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CURRENT POSITION

University of Cologne

since October 2023

Doctoral Researcher, Institute for Political Science and European Affairs
Cologne Center for Comparative Politics
Political Economy Lab

EDUCATION

Cologne Graduate School in Management, Economics and Social Sciences

October 2023 - Present

Doctoral Study Programme in Social Sciences, University of Cologne

Cologne

- Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Michael M. Bechtel
- Working Title: "Economic Origins of Electoral Conflict"

University of Amsterdam

September 2022 - August 2023

Master of Science Political Science

Amsterdam

- Specialization Track: Comparative Politics (GPA: 9.23/10, *with distinction*)
- Master Thesis: "Domestic Protection in World Markets: International Trade and Welfare State Development since the Nineteenth Century"

University of Münster

October 2018 - September 2021

Bachelor of Arts Political Science and Economics

Münster

- Specialization in Comparative Politics and Macroeconomics (GPA: 1.5)
- Bachelor Thesis: "Political Inequality in the Macroeconomic Policies and Electoral Participation in Developed Democracies"

PUBLICATIONS

Blossey, Nils (2025): Austerity and Social Spending: Estimating the Long-Run Effects of Fiscal Adjustment. *British Journal of Political Science* 55:e107. doi:10.1017/S0007123425000018

RESEARCH FIELDS

Electoral Politics, Historical Political Economy, Fiscal Policy, Welfare States, Public Opinion

CURRENT PROJECTS

- From Wealth to Welfare: How Economic Elites Made Inequality Work
- Deindustrialization and Electoral Realignment

- *with Lukas Haffert and Lukas F. Stoetzer*: Coal Rush: The Electoral Legacy of the Industrial Revolution
- *with Adrian Schröder*: Household Responses to Fiscal News Shocks
- Social Protection and the Vote Against Democracy: Evidence from a Failed Republic
- *with Paul Michel and Michael M. Bechtel*: Not in My Basement: The Political Costs of Climate Reforms

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies
Research Assistant

April 2022 - September 2023
Cologne

- Research Group Political Economy (Prof. Dr. Lucio Baccaro) for Dr. Erik Neimanns
- Tasks: Data collection, preparation, and analysis in R

Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies
Research Intern

January 2022 - April 2022
Cologne

- Internship with Dr. Erik Neimanns
- Paper preparation: "From Media-Party Linkages to Ownership Concentration Causes of Cross-National Variation in Media Outlets' Economic Positioning"

University of Münster
Research Assistant

June 2020 - March 2022
Münster

- Research Assistant at the Chair of International Politics and Sustainable Development (Prof. Dr. Doris Fuchs)
- Tasks: Literature reviews and qualitative data analysis

Institute for Socioeconomics, University Duisburg-Essen
Research Intern

February 2021 - March 2021
Duisburg

- Internship with Prof. Dr. Paul Marx
- Tasks: Literature reviews on political socialization and data collection

City of Krefeld
Student Intern

January 2020 - March 2022
Krefeld

- Internship at the Municipal Integration Office Krefeld
- Qualitative and quantitative analysis of refugee survey

Westdeutsche Zeitung Krefeld
Freelance Journalist

February 2016 - March 2019
Krefeld

- Culture and sports section

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- EPSA 2025: "Coal Rush" July 2025
- SPSA 2025: "Social Protection and the Vote Against Democracy" January 2025
- EPSA 2024: "Deindustrialization and Electoral Realignment" July 2024
- In_equality Conference Konstanz 2024: "Wealth Inequality and Income Redistribution" April 2024
- Young ECONtribute Workshop: "Wealth Inequality and Income Redistribution" December 2023

TEACHING

- Quantitative Methods Laboratory (Graduate) 2024/5

- Research Design (Undergraduate) 2025
- Research Design (Graduate) 2025/6

GRANTS

- C-SEB Junior Starting Grant 2024 (4,000 Euros)

REVIEWING

Journal of the European Economic Association

AWARDS

- German Academic Scholarship Foundation September 2022 - August 2023
- Best Bachelor Thesis in Political Science, University of Münster August 2021

TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

Software skills	R, SPSS, MAXQDA, L ^A T _E X, QGIS, Java
Languages	German (native), English (fluent), Spanish (upper intermediate), French (intermediate), Dutch (intermediate)