: OECD Publishing. ⊠ (also available in French and German ⊠ )

PNG National Research Institute (2019). "Possible Scenarios for Future Governance Arrangements in Bougainville." Port Moresby: PNG National Research Institute. ⊠

European Commission, Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers (2018). "Study on the Benefits and Drawbacks of Remote Voting — Final Report. ⊠

European Parliamentary Research Service (2018). "Digital Technology in Elections: Efficiency versus Credibility?" Brussels: European Union. ⊠

European Parliamentary Research Service (2018). "Prospects for e-Democracy in Europe." Brussels: Scientific Foresight Unit (STOA). ⊠

RAND Corporation (2018). "Online Voting: The Solution to Declining Political Engagement?" ⊠

European Parliament, Directorate-General for Internal Policies of the Union (2017). "Referendums on EU Matters." Brussels: Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs. ⊠

UK Government, Department of Energy and Climate Change (2016). "Geological Disposal and Working with Communities: Public Dialogue and Literature Review." London: Equitis. ⊠

**Voting Advice Applications (VAAs)**

*WhoGetsMyVote*, 2024 UK General Election, c. 175,000 users

*MyVoteChoice*, 2021 Senedd Election (Wales), c. 20,000 users
*WhoGetsMyVoteUK*, 2019 UK General Election, c. 66,000 users
*WhoGetsMyVoteUK*, 2019 European Parliament Election, c. 83,000 users
*ParteieNavi*, 2013 German Federal Election, c. 112,000 users

## INVITED TALKS

**University College London** 2025
Conflict & Change Seminar

**University of Liverpool** 2025
Workshop on Federalism, Conflict Management, and the Paradox of Irish Unity

**University of Southampton** 2025
Politics and IR Department Seminar

**University of Zurich** 2024
Digital Democracy (Workshop)

**University of Bath** 2024
WhoGetsMyVote 2024 Workshop

**University of Konstanz** 2024
New Topics in Modern Electoral Research (Workshop)

**Queen's University Belfast** 2024
Politics and International Relations Seminar

**University of Oxford** 2023
Oxford Conflict, Peace and Security Hub

**University of Warwick** 2022
Terrorism, Public Attitudes, and Individual Well-Being (Workshop)

**Catholic University of Lublin** 2020
Sovereignty Referendums in De Facto States (Workshop)

**GESIS Cologne** 2019
Seminar Series

**University of Bath** 2019
Departmental Research Seminar

**ETH Zurich** 2018
Conflict Colloquium

**University of Twente** 2013
EU Vox Workshop

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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| APSA Annual Meeting | 2015, 2022, 2024 |
| CEDEM | 2014 |
| ECMI Plebiscite Conference | 2021 |
| ECPR General Conference | 2013, 2014, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2023, 2025 |
| ECPR Graduate Student Conference | 2014 |

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| E-VOTE-ID Conference on Electronic Voting | 2020 |
| EPOP Conference | 2018 |
| EPSA Annual Conference | 2011, 2023 |
| IPSA Joint Colloquium | 2019 |
| MPSA Annual Conference | 2016 |
| NEPS Peace Science Conference | 2022 |
| PSA Annual International Conference | 2015 |
| SISP Convention | 2012 |
| SPSA Annual Conference | 2014, 2018, 2019, 2020 |

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS

**Editorial Role**

Chair of the Track for Governance Issues                           2020–2022
E-Vote-ID International Joint Conference on Electronic Voting

**Reviewing**

*Acta Politica, American Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Political Science, Canadian Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Election Law Journal, Electoral Studies, Estonian Research Council, European Journal of Political Research, European Political Science Review, European Research Council, E-Vote-ID, Foreign Policy Analysis, French Politics, International Organization, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Government Information Quarterly, McGill-Queens University Press, Party Politics, Perspective on Politics, Political Behavior, Political Communication, Political Research Exchange, Political Science Research and Methods, Political Studies, Politics and Governance, Public Opinion Quarterly, Publius, Quality & Quantity, Representation, Swiss National Science Foundation, Swiss Political Science Review, Territory Politics Governance, World Politics*

**Other Service**

Deputy Director of Teaching (A&F)                           2025–*present*
Department of Politics, Languages & International Studies, University of Bath

Ethics Reviewer                           2023–*present*
Department of Politics, Languages & International Studies, University of Bath

Member of the Program Committee                           2018–*present*
Member of the Steering Committee                           2022–2025
E-Vote-ID International Joint Conference on Electronic Voting

Coordinator of the Departmental Research Seminar                           2021–2024
Department of Politics, Languages & International Studies, University of Bath

Library Representative                           2021–2024
Department of Politics, Languages & International Studies, University of Bath

Coordinator of the Bath PoliSci Workshop                           2020–2022
Department of Politics, Languages & International Studies, University of Bath

## ONGOING PROJECTS

Restrictions of Ethnic Rights and the Violent Escalation of Self-Determination Conflicts

Representing Self-Determination Claims in Space: Introducing the GeoSDM Dataset (with Victoria Puglia & Guy Schvitz)

The Individual-Level Consequences of Ethnic Rights Restrictions: Experimental Evidence

Mini-Publics in Deeply Divided Societies: Evidence from a Conjoint Experiment in Belgium (with Sean Müller & Jamie Pow)

Participation in Mini-Publics (with Daniel Berliner & Paolo Spada)

Family vs State: The Partisan Politics over Educational Control (with Anja Giudici)

Unnesting Identities: The Effect of the Scottish Independence Referendum on Ethnic and National Affiliation (with Oliver Strijbis)

Converging Preferences, Diverging Models: A Conjoint Experiment on Decision-Making in British Political Parties (with Marco Meloni, Paolo Spada, Fabio G. Lupato, and Matt Ryan)